

# THE VISITOR

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ANNUAL REPORT IN NARTHEX JULY 5, 2020**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF RE-SCHEDULED (FROM MAY)  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

On Sunday, July 26, 2020 we will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship at 11:30 AM.

Election of new Council Representatives.



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**We have made a commitment to focus on the following values and objectives:**

## **CORE VALUES**

- 1 Relationships**
- 2 Standing on the Word of God**
- 3 Sacrifice**
- 4 Giving our Best to God**
- 5 Worship Space**
- 6 Worship Experience**

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- 1 Early Learning Center (ELC)**
- 2 Align Ministries to Strategic Focus**
- 3 Engaging Youth**
- 4 Repurpose Staff Including Accountabilities**
- 5 Create Culture of Engagement**

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the LORD.*  
**Psalm 122:1**

## **Dear Friends in Christ,**

It is so wonderful to be able to be back together, worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary. Our first Sunday back together, was on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As anticipated, our numbers in the pews are lower as we come back. Understandably, there are many who still do not feel comfortable coming out (given all of our present COVID-19 restrictions) and may find it preferable to still worship from home.

Again this month, I want to say a very ***BIG THANK YOU*** to our FELC Worship Recording Team: Tom Sarbach, Todd Heichel, Ed Farner, Becky Pittman, and Scott Berry. Because of their great commitment and wonderful skills, we never missed producing a single Sunday Service for our congregation during this Covid-19 pandemic. Admittedly, we are all still learning a lot, and working on ways to improve the recording of our Sunday Worship Service that is now being provided on both our FELC website and also our FELC Facebook page. Our Worship Committee desires to continue to provide this additional opportunity for outreach. A Worship Tech Team has been working hard to put together a plan for how we can continue to live-stream our worship services on Sunday mornings.

Looking back, I am truly blessed to see the many ways God's people at FELC have continued to remain focused on our Mission: ***"Pointing People to Jesus Through Intentional Relationships!"*** Thank you to everyone for your faithfulness to make our Lord Jesus known and experienced through being the Living Body of Jesus in the world. You are "Jesus with Skin-On" as we all embrace Christ's daily opportunities to connect with one another and show Christ's Love.

Life these days continues to be filled with many different virtual meetings and phone calls, as we all work together locally, regionally and nationally to stay connected and to continue the day to day ministry of Christ's Church. For many of us, myself included, this has been an opportunity to embrace new technology and

all the new challenges that come with that learning curve. Again, I want to express my thanks to those patient people who have helped me to learn some new tech skills and virtual platforms for communicating!

Our Church Offices re-opened on Monday, June 1, 2020. Working together with our FELC Staff and Todd Heichel, Chairperson of our Personnel Committee, a plan with specific guidelines has been put in place so that we could safely re-open. Our Early Learning Center also re-opened on Monday, June 1, 2020. The Ohio State guidelines for preschools to reopen are very strict. But under the great leadership of Angie Murphy, our Early Learning Center Director, her wonderful ELC Team is making it happen.

Everyone should be aware, that even parents of the ELC students will NOT be allowed in the building at this point. ALL Parents must drop off their children at the alley-way entrance.

ALL employees MUST check their temperature at home before coming to work. NO employee should come to work if they are feeling at all ill and/or running any temperature.

Office Staff will use the side entrance to Luther Hall to access the building. The outside vestibule door will be unlocked. The inside vestibule door will remain on the magnetic lock. Michelle (ELC Secretary will buzz you in.) There will be NO Public Restrooms for outsiders to use. UPS and the mail carrier will be buzzed into the building.

I have asked Andy Kershaw (Property Manager) to make arrangements to add the capability for the Parish Secretary's Office and the Bookkeeper's Office to be able to also "BUZZ" people into the building using the same magnetic door lock. This, long-term, will create a safer work environment for our FELC Staff.

ALL Staff MUST be wearing facemasks upon entering the building. ALL outsiders are asked to wear a facemask.

ALL staff and ALL outsiders are REQUIRED to use the hand cleanser upon entering the building.

Both our Parish Secretary (Angie Cockrell) and our FELC Bookkeeper (Nicole Goddard) are still able to do most of their jobs from home. We will therefore continue to seek to minimize their risk of infection. Nicole and Angie will develop a schedule between the two of them so that one of them will be available at the church from Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am until 4:00pm. If parishioners need to speak to either of them face-to-face, they can contact them to make an appointment.

If you are walking into either Angie Cockrell's office or Nicole Goddard's office you **MUST** be wearing a face mask. Angie Cockrell is directed to keep the glass windows to her office shut. People can speak to her through the glass. **As much as possible, please stay out of staff offices.** The more surfaces you touch, the less safe it is for our Staff.

**ONLY** the Early Learning Center Staff are allowed to be on the ELC floors and in their classrooms and offices. They will be handling **ALL** of their cleaning and disinfecting. **NO ONE** (Accept ELC Staff) is allowed to walk through the second floor ELC areas or the third floor ELC areas. This includes the ELC hallways, ELC classrooms and ELC offices.

The very exciting news this month is that our Early Learning Center has just received a **5-STAR** rating from the State. This is the very highest rating! This is all thanks to our Director, Angie Murphy, our Assistant Director, Cindy Sprang and all of our teachers and aides. They have put tremendous work into making this happen. ***Congratulations!***

**Serving Together in Christ's Love,  
Pastor Paul L. Larson**

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday May 12, 2020

PRESENT (virtually) : *Mike Anderson; Chris Cichanowicz; Lana Conry; Ted Ellis; Jan Fisher; Dan Obrynba; Cindy Russell; Tom Sarbach; Alicia Schulz; Mary Schwartz; Lowell Weeks; Pastor Paul Larson. Excused: Todd Heichel.*

Internet (via Zoom) Meeting called to order by Lowell Weeks at 7:07 p.m. Tom led in a devotions and prayer.

Roll was taken. Motion (Lowell/Dan) to approve the minutes of the March 10 Council meeting. **Motion carried.** Motion (Jan/Chris) to approve the minutes of the April 14 Council meeting, as corrected. **Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

**Senior Pastor:** It is hard to believe that it's been 2 months since we gathered together in person. I know all of us feel a growing sense of hope, anticipation and excitement for this to be over and life to return to normal. This will probably take a while. But with patience and wisdom we keep moving forward. The question we will all have to face is "What will the new normal look like?" - As our state begins to slowly reopen certain businesses, we continue to pray and wait for the moment our "new normal" can be understood and life can continue. As a church, we realize that ministry will have to look different. And yet, in spite of all that we have experienced through this unprecedented time, we as a church have continued to remain focused on our Mission: "Pointing People to Jesus Through Intentional Relationships!" - Many thanks to those patient people who have helped me to learn some new tech skills and virtual platforms for communicating! I never thought that I would be doing "Virtual Pre-Marital Counseling," but welcome to this new need and reality! - Our members at FELC have continued to reach out to one another with Christ's caring love, as we continue to support and minister to one another. A very ***BIG THANK YOU*** to our FELC Worship Recording Team: Jan Fisher, Tom Sarbach, Todd Heichel, Ed Farner, Becky Pittman, and Scott Berry. Because of their great commitment and wonderful skills, we never missed producing a single Sunday Service for our congregation during this Covid-19 pandemic. Admittedly, we are all still learning a lot, and working on ways to improve the recording of our Sunday Worship Service that is now being provided on both our FELC website and also our FELC Facebook page. – Sunday evening

confirmation class is being held via Zoom. Confirmation is scheduled for September 13, 2020. The current class consists of Callie Kaschube, Brady Zehe, Isaac McFadden, Sarah Thatcher and Justin Crall. - Our Worship Committee is already making plans for our re-opening. As part of this I am staying in contact with our national leadership and our area clergy and congregations so that we can learn from one another as to what will be the “best practices” for each worshipping community. At this point in time we are hoping that we will be able to have our first public Worship Service on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00AM. - During these days of COVID-19, we have had two deaths in the life of our congregation: Pastor Cloyd Kress on Monday, March 30 and Don Harruff on Sunday, May 10. (Neither death was COVID-19 related.) In both situations, the families are planning to have public Memorial Services at a later date, still to be determined. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to both families. - On Saturday, May 2, the Ohio Mission Region held their Annual Convocation. Lu Blankenship was our Lay Delegate to the Convocation. Because of Covid-19, the meeting was held virtually. We were blessed to have the new Bishop of The NALC, The Rev. Dan Selbo, as our keynote speaker and preacher. He joined us virtually from his home in California. Following the business meeting of the Ohio Mission Region, the five different Mission Districts in Ohio broke out into their own separate business meetings. Unfortunately, four of the five Mission Districts all ran into technical difficulties, and needed to reschedule their ZOOM business meetings. Our North Central Ohio Mission District rescheduled their Annual Convocation business meeting for the next day on Sunday afternoon, May 3. At this business meeting, The Rev. Diana Seaman, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Crestline, OH, was elected as the new Dean for the North Central Ohio Mission District - NALC. Previously, I served as the Assistant to the Dean for the state of Ohio for two years (2012-2014). I have now served as the Dean for the North Central Ohio Mission District for the past five years (2015-2020). With my retirement coming at the end of this year, 2020, I decided that this would be a good time to handover the responsibilities of Mission District Dean to a new pastor in our Mission District. Subsequently, I’ve been working with The Rev. Diana Seaman to bring her up to speed as she takes on her new duties. - Looking ahead, I will be gone on vacation the Sundays of June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, I have made plans through our local clergy to provide for any needed pastoral care in emergencies; and also, for pulpit supply for our Sunday Worship Services.



**Finance:** Ted reported that giving is down. April expenses were \$19-20,000 more than income. Will be using Payroll Protection Program funds for payroll. - Still investigating how to make it easier to give electronically. Will have Angie Cockrell prepare information regarding electronic giving to go out by email along with the weekly Order of Service she is sending.

**Property:** (Mike) No meeting this month. Gave Andy the okay to pay H&T Demolition the balance of their bill plus possibly another \$2,000 to prepare the site for the new playground . Motion (Tom/Dan) to approve funding of up to \$3500 for additional grading and playground site preparation. **Motion carried.** (Angie has the playground on hold just now.) - Page Excavating paid us \$1,859 to settle the lawsuit for our additional cost of asbestos abatement that they were responsible for. Attorney Dave Haring handled this at no charge to FELC. – Mary agreed to schedule the mowers for the Bill Schwartz Retreat Center.

**ELC:** (Tom) Hope everyone is doing well and not suffering from cabin fever or the urge to do anything crazy like, say go to Walmart. Even though CDS has not been the usual home to small hands and feet running amok, there is still a lot going on. Kudos to Angie and staff for trying to keep up with the mind numbing amount of information coming their way regarding compliance when they open back up. As of now, that date is still a mystery, but preparations are underway and I have every confidence that they will be ready when the time comes. A Few of the projects that have been completed while taking advantage of the down time are as follows;

- Deep cleaning of all of the classrooms
- All of the floors striped and cleaned
- New carpeting in the baby room
- Resource room cleaned and organized

Teachers are planning a drive by parade on Sunday for the 19 student entering Kindergarten this year. A Thrivent card was procured and used to fill a goodie basket to be delivered to them as well. - We are all (im)patiently awaiting a return to something resembling normalcy, and in the mean, teachers are also working on lesson plans and sending out messages via the remind app to the students. – The search for the new bus is stalled right now. We may consider getting the old bus going.

**Youth:** (Ted) Thanks to efforts by Tom, Elizabeth and Tricia Volz, and Stuart Benkus, the Youth have continued to stay engaged through this time by use of Zoom and Instagram. Thanks to all the techies that keep these meetings going and those that organize the programs and studies. They do bible study, Sunday school and the pie in the face challenge. Apparently, Trish was the first lucky one to receive a pie in the face. The youth vote on who the lucky pie wearer will be. They need to answer questions correctly in order to be able to vote.

**Evangelism:** We served 151 families with 8140# of fresh produce (our biggest delivery yet.) Of that number 28 were seniors living with minor children, 89 were seniors with no minor children= 117 seniors. Adults served (18-59 yrs) 91 with minor children, 86 with no minor children = 177. The number of children served (birth to 17) = 117, those stats totaling 411 people being served with fresh produce today. Awesome! And we had 36 terrific volunteers trying to pack produce and yet keep social distance!

**WORSHIP:** Our services have continued through various media thanks to the efforts of Todd Heichel, Tom Sarbach, Becky Pittman, Scott Berry, Ed Farner, Jan Fisher and Pastor. The committee will be meeting Thursday to discuss resumption of services and necessary changes to how we will do things.

**Global Missions:** (Chris) The Islands: Brian and Barbara Sorge: They are in the states now living in an unfurnished apartment in the Poconos with their son David, his wife Larissa, and their grandson Kiron. Much of their time is spent babysitting. Loving it! Their daughter-in-law is a nurse, so please add extra prayers that she stays safe and healthy. - Malawi: Continue to pray that the Malawi Orphan Care Project will receive enough funds to feed these little ones more than 2 or 3 days a week. Their own crops will not be ready to harvest until July. - Peru and Bolivia: Nick and Shannon Kraft: I had a Zoom meeting with them last month. Nick expressed many thanks to our church for giving \$10,000 to GMI. They have several prayer requests: Pray for those affected by the coronavirus: for people out of work (no unemployment checks in Peru); restricted travel and wisdom to stay healthy: pray for their children TJ who was laid off work and Moi as his college ended for the rest of the year: pray for guidance and wisdom: and pray for the right timing for their Immerse Camp. Because of the coronavirus, most of the missionary work

in both Peru and Bolivia has been put "on hold". Stay at home rules are strictly enforced!

**WFELC:** (Jan) We have continued to call our "non-digital" members shut-in at home during COVID. We are looking after all of them unless we have been told otherwise or had NO response. We continue to make weekly phone calls to our non-digital members who otherwise would not know of events and changes within our congregation. I'm very grateful for those members who continue to carry out this loving task.

**New Business:** Jan reported that the Malawi feeding program is in desperate need of finances in order to keep the program running until the local harvest is available to contribute. Motion (Lowell/Jan) that we approve assisting MOCP in raising financial support for the feeding program by making the need known to members via bulletins, The Visitor and a household mailing. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business:** Regarding the names that were previously put forward to comprise a team regarding an interim pastor, it was the consensus of council members that each council member will send to Alicia his/her choice of 7 persons by midnight Sunday May 17. The seven persons receiving the most votes will constitute that team.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: June 9, 2020, 7 p.m.

**Addendum:** An e-vote was solicited on the following motion: (Alicia/Lowell) The following persons are assigned the responsibility of researching the process and procedures of engaging the services of an interim pastor and defining the role and responsibilities of our future interim pastor: Angie Murphy, Jan Fisher, Rob Skropits, Becky Pittman, Elizabeth Volz, Chris Kaschube, Cindy Russell. On June 3 Lowell announced the **Motion carried.**

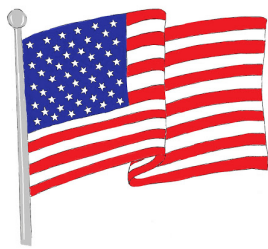
**Alicia Schulz, Council Secretary**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RE-SCHEDULED (FROM MAY) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

On Sunday, July 26, 2020 we will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship at 11:30 AM.

Please make every effort to attend! On the agenda will be the election of new Congregational Council members, election of 2021 Nominating Committee, and election of our delegate to the 2021 North American Lutheran Church convocation.

Questions can be directed to Lowell Weeks, Congregation President



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY, EVERYONE! FLY YOUR FLAGS AND ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM! MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND THAT WE LOVE!**

**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY JULY 3  
IN OBSERVATION OF THE HOLIDAY!**

Recently Cindy Russell, Lu Blankenship, Nicole Goddard, Dan Obrynba, Lowell Weeks, Alicia Schulz, and Pastor Paul Larson met to evaluate the distributions connected to the James Dickson Endowment Fund.  
Below is a report to share with all of you.

### **James Dickson Endowment Fund Distributions**

In 2007, The Richland County Humane Society transferred funds left to them by the estate of James M. Dickson to FELC. The purpose of this fund is to provide funds “for the care of indigent and aged persons and the incurable sick in the greater Mansfield area”.

It has been a number of years since there have been any distributions from this fund. The committee, comprised of the Executive Committee and two other FELC members, met to review the value and rules of this fund. The committee agreed to donate the amounts that could have been distributed over the last several years as follows:

The 2014 distribution (\$3,247) and the 2015 distribution (\$3,271) will be given to Dayspring-the Richland County Home. Dayspring will purchase lift chairs for a number of residents who will benefit greatly from them. If the current residents move or no longer need the chairs, they will be kept for the use of other residents.

The 2016 distribution (\$3,303) and the 2017 distribution (\$3,424) will be given to the Richland County Department of Developmentally Disabled for the Newhope Gift Fund. That fund will allow Newhope to direct the funds to those who match the criteria of the Dickson Fund and could be used for such things as hearing aids or other costly items that are difficult for the clients to afford.

There are funds available for the 2018 distribution (\$3,719) and 2019 distribution (\$4,015). The committee is looking for other worthy recipients and will reconvene in the near future to determine who will receive those funds.

Members of the congregation are welcome to make suggestions for the use of these funds, remembering that they must be “for the care of indigent and aged persons and the incurable sick in the greater Mansfield area”.

ELC

## Little People BIG News JULY

### Flashback into June



ELC reopened after being closed for two months. We are serving less children due to new ratios. Smaller classroom sizes are going well. The ELC staff is following new rules and doing a great job at keeping the kids busy! The Richland County Public Library and the Mansfield Art Center have given us activities for the children.

### A Peek into July



We will be closed on July 2-3. We are eager to get a new playground to help keep our children active and safe. On July 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Olympic Awards ceremony in the parking lot for families. Parents will remain in their vehicles. Children will receive a small reward for activities they will be completing throughout that week!

### **This from our Early Learning Center Director:**

The bus is on the way....A gently used bus has been located, and it seems to fit our needs very nicely! Thank you to everyone who supported the “bus fund”.

Our first month back was full of challenges and restrictions mandated by the State of Ohio, but the teachers and the children have adapted well. Due to social distancing, our drop off and pick up is taking place in the alley outside the garage. The children enter at the area of the iron gate and proceed up the back stairway. Masks are required.

Early Learning Center received a grant for \$16,000.00 from the CARES Act for childcare. We will be purchasing much needed supplies for our center to stay safe and clean.

We are a STAR 5 Center...A BIG thanks to Cindy Weddell Sprang for all of her commitment to pushing all the staff through the process. Ann Mathie, Megan Collins, and Jaylin O’Neal also gave up 4 months to take classes and study to get their C.D.A so that we could make the Star 5 possible. Thank you to Michelle Couch for many hours of typing in response to requirements mandated by the State. The rest of the staff also played a big part in getting our Star 5 accreditation. I really appreciate my dedicated staff, and without them and their dedication this would not have been possible! There are many advantages to being rated as a Star 5 Early Learning Center.

Mrs. Becky is adapting music being offered in the parking lot. The kids are so loud that Egypt can hear them singing at Roots across the street. The kids love singing with Mrs. Becky. It is great to be creative and use this space!

We want to thank all the ladies of the church for making our masks. Jan Fisher, Mary Shaffer, Mary Schwartz, Sandie Volz, Myra Cordrey, and Karen Ellis did a lot of sewing!

Recently the Women's Ministry and other members purchased a surprise reward of gift cards for all the Early Learning Center staff. This was a wonderful surprise! Thank you.

Thank you to Tom Sarbach and the Finance Committee for all your help in getting FELC and ELC a much needed bus.

**Angie Murphy**  
**Early Learning Center Director**

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## **This from our Congregation Council President.....**

We are thankful and grateful for your continued stewardship regarding your gifts to the church. It is a blessing to know that each of us values keeping our tithes.

Thank you! *Lowell Weeks*

## **Interim Pastor Team Established**

As we prepare for the retirement of Pastor Paul Larson at the end of December, there are some events and concerns that we need to delve into and research. Recently the Congregational Council was tasked with submitting names of people who would consider serving on the “Interim Pastor Team”. Of the names submitted, the following seven people have been elected and have agreed to serve: Angie Murphy, Jan Fisher, Rob Skropits, Becky Pittman, Elizabeth Volz, Christopher Kaschube, and Cindy Russell. The team will be meeting in July, and updates on progress will be forthcoming.

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

It is time for the 2019 Annual Reports to be printed and it is planned to have them available for pickup on Sunday July 5 during the worship service. Please, if you are present at the worship service, get your copy, take it home, read it and then bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2020. Even during these times of COVID 19 restrictions we are making every effort to be good stewards of our funds by diminishing this expensive mailing. If you need a copy of the Annual Report mailed to you, please call the church office with your request.

In Christ's love,

*Mary Schwartz*  
**Stewardship Chairperson**



## **WITHIN THE FOLD**

### **Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry**

In April and May due to the Coronavirus, there was no Wednesday Chapel Service, and therefore there were no Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund donations.

"Thanks and blessings to everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent illness. It's so comforting to know there are prayer warriors interceding for you when you're going through times of a lot of unknowns and unfamiliar surroundings and people, with no possibility of friendly visitors. God's blessings to you all."

**Karen Frayer**

**FORTHCOMING IN JULY: WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCH WILL PROVIDE A MEAL ON JULY 15. IT WILL BE SERVED OUTDOORS BESIDE THE LUTHER HALL ENTRANCE.**

### **DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS**

Devotional booklets for JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER are in the tract racks, so please help yourselves to these booklets. Make daily devotions a necessary part of your "routine." There are also many good apps available for your iPhone or Android. In today's busy world, apps are a wonderful digital tool!





## **Summer Project sponsored by Women's Ministry.....**

**Please help us with a collection of any size liquid laundry detergent bottles. These will be given to Crossroads City Center (on the square in downtown) where they offer free laundry facilities twice a week, and also to our Early Learning Center staff as they do extra laundry due to COVID 19 requirements.**

**ANY SIZE AND ANY BRAND THAT YOU PREFER, BUT WE ARE SUGGESTING LIQUID DETERGENT.**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** doesn't meet during June, July, August so calendar is not posted.

**Funeral Squad for JULY, Squad A: Karen Ellis, Barb Coon, Ila Kershaw**

## *Love Notes from Shirley*



“Do you think it is possible that after God spoke the words “Let there be light,” that He may have added “Let there be music?” If so, Scott Berry heeded those words.

Scott has been organist at First English Lutheran Church for ten years. He studied under our former organist, Dr. Timothy Guenther. Scott also directs our Festival Choir. Maintenance and tuning the organ and piano are also under his care.

Scott’s “day job” is assisting, managing and operating Twinsberry Tree Farm, approximately 155 acres of Christmas trees and crops located in Shreve, Ohio. He is a very busy man indeed!

Ashley Berry, Scott’s wife, is comptroller for PRC-Salttillo. She also assists in managing the Christmas wreath operation and does office work at their Twinsberry Tree Farm. Ashley enjoys cooking and reading as a hobby. She, like Scott, is a very busy lady!

A year ago FELC combined worship services for our congregation. Traditional (Scott) and Contemporary (Becky Pittman) is how this comes together. This very talented duo works together to plan and lead our congregation in worship, always we “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

So, yes, the ultimate answer to the question is that God, Scott and Becky make beautiful music together! And the rest of us are very blessed by all of it!



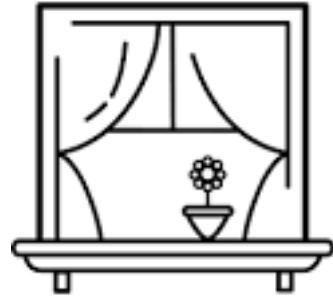
## Global Missions

**COVID 19 has hit the people of Bolivia and Peru.** They are in lockdown, much like we have experienced. Please pray that the Kraft's ministry touches many there. Presently they are feeding twelve people connected to their household. It has not been easy!

Please continue your prayers for Malawi Orphan Care Project and the people of Kanyenyeva. They, too, have been dealing with COVID 19 issues. It is the time of year that we, as members of First English Lutheran Church and beyond, request donor support for the continuing education of our precious High School and Boarding School students. If you feel lead to support this endeavor please make your contributions at any time now.

## **Please help support High School and Boarding School Education in Malawi!**

Every summer we accept donations to cover sending the eligible children on to High School and Boarding School. It is during the month of July and into early August that we appreciate getting your donations so that we can be ready to wire transfer the funds by mid to late August. It costs \$150.00 to send a child to High School for an entire year! It costs \$1500.00 to send a young woman to Boarding School for an entire year! Any amount is greatly appreciated and is so valuable for each child's future. Malawi Orphan Care Project uses nearly 100% of your donations to support feeding, education, and other sustainability. The small percentage used toward administration goes for office supplies, cell phone contact, vendor displays at convocations, and accounting software. There are no salaries paid/strictly volunteer driven. Checks can be given through FELC or sent directly to MOCP treasurer (Jan Fisher), whichever you prefer.



## **Becky's Views.....**

How wonderful it is to have many of you back in our sanctuary worshipping on Sunday mornings!! Scott and I are both happy to have many of the praise team musicians with us again - creating melodies that offer honor and glory to God our Father.

The ELC kids are having a great time singing about Jesus in our small FELC parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings! They also created homemade cards that were mailed to the residents at Mansfield Place Assisted Living to brighten their day during this difficult time of separation.

Mary Schwartz, Myra Cordrey, Mary Shaffer, Jan Fisher, Sandie Volz and Karen Ellis shared their talent of sewing by donating homemade fabric masks to BOTH our ELC and Mansfield Place! Thank you, ladies, for serving God by helping, loving and serving others.

A huge THANK YOU continues to go out to Todd Heichel and Tom Sarbach as they move us forward with professional live streaming at First English. This is no easy task!! They both have put endless hours into this on-going process over the last several months. We are excited to be "out there" on social media permanently! When you see these two gentlemen, please be sure to offer your thanks!

**BE INTENTIONAL! BE LIKE JESUS!**

**Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts**

## **Memorial Donations**

### **Building Maintenance Fund**

*In memory of Don Harruff*

*Given by: Kay Williams*

*In memory of Jackie Moxley*

*Given by: Kay Williams*



### **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Don Harruff*

*Given by: Joyce Strohming, John & Pat Fraifogl, Beverly McKeehen, Mary Schwartz, Janice Beddard, Patsy Berry, Lana Conry, Sherry Winbigler*

*In memory of Jackie Moxley*

*Given by: John & Pat Fraifogl, Mary Schwartz, Janice Beddard, Chuck & Carolyn Shumway, Lana Conry, Jim Hannewald, Mike & Guinn Bandy, Sherry Winbigler, John & Charlene Heiser, Joe Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wappner*

### **ELC Playground Fund**

*In memory of Don Harruff*

*Given by: Ted & Karen Ellis*

*In memory of Jackie Moxley*

*Given by: Ted & Karen Ellis*

### **Renewing God's House**

*In memory of Don Harruff*

*Given by: FELC Bell Choir, Shirley Shupp*

*In memory of Jackie Moxley*

*Given by: Shirley Shupp*

### **ELC Bus Fund**

*In memory of Jackie Moxley*

*Given by: Marilyn Dinges, Jan Fisher, Lynn LaFene*



## *With Sincerest Sympathy*

Jackie Moxley

May 23, 2020

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of those who have recently lost loved ones through death. We pray for Christ's gifts of healing and peace during this time of loss and sorrow that they may be comforted with the Promise of the Resurrection through faith in Christ Jesus our Risen Savior.

### **Pastoral Acts**

Pastor Paul Larson officiated at the graveside service for Jean Rock on May 29, 2020 at Mansfield Memorial Park.

Pastor Paul Larson officiated at the graveside service for Jackie Moxley on May 30, 2020 at Mansfield Memorial Park.

**There will be no Nursing Home Communion during the month of July. Please hold our shut-ins close in your prayers.**

### **Prayer Requests**



To be put on the printed prayer listing: If you would like the church family to know of your joy or concern, please notify the pastors or call Angie Cockrell (419.522.0662) in the church office to be added to the list. Please call again when it is appropriate to have that prayer request deleted.

We also invite you to use our two prayer chains. Your request will be shared with a small group of prayer warriors via phone call chain.

Call **Pat Shenberger** to activate the prayer chains.  
Her home # is: 419.589.2399 or cell# is: 419.632.4850.

**Prayer is very powerful, and we encourage you to use these methods for many needs.**

<b>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</b>	<b>The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</b>
<b>Worship Committee</b> <b>Heather McFadden 419.295.6467</b> Acolytes <hr/> <b>Cindy Russell 419.544.0878</b> Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers	<b>Pew Pad Gleaners</b> <b>Jane Sprang 419.610.9776</b> <hr/> <b>Ushers</b> <b>Charles and Myra Cordrey</b> <b>419.632.4121</b>
<b>Evangelism Committee</b> <b>Jan Fisher 419.589.2820</b> Greeters	<b>Becky Pittman</b> <b>419.989.8585</b> Power Point, Nave
<b>Property Committee</b> <b>Mike Anderson 419.295.4598</b> Property Chairman	<b>Finance Committee</b> <b>TBA</b>
<b>Becky Pittman</b> <b>419.989.8585</b> Sound Board/Audio	<b>Amy Skropits 419.747.3076</b> Sunday School Superintendent

## **Evangelism for Today's World**



*Happy to report a very successful  
“DRIVE THROUGH” free produce distribution on June 9th.*

Free Produce was distributed on Tues. June 9, 2020. A new option was used: “Farmers to Families” pre-boxed produce and pre-boxed dairy products. We ordered 140 units of each, and we ran out by noon. So for the month of July I plan to increase my order. The produce was beautiful and premium in quality. The dairy was a huge benefit to folks because it included several kinds of cheese, chocolate milk, white milk, and cottage cheese. Of the 132 households 87 were seniors with or without children, and 183 were adults with or without children. The total number of children served in these households was 91. This all equates to 361 people receiving wonderful fresh produce and dairy products.

We are blessed to be able to continue this missional endeavor, and I am thankful for thirteen volunteers who so faithfully helped today. Due to pre packaging we didn't need nearly the number of volunteers that we usually have.

Note: Drive thru distribution and pre packaging is great for this project! We are blessed to be able to offer this to our community, and it is a NO FINANCIAL COST to us at FELC.

**Our next Produce Distribution will be Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 to 1:00.**

*Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson*

## *July 2020 Volunteers*

### **Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship (Nave)**

#### **ACOLYTES**

June 7: TBA  
June 14: TBA  
June 21: TBA  
June 28: TBA

#### **ALTAR WORKERS**

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

#### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

Alicia Schulz

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

#### **COMMUNION PREPARERS**

July 5: TBA

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

July 5:  
Wine West: NONE  
Cups West: NONE  
Wine East: NONE  
Cups East: NONE  
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#### **GREETER**

TBA if restrictions change

#### **LAY READERS**

July 5: Chris Cichanowicz  
July 12: Stacey Crall  
July 29: Chris Hoecker  
July 26: Amy Skropits

#### **PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS**

Chris Cichanowicz  
Mary Schwartz  
Lowell Weeks  
Jan Fisher

#### **PEW PAD GLEANERS**

July 5: NONE  
July 12: NONE  
July 19: NONE  
July 26: NONE

#### **POWER POINT OPERATORS**

July 5: Taylor Grossenbacher  
July 12: Suzanne Rippel  
July 19: Cindy Russell  
July 26: Cindy Russell

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

July 5: NONE  
July 12: NONE  
July 19: NONE  
July 26: NONE

#### **SOUND BOARD OPERATORS**

July 5: Andy Kershaw  
July 12: Ed Farner  
July 19: Ed Farner  
July 26: Ed Farner

#### **USHERS NAVE**

Ken & Debbie Suzuki  
Jan Fisher & Lowell Weeks



The following opportunities are available for the donation of Altar Flowers. Please consider purchasing flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please call Angie Cockrell at the Church Office (419-522-0662) to reserve one of the dates listed below or to check the availability of other upcoming dates. *OR* you can sign up to sponsor flowers by filling out the Altar flower Sign Up Form on the table in the Narthex. Flowers are \$40.

*July 5, 2020*

*July 12, 2020*

*July 19, 2020*

*August 2, 2020*

*August 9, 2020*

*August 16, 2020*

*August 23, 2020*

*August 30, 2020*

***It is an awesome act of Worship to give God the Glory in beautifying the church on Sunday morning!***

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And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website! [felc-mansfield.org](http://felc-mansfield.org) where you can be directed to online worship Facebook and YouTube.



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Something new! We are going to post birthdates in case you would like to celebrate with a birthday card or note! Feel free to share this information. Below find August birthdays.

## AUGUST:



Rehm, Ronda	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	08/04/1962	57
Gall, Frank	27 W 2nd St Mansfield OH 44902	08/08/1980	39
Rehm, Adam	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	08/11/1991	28
McFadden, Chad	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	08/12/1975	44
Justice, Barbara	620 TR 2104 Loudonville OH 44842	08/18/1954	65
Ellis, Ted	3467 State Rte 546 Lexington OH 44904-9765	08/19/1944	75
Moxley, Gordon	3711 Shangri La Ave Ontario OH 44903	08/19/1947	72
Brown, Lois	169 W Second St Mansfield OH 44902	08/23/1948	71
Beddard, Janice	725 Glendale Blvd Mansfield OH 44907-2277	08/26/1937	82
Williams, Kay	2841 Robelleni Palm Dr #92 Avon Park FL 33825	08/27/1949	70
Hunt, Wendy	3134 Gass Rd Lexington OH 44904-9788	08/27/1968	51
Ward, Sarah	592 Fox Rd Lexington OH 44904-9336	08/28/1992	27
Caseman, Rachel	2355 Mount Zion Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8761	08/29/1977	42
Larson, Kirsten	71 N Wilson Ave Apt 18 Pasadena CA 91106-2319	08/30/1985	34
Ellis, Karen	3467 State Rte 546 Lexington OH 44904-9765	08/31/1945	74
Thatcher II, Gregory	1628 Royal Oak Dr Mansfield OH 44906	08/31/2000	19

## BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE!

Need to get information in the bulletin for a meeting or an announcement?  
Send details to Angie Cockrell at [acockrell@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:acockrell@felc-mansfield.org) or phone the church office at 419.522.0662.

Weekly deadlines are noon on Wednesday for bulletins pertaining to that particular weekend. Bulletins assembled at 11:30 AM on Thursdays each week.

Nicole Goddard, our bookkeeper, may be reached by calling the church office at 419-522-0662 or email her at [NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org)

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