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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

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS

Tuesday, April 18, 2023- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated April 21 at 11:09 AM:

Agenda approved by Dean Pastor Diana Seaman, April 18.

Present: Gary Lane, Misty Grove, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Christopher Kaschube, Lu Blankenship, Mike Anderson, Rob Skropits, Chad McFadden

Absent: Ted Ellis, Jan Fisher, Sandie Volz, Teri Brenkus

The meeting was called to order by Rob Skropits at 7:01 PM.

Prayer by Rob.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from the March 21 meeting for approval. **MOTION** (Chad/Gary), seconded by to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Provided correspondence from the NALC North Central Ohio Mission District:
 - [North Central Ohio Mission District Link](#)

Executive Committee: No Report

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis: No Report

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

- Six new members will be welcomed into our fold on Sunday, May 7. As reported in March, they are Rich and Debra Riei, Steve and Christine Mayglothling, Erna Clark, and Gary Andrews. Pastor Lisa Peterson officiated at their three new members' learning sessions. An informal reception will be held after worship. Lana Conry will plan that gathering and order a cake.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

- Our programs continue, the newest one being Arts and Crafts Night.
- Luther Fellowship continues to thrive and plan new events to enjoy. Another "local" bus trip may be in the future!
- We recently had a reassignment of positions for those handling Funeral Meals and Daily Bread Meals. Sandie Volz is now heading up Funeral Meals squads and Karen Ellis is heading up Daily Bread Meals which go out when someone is in need of hospital recovery, illness, grief of loss of a loved one, or many other worthy reasons. The Women's Ministry is very grateful to Myra Cordrey for the many years that she so faithfully headed up these two sections of our ministry. Thank you, Myra!
- We have two High School graduates this year, Alexis Rippel and Elisa McFadden and we will present them with quilts and a graduation gift on Sunday, May 22, 2023. An informal reception will be held following worship. Lana Conry has graciously offered to organize that reception. Thank you, Lana! We are blessed to be a blessing to our congregation!

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

- Andy Kersaw told us in his report that the Pastor's office and the third floor office A/C units have been replaced. We are waiting on parts for the new rooftop units. There will now be 5 units instead of 4 to carry the load.
- As reported in last month's report a half wall is needed in the baby room of ELC, we are waiting for Richland Renovation to start the work for the agreed price of \$1534.00. Andy also hired JW Pro Painting to patch and paint the walls for the sum of \$3341.00 to finish the room. Angie has grant money to cover this expense also.
- After discussion, the property committee passed a motion to have Worner Roofing replace missing shingles and do other necessary repairs to the roof for a sum of \$23,525 in order to avoid water damage that we experienced

in the Sanctuary several years ago. The Property Committee **RECOMMENDS** that this repair be completed.
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

- If we get the go ahead, we will try to have Kahl Electric put on new heat tapes on down spots while we have cranes in place to do the roof.
- Andy is still in the process of getting quotes for painting all exterior doors and trim including all galvanized metal and gutters.
- Andy has gotten a quote to change all the lighting in church to LED. The quote came from TPI Electrical at \$62,234. The project would pay for itself in savings in less than 8 years. Also Andy is waiting on quotes from Richland Renovation and Bo Lacey to redo the Undercroft Restroom.
- The committee agreed to put our efforts on addressing the needs of the exterior of the church before we address the interior needs as we believe they are more critical so those items were put on hold.
- The Retreat Center needs to have some downed trees removed. Andy is trying to organize a clean up.
- The Stained Glass Repair is 95 % finished at the factory. They gave Andy an estimate that the work might be starting sometime in June to install them.

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

- April 30th, we will be having a potluck after the Worship Service.
- May 7th, we will welcome six new members into our congregation with a reception after the service.
- May 14th, we will be recognizing our graduates with a reception after the Worship Service.
- Below is a list of pastors/lay ministers that have already preached, provided a service or will be preaching.
- March 2nd - Pastor Paul Lintern, meeting with Scott and Becky in preparation for Community Good Friday Service. \$50.
- March 4th - Pastor Paul Lintern, hospital visit to Marilyn Miller. \$50.
- March 12th - Chris Kaschube, Lay Minister for Worship Service - \$175.
- April 9th - Chris Kaschube, Lay Minister for Good Friday Service - \$175.
- May 7th - Pastor Lisa Peterson - \$175.
- May 14th - Todd Heichel, Lay Minister - \$175.
- May 21st - Pastor Nate Meiers - \$175.
- May 28th - Pastor Michael Koch - \$175.
- June 4th - Pastor Eric Reisen - has declined payment, suggested making a donation to seminary instead.
- Attendance and Facebook Views for March:

○	Date	Attendance	Facebook Views
▪	5th	102	128
▪	12th	102	192
▪	19th	107	157
▪	26th	92	83

Global Mission Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

- The Far Side:
 - Pray for Brian and Barb as they take on more leadership within their partnering organization and provide oversight and supervision of other global workers in their region while continuing Scripture translation into the Islander language.
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Nominating Committee, Beth Harruff:

- The Nominating Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following candidates for election at the May 2023 Congregational Meeting:
 - Personnel Committee: Teri Brenkus
 - Evangelism Committee: Alicia Schultz
 - President: No candidate
 - Christian Education: No candidate
 - August 2023 NALC National Convention Lay Delegates: Jan Fisher, Lu Blankenship (Elect 2)
 - May 2024 North Central Ohio Mission District Joint Convocation Lay Delegate: Anita Nehrkorn
 - 2024 Nominating Committee: Stacy Crall, Brenda Eyerly, Linda Hughes, Myra Cordrey (Elect 4)
 - Debbie Suzuki won the most votes in the May 2022 Nominating Committee election, and will serve as the 2024 Chair of the Nominating Committee.
 - Call Committee: Jane Anderson, Ted Ellis, Greg Hughes, Chris Kaschube, Heather McFadden, Angie Murphy, Becky Pittman, Gary Simmons, Amy Skropits, Elizabeth Volz (Elect 9)

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

- I would like to thank Debby Suzuki, Jodi Mumaw, Chris Cichanowicz and Anita Nehrkorn for serving on this committee with me.

Lu Blankenship, Finance Committee:

General Operating Fund (GOF) (includes ELC):						
Mar 2023						Mo Avg
YTD	Income	\$161,153	Budget	\$153,927	\$7,226	53,718
YTD	Expenses	\$244,356	Budget	\$215,529	\$28,827	81,452
	Difference	-\$83,203				-27,734
Early Learning Center (ELC):						
Mar 2023						
YTD	Income	\$86,393	Budget	\$86,100	\$293	28,798
YTD	Expenses	\$80,307	Budget	\$97,002	-\$16,695	26,769
	Difference	\$6,086				2,029
Church (excluding ELC):						
Mar 2023						
YTD	Income	\$74,760	Budget	\$67,827	\$6,933	24,920
YTD	Expenses	\$164,049	Budget	\$118,527	\$45,522	54,683
	Difference	-\$89,289				-25,705
GENERAL OPERATING FUND RECAP						
2022 Carryover					\$55,482	
GOF to Women of FELC Fund					\$0	
Gamber Fund to GOF					\$0	
ELC Fund to GOF					\$0	
WFELC Fund to GOF (Easter Flowers)					\$0	
Gen Endow Fund to GOF					\$0	
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF					\$17,570	
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF					\$0	
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan payment					\$2,680	
YTD Income					\$161,153	
2023 YTD TOTAL INCOME					\$244,356	
2023 YTD TOTAL EXPENSES					\$174,814	
GOF Balance					-\$1,450	
Endowment Funds Total Value 12/31/2022					\$3,152,412	
Endowment Funds Total Value 03/31/2023					\$3,190,126	
TOTAL LOSS ON ALL INVESTMENTS YTD					\$37,714	

Budget	2023					
Expenses	\$898,211	\$898,211				
Income	\$614,200					
Gen End	\$127,035					
Maj Cap	\$8,945					
New Min	\$14,150					
Gamber	\$2,500	\$766,830				
		\$131,381				

- Interim pastor pay:
 - NALC Guidelines for Interim Pay are as follows:
 - On Call Interim (only called as needed) - \$500/month + mileage (\$6,000 annually)
 - Part-Time Interim
 - One to two services weekly - \$220/day + Mileage
 - Three plus services weekly - \$225/day + Mileage
 - A part-time interim for us would be \$220 per day; however, even if we use the higher rate of \$225 per day, this amounts to:
 - \$47,760 annually for 4 days per week. Finance believes that this would be a good starting number to negotiate with an interim.
 - It was mentioned that an interim candidate might be interested if it were only 3 days per week. This would equate to \$34,320.
 - The Finance Committee agreed that Council might negotiate from these amounts but most likely will not have to pay as much as Council agreed to last month.
- The antiphonal organ project has been removed from the May annual meeting, at Scott's request. The Finance Committee is still not in favor of committing to this project due to other commitments which include:
 - painting outside trim \$20-25k.
 - roof work \$23,500
 - heat tape for gutters TBD(current tape is broken, icicles are forming)
 - balance of stained glass windows \$89,265
 - church portion of a/c project \$18,750
 - church portion of elevator project \$30,000
 - Property will also be getting a quote on changing all lights to LEDs. This will likely be phased in over a few years.
- Stewardship:
 - Council and committees are reminded of the special offerings for the year and Stewardship and Finance agreed to use this same schedule next year when we have offering envelopes printed.
 - First Quarter (February) – Love Inc.
 - Second Quarter (May) – Malawi Orphan Care Education Project
 - Third Quarter (August) – Richland Pregnancy
 - Fourth Quarter (November) – Women's Ministry
 - There are special offerings during Lent and Advent.
- Reminder: If you think there may be other needs or projects, you need to put money in your budget for those. For instance, the Social Ministry could plan to participate in some community projects by putting some amount of money in their budget for such things.

RECOMMENDATION to pay an On Call pastor on a as needed basis for emergency pastoral needs and meetings at \$50/occurrence until we can have an interim or other pastor in place. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

- Wednesday Noon Lunch continues to serve 35-40 people twice a month.
- Senior Boxes gave out 103 food boxes and Produce boxes and boxes of cheese as well.
 - 20 were new customers.
- The Easter basket drive-thru in South Park was postponed to April 8th due to bad weather.
- A National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 4th @ 5:30-6:30 starting at Requel Church and proceeding to the downtown gazebo.
- The Social Ministry committee is reviewing the church constitution for updating its mission and purpose per rule BL 11-11.

- The Social Ministry Committee has been contacted by someone claiming that an anonymous offer of \$350 matching funds for the Jericho Wall has been made available.
- Our church council tabled a decision at the last meeting. The **RECOMMENDATION** is that we accept individual donations in support of the Jericho Wall by using an envelope marked 'Jericho Wall'. Nicole would collect and pass through. The collection period being April 30-May 14th in an attempt to reach the \$350 matching figure from an anonymous donor. **RECOMMENDATION NOT APPROVED.**
 - The Social Ministry Committee will use \$350 from their budget and will combine with the \$350 anonymous donation to make a donation from FELC to the Jericho Wall Project for a total of \$700.

Early Learning Committee, Misty Grove:

- From Becky Pittman:
 - The ELC 'Spring Sing' and FELC Youth Sunday was a beautiful and uplifting worship on April 16th. 40 kids from the daycare participated! It is the largest turnout we have had for a scheduled Sunday morning event.
 - I will be working with Ms. Toni and Ms. Sarah as we teach the preschool class their graduation songs. The graduation is set for Thursday, May 18th at 4:30.
 - With the assistance from our felt board characters, puppets and Children's Bible, we will learn about Jonah and the Whale during our chapel time beginning in May.
 - We are looking forward to getting back outside to the front steps of the church for our large group music time!
- From Angie Murphy:
 - We were approved for the air quality grant that was applied for in December. The amount of the grant is \$14,779.00. We will have units installed in classrooms by the Geehan Company in 4 to 6 weeks.
 - The grant funds from Richland Foundations for the summer art came in this week. We will be purchasing materials needed next week.
 - Angie will be attending an Inservice at the Great Cleveland Food Bank on May 25th and will be certified to serve free lunches for our kids this summer.
 - The ELC is looking for someone that would like to be a 1 on 1 aid for a 4 year old. This would be needed during our long-distance field trips and will be approximately 67 hours from June 5th to Aug 6th. This is a paid position through New Hope.
 - The ELC is also looking for a college age, or high school senior, that would like to work some hours this summer. Please see Angie for details.
 - Muffins with Moms will be on Monday May 15th 7:00 to 9:30 in Emmaus room.
 - Preschool graduation is May 18th 4:30-5:30pm. All are welcome to come!
- After further discussion it has been brought to my attention that we in fact are only obtaining a 5 panel drug test and no alcohol screening as previously mentioned. There is a 9 panel drug test that can be done at the same \$50.00 price as the current 5 panel. This includes many prescription drugs. Also the breathalyzer would be an additional cost of \$44.00 (this is current price she said it may increase). The ELC committee **RECOMMENDS** that the panel be increased to the 9 panel drug screen. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.** The ELC committee **RECOMMENDS** that an alcohol screen be added to the testing. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Old Business: None

New Business: Rob/Cindy makes the **MOTION** that we use the figures listed above in the Finance Report as the Executive Committee contacts potential interim candidates. If a candidate can be found, they will be brought forward to the next Council meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Notes:

A Congregational Meeting will be held on May 7 after worship.
 May Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: ELC Committee
 May Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM

MOTION by (Cindy/Chris C.), to adjourn. **MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary

ELC

Little People BIG News May

Flashback into April



Our Egg Hunt and our Spring Sing were successful! We had about 40 kids in attendance. Our preschool students visited the retreat center a few times in April. They assisted in picking up sticks and having fun exploring and playing!

A Peek into May



The Women's Ministry is supplying our muffins for Muffins with Mom on May 15th. Our Pre-K students will be graduating on Thursday, May 18th in the sanctuary. We will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29th. We will be having our end of the year party at the YMCA on June 11th from 5:30-7:30. We will use the funds from our fundraiser to cover the expense. We are looking forward to summer beginning!

Angie Murphy, Director

Michelle Couch, Assistant Director

Within the Fold

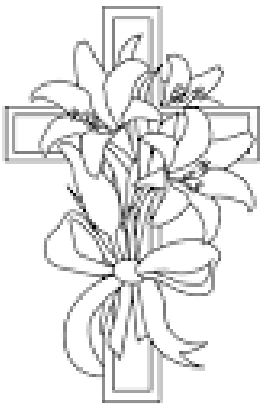


The Wednesday Noon Lunch donations for April were \$2.00.

A great and user-friendly way to receive DAILY DEVOTIONS written and supplied by NALC is to text: ReadingTheWord to 24251. They will respond back with a link and devotions will come to your phone every morning. They can be read and/or audible. You can also get devotions from our felc-mansfield.org website by selecting the NALC logo button.

PUB THEOLOGY STARTING UP AGAIN IN MAY!

We will restart Pub Theology on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 PM at the Old Bag of Nails on Lexington Avenue. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun evening of fellowship!



Worship and Music Committee

Praise God for His faithfulness to FELC! We happily report that we have supply pastors scheduled through June 4 so please plan to have some wonderful worship going into the summer months.

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson

Social Ministry

Please see Gary's report. Plans are being made for Spring.

If you have Thrivent products you might want to consider creating a missional project in 2023 to find a use for your two Thrivent Action Team cards. Those cards are a huge outreach blessing, and it's above and beyond your church tithe! Many options are out there: clothes for school kids, personal hygiene supplies for various ages, blanket drive, school supplies in the fall, food for the hungry, the sky's the limit as you plan to help others! If you are searching for an idea for outreach, check with Jan Fisher!

Gary Lane, Social Ministry Chairperson

Youth

Referring to the NALC Youth Gathering information below, there are many options for adults to volunteer as teachers, chaperones and other helpers. Check the NALC website for more information. You have a year to plan.

- **Save the Date: July 1st to July 4th 2024** – the NALC National Youth Gathering. The theme will be "We Belong." The gathering will be held in Boerne, TX. It's not too early to start planning for our youth to attend!

Stewardship

We are very "Happy" to report that the Lenten Season Offering for 2023 for the Krafts was \$2230. You were great Stewards of all that God has given you.

Thank you!

Sandie Volz Stewardship Chairman

Finance

At the end of each quarter, we tally up our receipts for the quarter and pay out 10% of the total to our benevolence recipients. First Quarter Benevolence Payments were as follows:

- Go Missions International (Krafts) \$3,303.00
 - (This includes the Lenten Offering as well)
- Malawi Orphan Care Project \$1,885.98
 - (Includes some special donations from congregation and any funds received from the Kroger Plus Program)
- NALC Disaster Response \$ 715.00
- North American Lutheran Church \$1,787.00
- North American Lutheran Seminary \$ 715.00
- World Mission Prayer League (Sorges) \$1,073.00

As always, please let me know of any questions or concerns regarding the church finances.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study

Once again Barbara Justice taught our Bible Study from the book "Seamless". Thank you, Barbara! And thank you to Mary Schwartz for hosting April's study!

Seven ladies were present for the study. We met at the church in the Emmaus Room on April 10 to further our study on Seamless. We are learning more about Abraham, Sarah, Esau, Jacob, etc. We will meet again in May on the second Monday, May 8 at 1:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. All ladies are encouraged and welcome to join us!

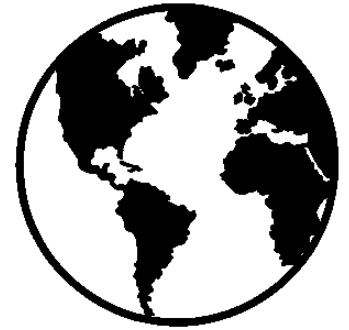
May Funeral Squad C: Anita Nehrkorn, Erna Clark, Alicia Schulz, Sandie Volz

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

Our April game night was a success!

This month, we will be meeting in the Emmaus Room at 2:00pm on May 15th to enjoy the movie *80 for Brady*! With any movie, concessions must be at the ready! Come and enjoy some snacks, and of course popcorn! 80 and over are always welcome and invited! We hope to see you there!

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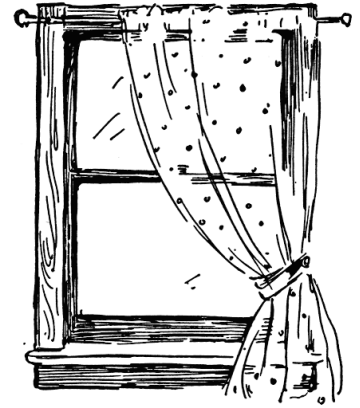
Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

Becky's Views.....

It is hard to believe that we have been a blended worship for nearly 4 years!! It is an honor to work closely with Scott Berry each week as we meticulously build our 10am worship services. We strive to keep a musical balance every Sunday. The concern still arises, though, that we “sing too many praise songs.” Do we? After 4 years, I thought the best way to answer this concern is to do the math. There is no arguing numbers, right? So, I did the math for the services from the first of this year through Easter. Please ask the church office for a copy of any bulletin if you have any questions.



January 1 st :	6 hymns; 6 praise songs
January 8 th :	7 hymns; 5 praise songs
January 15 th :	4 hymns; 4 praise songs
January 22 nd :	4 hymns; 3 praise songs
January 29 th :	3 hymns; 4 praise songs
February 5 th :	7 hymns; 4 praise songs
February 12 th :	4 hymns; 3 praise songs
February 19 th :	3 hymns; 4 praise songs
February 26 th :	4 hymns; 4 praise songs
March 5 th :	7 hymns; 5 praise songs
March 12 th :	4 hymns; 3 praise songs
March 19 th :	3 hymns; 4 praise songs
March 26 th :	4 hymns; 4 praise songs
April 2 nd :	4 hymns; 5 praise songs
April 6 th :	6 hymns; 2 praise songs
April 7 th :	14 hymns; 1 praise song
April 8 th :	10 hymns; 5 praise songs
April 9 th :	6 hymns; 5 praise songs

Out of 18 worship services, **4 had an equal amount** of hymns and praise songs. **Only 4 had more praise songs** than hymns. **10 services had more hymns** than praise songs. If you're old enough, you may remember Joe Friday's tag line from the TV show *Dragnet*. "Just the facts, Ma'am."

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now YOU are the body of CHRIST, and each one of YOU is a PART of it!"

Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts



COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES AND ARBORS AT MIFFLIN

Wedgewood Estates at 2:00 PM and Arbors at Mifflin at 3:30 PM.

This important offering of worship and communion will continue on the third Wednesday of each month and YOU are invited to join in with your support and attendance. If you have questions check with the church office.

In May we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. We are grateful to Gary Lane and Larry Lantz for their dedication to this ministry, along with Beth Harruff's dedication to assisting with this ministry via her piano accompaniment as well as her vocal accompaniment!

If you know of a member who cannot attend church services and would like to have a communion deacon bring communion to him or her at home, please contact Larry Lantz @ 419-756-5506 or call the church office at 419-522-0662.

A Beautiful Way to Share Crosses

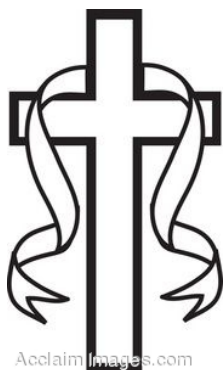
Following Easter, we are inviting everyone to purchase your favorite cross whether it be made of metal, wood, or even resin or plastic. Dimensions should be no smaller than 2 in. x 4 in. and no larger than 6 in. x 10 in.

The men of the church are going to fabricate a large wooden framed board covered in fabric. Every cross that is donated to beautify this board will be displayed on the board with a small metal plate affixed below it, denoting the family or person's name. This beautiful cross embellished board will be displayed in our Narthex for all to enjoy. It will be a work in progress as new people join our church, and we plan on having it mounted and on display by Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023. There will be a pictorial example on the poster table if you have questions.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION HAS BEGUN! THIS IS OUR NINTH YEAR OF OFFERING FREE PRODUCE TO OUR COMMUNITY. OPEN TO ALL AND WE HAVE REVISED THE HOURS JUST A BIT: 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM, ALWAYS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER. COME TO OUR WEST PARKING LOT AT S. MULBERRY ST AND PARK AVE. WEST! OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THERE TO LOAD YOUR CAR! PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 53 Park Ave. West will be offering SENIOR BOXES 4th Tuesday of month, year around.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30# box of non-perishables including 2# of cheese, and a 15# box of pre-packaged produce. This is a year-round distribution, next date for distribution is **Tuesday, May 21, 2023. Age is a qualification, so please bring your current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income.** Please come to the east side of our building at 53 Park Avenue West, 44902, between 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM to get registered and pick up your Senior Box of non-perishable food. There is NO COST to you for this food.



Pastoral Acts

None



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.

The following opportunities are available for the donation of Altar Flowers. Please con-



Altar Flowers

sider purchasing flowers in honor **or** in memory of a loved one. Please call Faith Williams 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.

May 21, 2023

June 11, 2023

June 18, 2023

June 25, 2023

July 2, 2023

July 9, 2023

July 16, 2023

July 23, 2023

July 30, 2023

Evangelism for Today's World



We will be welcoming our new members on Sunday, May 7th!

Erna Clark, Gary Andrews, Steve and Chris Mayglothling, and Rich and Debra Riei.

Pastor Lisa Peterson has been interacting with our new members class of six people, holding three class sessions on Tuesday afternoons in March. The sessions have been very informative about Lutheran doctrine and theology. (It's amazing the things you forget from catechism days.)

Each New Member was supplied with a copy of the Augsburg Confession and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, plus some other material related to the faith of our Lutheran denomination.

Produce Distribution and Senior Boxes

We served 193 guests on April 11, 2023 and last month, we served 103 for senior boxes.

Note: Senior Boxes will be available year round, once every month on the fourth Tuesday. Spread the word, 60+ can apply with low income guidelines! You must be a resident of Richland County and low income is a qualifier. If you register at FELC then you MUST pick up your goods at OUR location.

- **May Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, May 25, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson

May 2023 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

May	7:	Cory Garn
May	14:	Gabe McFadden
May	21:	Ava Zehe
May	28:	Lily Garn

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTER

Alicia Schulz

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Early Learning Center

COMMUNION PREPARERS

May	7:	Mike & Jane Anderson
May	28:	Beth Harruff & Lana Conry

COMMUNION SERVERS

May	7:	
Wine West:		Gregg Thatcher
Wine East:		Gary Simmons
Intinction:		Jane Mako

May	28:	
Wine West:		Rachelle Zehe
Wine East:		Anita Nehrkorn
Intinction :		Linda Hughes

GREETER

Jane Mako

USHERS NAVE

Mary Schwartz & Kayla McFadden
Jodi Mumaw & Ed Corley

Alternate: Tammie Hillman

LAY READERS

May	7:	Todd Heichel
May	14:	Amy Skropits
May	21:	Kathy Hoecker
May	28:	Sandie Volz

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

May	7:	Jodi Mumaw
May	14:	Brenda Eyerly
May	21:	Stacey Crall
May	28:	Ronda Rehm

SLIDES

May	7:	Justin Crall
May	14:	Allison Weeks
May	21:	Teri Brenkus
May	28:	Isaac McFadden

LIVESTREAM

May	7:	Suzanne Rippel
May	14:	Tom Sarbach
May	21:	Suzanne Rippel
May	28:	Todd Heichel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

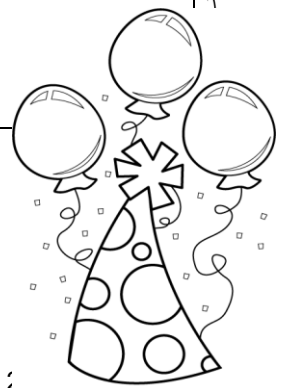
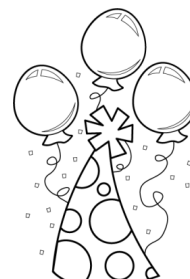
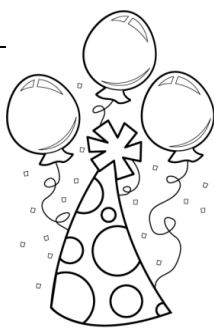
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May	14:	TBD
May	21:	TBD

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

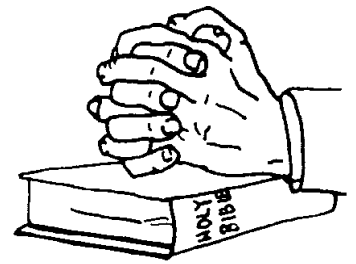
May	7:	Ed Farner
May	14:	Ed Farner
May	21:	Ed Farner
May	28:	Ed Farner

May Birthdays:

Name (First Last)	Address Block (current as of today)	Birth Date
Mason Lacey	110 W 4th ST Mansfield OH 44903-1674	05/01
Michael Lacey	Mansfield OH 44905	05/01
Mary Jane Andrasic	Lexington Court Care 250 Delaware Ave. A18 Lexington OH 44904	05/02
Anita Nehrkorn	582 S. Trimble Rd. Apt. B Mansfield OH 44906	05/04
Kylie Caseman	2355 Mount Zion Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8761	05/05
Marguerite Hollinger	400 Davis Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1122	05/10
Bonnie Obrynba	979 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903	05/10
Trey Williams	855 Vanderbilt Dr. Lexington OH 44904	05/13
Alexis Rippel	770 Woodhill Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1542	05/18
Elizabeth Volz	175 Clever Ln. Lexington OH 44904	05/18
Linda Hughes	500 Acker Dr Mansfield OH 44905-2063	05/20
Julia McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	05/24
Janet Beck	P.O. Box 957 Kelleys Island OH 43438	05/25
Patricia Fraifogl	1930 Banyon Ln Mansfield OH 44907-3003	05/25
LuAnn Trumpower	230 Saxton Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1112	05/25
Norma Jeanne Hillman	1665 Olive Dr Ontario OH 44906-1755	05/27



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 Faith Williams (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.

Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.

Her home # is: 419.747.2600 or cell # is: 419.566.3113.

Prayer is very powerful!

A great and user friendly way to receive DAILY DEVOTIONS written and supplied by NALC is to text: *Reading The Word to 24251*. They will respond back with a link and devotions will come to your phone every morning. They can be read and/or audible.

You can also get devotions from our felc-mansfield.org website by selecting the NALC logo button.

NALC.org offers a great devotional option. "TheNALC.org" Check it out!



Find us on Facebook: First English Lutheran Church
Podcasts of weekly sermons are no longer on the website:
felc-mansfield.org.



Please refer to **YouTube** to view past sermons.
And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website
felc-mansfield.org where you can be directed to online worship via Facebook and YouTube

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE!

Need to get information in the bulletin for a meeting or an announcement?

Send details to Faith Williams at parishsecretary@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 are assembled at 8:30 A.M. on Thursdays each week.

Nicole Goddard, Finance Director, may be reached by calling the church office at 419-522-0662 or email her at NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org

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