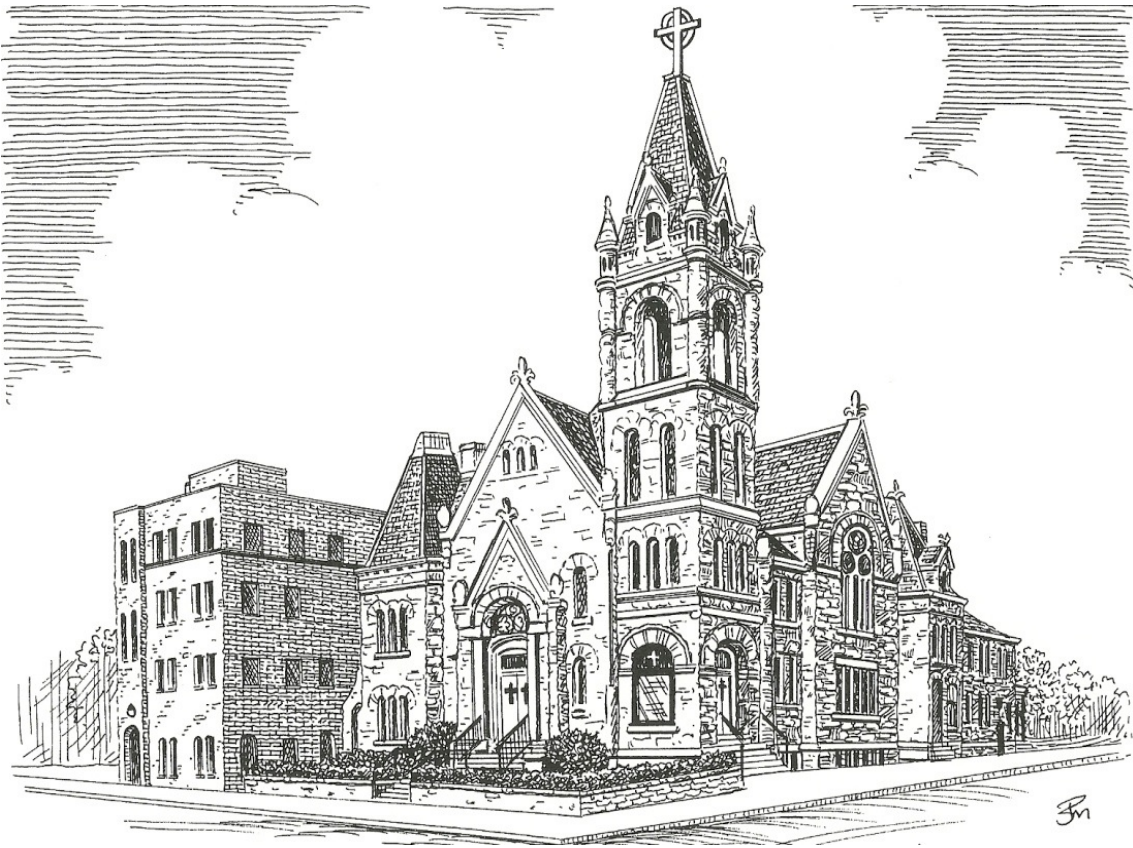


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We have made a commitment to focus on the following values and objectives:

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

Pastor Tim's message to our congregation.....

Grace and peace to my sisters and brothers at FELC!

“In the bleak midwinter”...my, what a winter we're having. Covid keeping us in. Winter keeping us in. Afraid of falling. Afraid of sickness. Is there any good news that I can give you??

Well, the month of March is the season of Lent. Is that good news? Isn't Lent all about confessing our sins and realizing how unworthy we are? Is that good news? Well, to my way of thinking, it's really a season of healing!

Healing? How can that be? Actually, it begins with an analogy. I'm told many people suffer from Covid-19 without ever knowing it. Following that line of thinking, could we be sinning without ever knowing it?

Frankly, that's the wrong question. That we sin is a given, whether we realize it or not. What's special about Lent is that we learn again to lean on our Lord for help, knowing we can't do anything about it all by ourselves.

Lent is 40 days long, also known as a quarantine, and a quarantine is a time to heal and gain back our strength. Lent is a quarantine time to learn again how beautiful is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to learn again the joy of leaning on Jesus, resting in His arms, trusting His overwhelming desire to forgive us.

In the midst of winter weather, slippery roads and cautious driving, we are greeted this Lent by our Lord; renewed, refreshed and prepared for the joy of His resurrection on Easter morning.

Someone recently asked me about driving from Wooster to Mansfield every day. 73 miles, one and one half hours each day. Why do I do this? First of all, because I love my Savior! Secondly, because I love all of you. For this reason, I invite all of you to love our Savior and each other this Lent, coming to our midweek soup and Bible study and our Sunday services as you are able. Come for the healing of forgiveness, preparing for joy!

Blessings,

Pr Tim+



The Great Triduum
The Three Holy Days
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Our celebration of the Three Holy Days begins with the Maundy Thursday evening communion service held at 7:00 P.M. on April 1, 2021 in the Nave. The service begins with an expanded rite of confession and absolution, which is followed by the usual lessons and sermon. Scripture readings focus on the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper of Christ and his disciples. Confession and forgiveness are an especially important part of this service, as we finally receive the absolution which was intentionally left out of the Ash Wednesday services. The service concludes with the dramatic stripping of the Altar in preparation for the Good Friday observance. There is no benediction at the close of the service, since this is only the first part of the Triduum observance.

The second segment of the Three Holy Days continues with the Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 P.M. on April 2, 2021. The service is based on the biblical account of Christ's Passion According to St. John. The reading is interspersed with hymn singing and the extinguishing of seven candles. The Christ candle is extinguished and removed from the sanctuary. A rough wooden cross is carried in procession. There is a time of reflection and adoration of the crucified Christ when any may come forward to pray at the kneeling rail. Once again there is no benediction; the service continues on Saturday evening.

The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. is both the conclusion of our observance of the Three Holy Days, and the first service in celebration of the Resurrection. This service reverses the events of Good Friday, and moves us from darkness into light. We will begin the service by gathering in our West parking lot on Mulberry St. where we kindle the fire, light our Paschal Candle and process to our sanctuary. Hand candles are lit as we enter the church, and are held for the singing of the Easter Proclamation. They are extinguished, and we hear a series of readings tracing the biblical history of our salvation from Creation, through the Exodus, promises of our salvation, and the three young men in the fiery furnace. We celebrate the renewal of our baptismal vows as a final cleansing in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The lights are raised, and the full Easter celebration begins with a service of Holy Communion, breaking the Lenten fast by receiving Christ's body and blood.

THIS SERVICE IS PART OF "MARCH OF PRAYER" AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US! WE JOYFULLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

(These are *draft minutes* due to cancellation of March Council meeting.)
Tuesday February 16, 2021

PRESENT: Mike Anderson; Lu Blankenship; Chris Cichanowicz; Ted Ellis; Jan Fisher; Todd Heichel; Gary Lane; Dan Obrynba; Cindy Russell; Tom Sarbach (intermittent); Alicia Schulz; Mary Schwartz; Lowell Weeks; Pastor Tim Hubert.

Council president Lowell Weeks called the meeting to order. Pastor Hubert offered the prayer. Mary led in devotions and prayer.

Reports:

Secretary: Motion (Gary/Jan) to approve the January 12, 2021, council meeting minutes as previously distributed via email. Motion carried.

EXEC: Lowell reported on a recent meeting and discussions of the Executive Committee. Two items were presented for action. Motion (Mary/Chris) that the leadership and staff are authorized to reduce the size of the FELC Annual Report from a report of about 64 pages to a report of about 20 pages. Reports should be succinct. Late reports will not be included. Only current financial information will be included. The Report shall comply with any applicable requirements of the State of Ohio and of the NALC. Motion carried. It comes as a recommendation from Executive Committee that Kurt Andre be invited for a weekend as a follow up to our visioning project. It is anticipated that he will review the results and the progress of our visioning process and encourage and assist us in setting the course forward. Recommendation approved. Dan will finalize a date with Mr. Andre, and communicate with the past and proposed participants. We will probably want to call a meeting prior to Mr. Andre's weekend.

INTERIM PASTOR: (Rev. Tim Hubert) Thank you for the privilege of serving Christ among the saints at First English. I continue to grow in appreciation for the wonderful people here: members, staffs, council, and committees. I have consistently said, from my earliest meetings with this congregation last Fall, that an interim term would last from 12 to 18 months, sometimes less when there are no issues and sometimes more when the level of concern is palpable. - The classes I am teaching continue to grow. The Adult Sunday School Class is going slowly through Pr Eric Riesen's excellent "The Christian Faith: A Catechism for the Curious." Our next study will look at "Mama Bear Apologetics" equipping ourselves and our children to meet an increasingly secular, sinful society. - Catechism is meeting more frequently for less time when we do meet. One catechist will be ready for the Rite of Confirmation on May 9th, Justin Crall. The Thursday morning Prayer Partners also is growing in size as we learn more about how to pray and how prayer intersects with the rest of our life. - Each week I share songs, stories, silliness and love with the ELC children. When the ELC staff meets, I will attend that as well.

FINANCE: (Lu) The Finance Committee is experimenting with providing more abbreviated financial reports to council. FELC: YTD Income is \$70,745.84 which is *more* than budget by \$21,918.84; YTD Expenses are \$60,642.86 which is *less* than budget by \$5,461.14; YTD Income exceeds expenses by \$10,102.98. ELC: YTD Income was \$27,896.42 which is *more* than budget by \$230.42; YTD Expense are \$25,983.11 which is *less* than budget by \$3,617.89; YTD Income exceeds expenses by \$1,9133.31. GOF Balance: \$138,590.59. – Action item: Finance and Personnel committees jointly recommend that compensation for church staff (Property Manager, Custodian, Bookkeeper, Parish Secretary) shall henceforth include four paid holidays each year (Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas). Recommendation approved. – Heather McFadden is organizing the Lenten soup suppers but Lu took responsibility for the first one and assigned to each council member an ingredient to contribute.

PROPERTY: (Mike) Schmidt Security has started installing the new alarm system. - Chris Sekor from Select Structural Solutions has made a thorough inspection of the property concerning the cracks in the Second and Third Floors. We should be receiving his report and possible solutions to the problems in the near future. – Action item: recommendation from the committee that the old church bus be sold. Recommendation approved. - Tim Hudson from Willet Hauser Architectural Glass (the company we have used in the past) inspected the big stained glass windows in the sanctuary on both East and West Sides. He is coming back with two proposals : 1) Fixing the windows 100% with expected life of the window being close to if the windows were new; 2) Fixing the windows to last another 25 years, at a much greater savings. We would like your feedback on this matter.

YOUTH: (Ted) Trish Volz has secured a retreat center near Marengo for the youth virtual *Quake*. We are preparing a surprise for our youth in the way of some challenge related to “Get Up”? The Youth take up an offering at the end of Quake to go to a chosen global mission project. This year the money will go to “Rice Bowl” providing food to hungry children. Action Item: Motion (Tom/Alicia) that FELC members will be invited to participate in this mission project, offerings will be solicited at the next two Sunday worship services. Motion carried.

EVANGELISM: (Jan) An announcement (written by Angie Cockrell) regarding Lenten, Holy Week/Easter services will be submitted to the News Journal and posted on Facebook, inviting folks to join us for live worship or online streaming. – during Lent we will be having our soup suppers followed by Bible Study: 6 to 7 PM.- Could utilize the bus to bring some folks to church if we could secure a driver or two.

WORSHIP: January 3rd - 75 at worship, 291 views; 10th - 80 at worship, 197 views; 7th - 80 at worship, 143 views; 24th - 99 at worship, 259 views; 31st - 70 at worship, 211 views. – We reviewed our coronavirus practices and making the following changes: We will be using hymnals; we will be using bulletins; We will be going back to continuous communion in March; We are having the Children's Sermon; We will be having the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Bible Study; We will be having all of the Easter Services. Along with this, we will be hosting the March of Prayer during our Saturday Easter Vigil. – Action item: Worship Committee recommends that Reverend Dr. Eric Riesen be invited to speak to the Adult Sunday School class, that we have a Seminary Sunday on that day and invite him to give the sermon and then take a special offering that day for the Seminary. Recommendation approved.

STEWARDSHIP: (Mary) The Lenten mailing was sent Friday, February 12. It included information about the Nick and Shannon Kraft and family, missionaries to Peru, a Lenten schedule and an envelope with opportunity to support the Kraft family's mission work during Lent.

CHRISTIAN ED: Alicia relayed from Amy Skropits that the youth are preparing for Quake and that the novel rice experiment was a dud due to the teacher being sick and unable to follow through.

GLOBAL MISSIONS: (Chris) Ken Ekegren had sent a wonderful update on the mission in Malawi. Also relayed information about Barb and Brian Sorge who are heading back to “the Far Side” March 8 and ask for our prayers.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Jan reported for Gary Lane that FELC personnel/members delivered 232 blankets to Crossroads City Center which were distributed on February 3 and 4. We have plans to partner with City Center again soon. – Paula Blevins expressed gratitude to everyone who donated household items after they lost everything in a house fire. – We would like to offer transportation to church via automobile and perhaps using the new bus. Please talk to Gary Lane if you are available to assist in any way: bus driver, automobile driver

WFELC: (Jan) Our groups are still not meeting due to quarantine restrictions, but hoping to re-convene very soon. We sent valentines to our youth and continue to reach out to our shut-ins and non-digitals with cards and treats.

Announcements: Next meeting March 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. March devotions/fellowship:
YOUTH

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:40 p.m..

Addendum: An e-vote was solicited by Lowell Weeks as follows: Motion (Lowell/Alicia) FELC members will be invited to contribute money and/or goods for a Mansfield City Parks drive through Easter Egg hunt on Saturday March 27th at South Park. Enough things are needed to fill 500 bags. The bags will include a special flyer about events we do to help the community at FELC plus much, much more. On February 22 Lowell announced Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Schulz, Secretary



Rev Dr Eric Riesen, President of North American Lutheran Seminary

At the request of the Adult Sunday School class, the Rev Dr Eric Riesen has been invited to visit First English on Sunday, April 18, 2021. The Adult Class is currently reading his book, "The Christian Faith, A Catechism for the Curious." This is a book that helps us explain our faith to those who are less sure, even skeptical.

Dr Riesen is the president of the North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. He is new to that position, having recently been the Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran (NALC), Ashland, Ohio.

We are facing a shortage of well trained pastors! We have an excellent seminary in the NALC, but while our student numbers are growing significantly, we still don't have enough to supply our need.

On April 18, 2021 when Dr Riesen visits us he will speak to the Adult Sunday School Class and also preach during worship. The congregational council has approved taking a special offering on Seminary Sunday, and we ask that you prayerfully consider offering financial support to NALS with this special offering.

A Brief Update on our TAG final wrap-up Weekend.....

EIGHTEEN faithful leaders of our church met on Friday, March 19, 2021 for the beginning of a “recap weekend” with Kurt Andre from TAG. It all started out with a wonderful homemade lasagna and salad dinner prepared by Lu Blankenship and then we got to work! We reviewed our CORE values which had been established back in 2017 and 2018. It was good to be reminded of the goals that we had set and the mission statement that we had established for our church. It was a positive evening as well as the workday on Saturday, as we came to the realization that we have done quite a good job of achieving our goals, even in the midst of Covid 19 pandemic! Yes, we have had some highs and some lows but we realize that will happen in any church. We are following our Lord’s leading in continuing to do ministry here in downtown Mansfield where we sit in the center of our mission field. We all felt that we gained a lot of insight as we looked back over the past three and half years of growth and progress. Although this puts an end to our commitment with Kurt Andre, we still have work to do, and our hope is that everyone in the congregation is on board and willing to work along side of us. We are a team!

Here’s a brief review of many accomplishments:

- ELC building relationships with parents via Monday morning coffee stop.
- Repurpose our staff by extending Becky Pittman’s job description and hours here at the church.
- Interacting more efficiently with ELC staff and FELC staff.
- Purchased a new 28 passenger bus for various uses.
- Purchased the Flippin property and repurposed that entire geographic area with new playground, green space, and fencing.
- We have done MAJOR upgrades of technology equipment to support online worship and visibility.
- We kept our ministries “in tact” during a year long pandemic and we are proud to say that!

You will find our CORE values posted at the very beginning of the Visitor Newsletter, so I am not going to be redundant and post them again here.



A little bit of Property Committee News.....

GREAT NEWS! The old FELC bus sold! So if you haven't noticed, it is no longer sitting in the parking lot. We are grateful to the person who purchased it to make it into a "camper home."

Moving, cleaning, purging library, dumping old furniture, etc.!!

There have been some "busy beavers" running around our church during March! We've moved some things and cleaned under them and above them, we've purged a lot of old old books out of the library, we got rid of some VERY OLD couches in the Youth area, we have waxed the oak altar floor, we have waxed and polished pews and the lovely side paneling in the sanctuary, and we have washed the glass window dividers at the back part of the sanctuary. We have cleaned the tech booth, deep cleaned the "galley kitchen" off the Narthex, cleaned the Narthex, washed and wiped down the "picture gallery" on the east side of the Narthex, cleaned and polished the balcony seats, and much much more!

I'd say our House of Worship is ready for Holy Week and Easter! Praise God for all the many members who so willingly came in and put their elbow grease to work for God's Glory!

Thank you one and all! (Too many to mention, but you know who you are.)



ELC

Little People BIG News April



Flashback into March

Our fence has been installed! The kids are really enjoying the huge space! We will be excited to see the progress with it. The kids enjoyed Dr. Seuss week as well as some of the downtown drivers who got to see Cat in the Hat, The Grinch, and Thing 1. Assessments on the children have been completed.



A Peek into April

We will be closed on Good Friday, April 2. We are planning on our families joining us for service on April 11th for our Spring Sing, Staff Appreciation, Open House and Egg Hunt. Summer camp registration has begun. We hope to have two groups this year. We are unsure yet as to what trips we will be allowed to take.

Angie Murphy

ELC Director

GOOD NEWS FROM FINANCE

GOF Recap:	2020 Carryover	\$127,594.19
Gen Endow Fund to Gen Op Fund		\$0.00
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF		\$0.00
New Min & Miss Endowment Fund to GOF		\$0.00
Closeout of Pastor Dist checking account		\$0.00
RGH II Campaign Funds to Gen Op Fund for loan pymt		\$1,786.84
2021 YTD Income		\$116,520.86
2021 YTD Expenses		\$140,068.22
GOF Balance		\$105,833.67

As of the end of February:

YTD Income was \$56,657.74 which is ***more*** than budget by \$1,325.74

YTD Expense are \$51,872.56 which is ***less*** than budget by \$6,524.44

YTD Income **exceeds** expenses by \$4,785.18

As you can see by these numbers, FELC is doing very well with giving.

Though it cost us a little over \$2600 to have Kurt Andre (visioning consultant) here for a weekend, Council believes it was worthwhile. It had been three years since he had been here. It felt like we might have lost some momentum when so many activities had to be put on hold due to Covid. Reviewing our core values, goals and achievements was energizing to council and it gave Pastor Tim an opportunity to see what is driving us and see all that we have accomplished over the past three years. This finalizes our work with Kurt, although he is always willing to answer any questions we may have.

The old bus was sold for \$2,500. Those funds are being added to the New Ministries & Missions Fund (not the endowment, but the fund that we can use for missions and ministry).

The total amount needed to restore the large East and West stained glass windows to their original glory is \$211,000. This will be brought up to the congregation at the May Congregational Meeting.

Plans are being made to upgrade the Women's Restroom off the Undercroft. Hopefully, new stalls, a double vanity and mirror, and wall covering will be installed.

Some plumbing will be required to have a working outdoor spigot this summer for flower watering. Along with that, the Women's Restroom near the Emmaus Room will be re-opened with some repairs.

As always, I would appreciate the opportunity to address any questions or concerns you might have.

Lu Blankenship, Finance Chairman

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Lu Blankenship

Some interesting facts about the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Most of you are aware that the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the supplier for our Free Produce Distribution, however they just offered a webinar to bring their volunteers up to date. Obviously they were hit hard during all the covid 19 months in 2020 as well as now in 2021. They gave out 9 million more pounds of food in 2020 than in the previous year of 2019. They served 56,000 new families in 2020, so I guess that helps explain why we ALWAYS had 50 to 60 new families every month! In 2020 163,000 households were served overall. That is amazing to me.

The big news that they shared is that there is major expansion coming for their footprint in Cleveland. There will actually be an upgrade to their present Waterloo Rd. location as well as a new facility being built on Coit Road. There is such a food insecurity need just in the Cleveland area, it seems they are serving people daily and year round! There are actually a number of programs available that we could join if the Spirit moves us.

With all of this, I am excited to remind you that we are beginning our Free Produce Distribution on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. It is one of our biggest outreach efforts and we are blessed to be able to offer this to our community. Volunteers are always needed, so if you have the time I have a spot for you! I'm looking forward to another amazing year; this will be year seven! Blessed to be a blessing,
Jan Fisher 419.589.2820

Love Notes from Shirley

How many of you have seen the delightful movie “Fiddler on the Roof”? Well, we at First English have a delightful “Fiddler in the Nave”. Our fiddler is Barbara Justice who plays the violin in the praise band.



This column introduces you to Barbara and Ross Justice, an equally delightful couple! They have been attending worship here for the past five years. Ross and Barbara are blessed with nine children and thirteen grandchildren who all live in the area. All their children are adults now, and the sweetest thing is that they all come home every Sunday. And speaking of their home, Ross designed and helped build the underground home that they live in near Loudonville, OH.

Ross teaches economics at North Central State College here in Mansfield and has taught classes there for thirty years. Ross really enjoys teaching and considers it his hobby as well as his profession. Their son Micah has a construction company and Ross does his financial bookkeeping. Ross has also worked in the sound booth here at church.

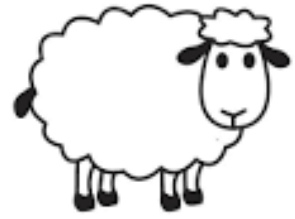
Where shall I begin telling you about Barbara? She has an elementary education degree and began homeschooling their children long before it was fashionable. Life has certainly changed for them in recent years. They once lived a “homestead” style of life with goats, horses, and chickens. That provided them with meat and most of the dairy. They still raise chickens and have a large garden. However Barbara is trying to “whittle back” some of that activity per orders from their children. Her big project currently is raising beautiful tropical fish. She has a few aquariums and plans to have a koi pond complete with waterfall.

Four of their daughters had a Celtic rock band for ten years and were on the road playing Celtic, Irish, and Scottish venues. They also produced CDs. Barbara traveled with them and served as their “roadie.” Rachel, the oldest daughter, is an artist who paints beautiful pictures during church or during a wedding. Recently Rachel blessed our congregation with her artistry, painting an entire huge picture while the service went on. (I hope that sometime the girls will visit us to share their talents with us! Hint, hint.)

Sundays, when we enjoy the praise band, remember that we have our own “Fiddler in the Nave” and her music adds so much to the worship service!

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Within the Fold

Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry

In March, due to the continuing restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus, there was no Wednesday Chapel Service and no Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund donation.

Bob Rettig would like to thank the church for all of the mail and gifts that were sent over the holidays! He appreciated all of the love that he felt during these times of separation!

A big thank you to all the willing volunteers who showed up in their new FELC T-shirts to help with the Mansfield City Parks Easter Drive-through event on March 27th at South Park! Awesome response!



March update from our Worship Committee

We continue to have many people worshipping online as well as in-house.

We will be having Holy Week and Easter Services. Along with this, we will be hosting the March of Prayer during our Saturday Easter Vigil. Please refer to The Great Triduum for Holy Weeks details of worship.

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson



Altar Flowers

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. We do not display flowers during the season of Lent.

April 11, 2021

April 18, 2021

May 23, 2021

June 06, 2021

June 20, 2021



Adult Sunday School Class

Pastor Tim Hubert has been teaching an interesting adult Sunday School class at 9:00 AM in the Emmaus Room. We are studying “The Christian Faith, A Catechism for the Curious” written by Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of the North American Lutheran Seminary. Rev. Dr. Riesen will be joining us on Sunday, April 18, 2021 for discussion during Sunday School. He will also be preaching that Sunday in our sanctuary. When we finish this book, our next study will be “**Mama Bear Apologetics**” and the books are available now.

“**Mama Bear Apologetics**” is all about empowering your kids to challenge the cultural lies so predominant in our culture today! I’m thinking every family or household could benefit from this study! Why not invite a friend to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Emmaus Room?

Women’s Ministry is currently not meeting regularly due to covid 19.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided. Below is the squad assignment :
APRIL: Squad D: Mary Schwartz and Pat Heichel

Happy Easter to one and all! We are doing very well with a little less distancing now for worship, since so many have had vaccines, and we hope that if you haven’t been back to “live church” you will be anxious to join us during Holy Week or at least on Easter Sunday!



Global Mission

'The Sorges arrived safely back to "The Far Side" about 2 A.M. on March 10. They each got 3 seats on the 14+ hour flight which provided space to stretch out to sleep. So grateful for that! Their arrival went smoothly, but Brian and Barb were the only people who looked like foreigners in the airport as tourist visas are still suspended. An added blessing to this trip was they were NOT quarantined the expected 14 days after arrival because they got their negative Covid test results in less than 24 hours.

The tropics is hard on household appliances and anything else electrical so many items needed their immediate attention in their home including: restoring the Internet, having the refrigerator repaired, changing light bulbs, and replacing batteries. Fixing the oven and stove comes next. They are so thankful that the microwave still works well! They are looking forward to seeing their Island friends in a few days and meeting up with the young local couple reaching out to the Islanders.

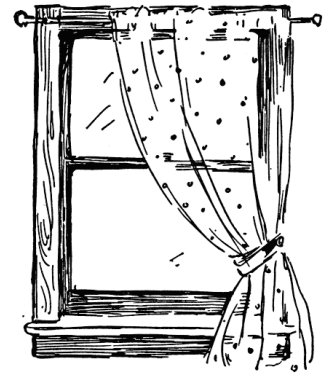
A special prayer request for us is to ask God to connect them with Islanders eager to read translated Scripture drafts -- new contacts as well as the continuation with those who have already started.

Regarding Malawi Orphan Care Project, we recently heard from Shadreck Chikoti and Yami Chikoti that 800+ orphans are back to getting fed six days per week. Wonderful news!

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

Becky's Views.....



I am thrilled to be back singing with the ELC kids twice a week! Although I am not back in the classrooms yet because of COVID, I am able to meet with each class individually on Tuesday mornings in the undercroft. All of the classes are together in the sanctuary singing melodies to Jesus on Wednesday mornings. We are excited to take the music back outside for the entire community to hear once the weather improves!

So, who IS hiding in the tech booth "pushing buttons" so we can all have the text to music, scripture and liturgy on our new screens?? A big THANK YOU to Suzanne Rippel, Isaac McFadden, Teri Brenkus and Cindy Russell for being a part of this monthly rotation. It's not as easy as it looks!

Please be sure to join us on Sunday morning, April 11th as our ELC kids and FELC youth combine forces and lead us in worship. Our string ensemble, puppets, youth bell choir and kids choir will be a blessing to many, including you! This is a great service to invite friends and family to who may not worship regularly.

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

BE INTENTIONAL! BE LIKE JESUS!

Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts

Memorial Donations

none to record



Patricia Jennings
(friend of the Kaschube family)

February 13, 2021

Wanda Donnan

February 18, 2021

Richard Theaker

February 27, 2021

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

none



Nursing Home Communion will hopefully begin sometime in 2021, when visitors are allowed. Pastor Tim is very anxious to offer communion to our friends who reside in nursing homes. Please hold our shut-ins close in your prayers.

Evangelism for Today's World

Free Produce Distribution Tuesday, APRIL 13, 2021

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
53 PARK AVENUE WEST, MANSFIELD, OH 44902
PULL INTO THE REGISTRATION AREA OF OUR
WEST PARKING LOT AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
PARK AVE. WEST AT SOUTH MULBERRY ST., DOWNTOWN MANSFIELD.
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM (IF WE GET PERISHABLE DAIRY PRODUCTS WE START EARLY)
WE DO THIS SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, APRIL THROUGH
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WE HAVE A WONDERFUL VARIETY OF FRESH PRODUCE EACH MONTH, SUPPLIED BY
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THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE BRING ONE FORM
OF I. D.

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO JAN FISHER, 419.589.2820

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson

Service/Social Ministry

We would like to start using our bus to offer rides to church. Do you have the gift of being able to drive a 28 passenger vehicle? If so, please contact Andy Kershaw. We need a bus driver for Sundays and other days.

Gary Lane, Chairperson

Volunteer Scheduling Contacts	The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.
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Evangelism Committee Jan Fisher 419.589.2820 Greeters	Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Power Point, Nave
Property Committee Mike Anderson 419.295.4598 Property Chairman	Finance Committee Lu Blankenship 419.564.1469
Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Sound Board/Audio	Amy Skropits 419.747.3076 Sunday School Superintendent



YOUTH NEWS

In case you weren't in church the weekend of Quake, here's some exciting news to share! Our Youth who went to Quake had a wonderful time and scored **BIG TIME!** **They WON the Quake Rice Bowl challenge with financial donations amounting to \$1550.00!** That is awesome and very mission driven! Just think how many people can be fed with that kind of funding! Woo Hoo, Youth Group! And Thank You to everyone who supported this challenge.

Stewardship Update

PLEASE REMEMBER THE KRAFTS AND THEIR MISSION DEDICATION OF "GO MISSIONS" AS YOU RESPOND TO YOUR LENTEN OFFERING REQUEST.

Did you realize that in 2021 our congregation has promised to tithe 10% of our income to benevolence areas that we have agreed upon and continued to support? This is major in the life of our congregation and has taken us some time to reach this tithing goal.

And speaking of tithing, don't forget to tithe when you receive your \$1400.00 stimulus check. \$1400.00 stimulus = \$140.00 tithe to the church or to your favorite charity.

God loves a cheerful giver!

Mary Schwartz, Stewardship Chairperson



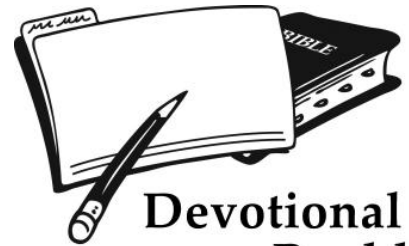
Prayer Requests

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.

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!



Devotional Booklet

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for APRIL, MAY, JUNE 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!

NALC.org offers a great devotional option. 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 Facebook or 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.

April 2021 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

TBA

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Todd Heichel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Personnel Committee

COMMUNION PREPARERS

April 1: Maundy Thursday
Ted & Karen Ellis
April 3: Easter Vigil
Tom & Stacey Crall
April 4: Easter Sunday
Chris & Kathy Hoecker

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COMMUNION SERVERS

April 1: Maundy Thursday
Ken & Debbi Suzuki
April 3: Easter Vigil
Gary Lane
April 4: Easter Sunday
Pat Heichel & Lana Conry

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GREETER

Jan Fisher

LAY READERS

April 4: Lu Blankenship
April 11: Myra Cordrey
April 18: Shirley Lane
April 25: Chris Kaschube

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz

Mary Schwartz

Lowell Weeks

Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

NONE

PROPRESENTER

April 4: Suzanne Rippel
April 11: Teri Brenkus
April 28: Isaac McFadden
April 25: Cindy Russell

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

NONE

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

April 4: Ed Farner
April 11: Ed Farner
April 18: Ed Farner
April 25: Ed Farner

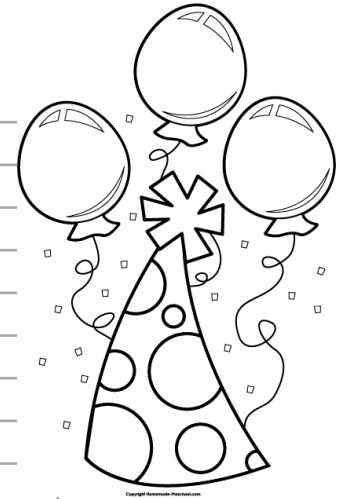
USHERS NAVE

Greg Hughes & Pat Smith

Lana Conry & Brady Zehe

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Murphy, James	1120 Laver Rd Mansfield OH 44905	April 2	
Williams, David	1463 Smart Rd Lucas OH 44843-9708	April 3	
Shupp, Rachel	744 Pulver List Rd Mansfield OH 44905-2547	April 4	
Lauthers, Clarence	35 Woodside Blvd Lexington OH 44904	April 5	
Prater, Richard	1478 Brookpark Dr Mansfield OH 44906-3504	April 6	
LaFene, Lynn	1234 Brookview Dr. Huron OH 44839	April 6	
Smith, Abigail	2002 Talon Dr Apt B Hampton VA 23665-1511	April 7	
Cushing, Norma Jean	322 Boston Ave Mansfield OH 44906-1951	April 8	
Shupp, Shirley	1128 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905	April 8	
McFadden, Malachi	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	April 19	
Shasky, Virginia	3440 Stein Rd Shelby OH 44875	April 19	
Gleason, Judy	400 Davis Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1122	April 21	
McFadden, Gabriel	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield, OH 44907 Mansfield OH 44907	April 23	
McLaughlin, Glen	P O Box 1767 Mansfield OH 44901-1767	April 24	
Carew, David	1080 Briarwood Rd Mansfield OH 44907-2310	April 27	
Calver, Marilyn	360 Westgate Dr Mansfield OH 44906-2953	April 28	
Smallstey, Frances	374 Gatewood Dr Apt 7 Mansfield OH 44907-2350	April 30	
Worley, Jean	2673 Lexington Ave Mansfield OH 44904-1425	April 30	



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 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

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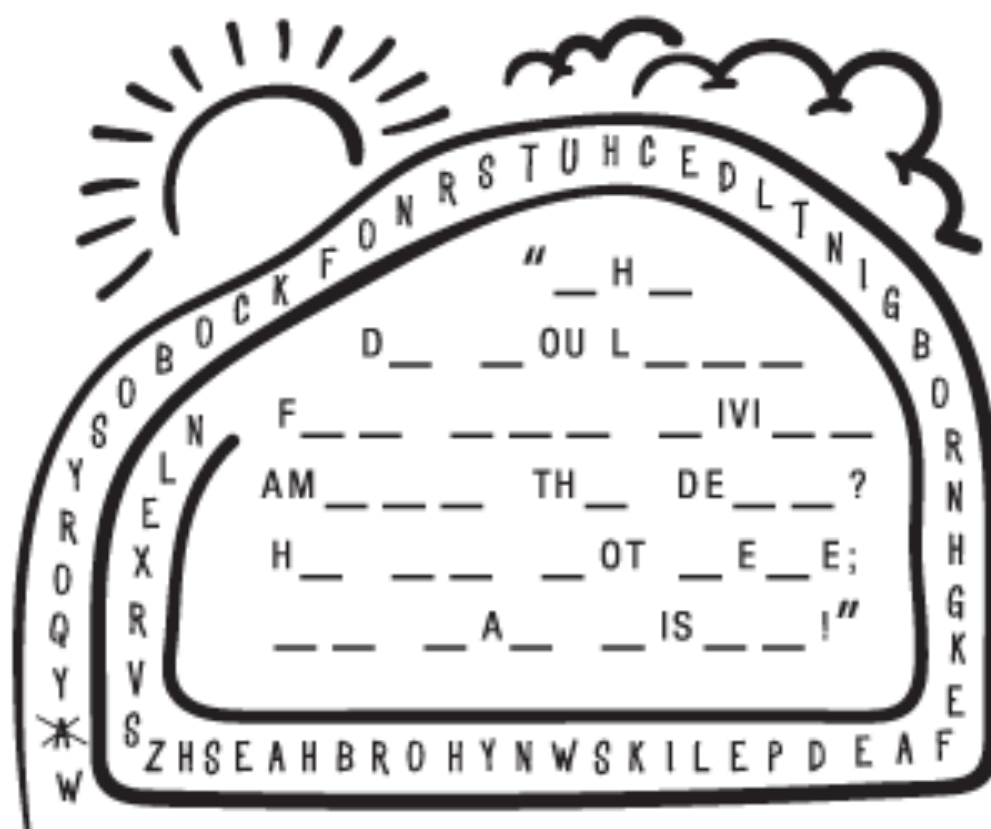
Pastor Timothy Hubert 217-778-8017



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

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