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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 brothers and sisters here at FELC!

I recently told our parish council this is an exciting time to be a member of First English! So much is going on!! We are improving our audio-visual capability, our safety, our outreach to our community. More people are willing and able to help us meet these growing programs.

I also told the council that with more activity and more people, there is a danger of inadvertently rubbing against each other. So this is a wonderful time to remember that we are brothers and sisters, wanting to live in peace, supporting and encouraging each other. I've often said that when you have 10 Lutherans you have 11 opinions. Not always will we agree, this side of heaven. Yet we are called to listen to each other and work together, looking for solutions that may not seem obvious at first.

Sadly, we've learned all too well from the culture that we should expect to "have it your way." The joy of 11 opinions is recognizing how our Lord is working in and through our discussions to lead us beyond our own preconceived notions. Our Lord Jesus is teaching us humility while at the same time is making life here at FELC exciting.

Another cause for excitement is the beginning of our self-study in September. Each Sunday, in our bulletins, we will have the first of our surveys, asking how we are doing as a congregation; what our strengths and weaknesses are. Please, we need to hear from everyone. And please, fill out only ONE survey this month. Next month, October, we will ask ourselves what kind of pastor are we looking for, what strengths do we need and, since no pastor is perfect (I'm certainly not!), we will also need to committee ourselves when we see what weaknesses we will need to help with.

Thank you one and all for the privilege you've given me to walk with you through these exciting times, all the way to welcoming your new pastor!

Blessings,

Pr Tim+

Note to Congregation - we will be offering Council minutes via Google.docs and they will be current for the month just past.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August, 17 2021- 7:00PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated August 17, 7:48 PM

Present:Lowell Weeks, Pastor Tim Hubert, Gary Lane, Chad McFadden, Ted Ellis, Lu Blankenship, Sandie Volz, Chris Chichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Christopher Kaschube, Mike Anderson, Jan Fisher

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by President Lowell Weeks.

Opening Devotion and prayer by Lu Blankenship

Reports:

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the Council minutes for July 2021. The minutes meeting were **APPROVED**
(Cindy/Lu)

Executive/Personnel Committee:

Met on August 8th. Discussed numerous items including the 2021 and 2022 budgets, financial support of seminarians, and the Wednesday noon program worship service.

We are hoping all Council members have their calendars marked for Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 from 9:00 to 12:00. This will be of an informational substance that will help you carry out your council position/committee involvement. Special coverage will be given by Nicole Goddard on accounting procedures. This information will help you when writing check requests and dealing with your budget. Questions can be directed to Lowell Weeks. Please RSVP.

Council commissioning during the worship service on Sunday, August 22nd.

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tim Hubert:

Grace and peace to all!

We are recovering from our Covid lockdown and from years of arguments. The joy of recovering is the pace of everything we are doing. With the needed upgrades to our sound/video system, our safety committee needs, our great window repair, our reaching out to our local community with food, prayers and Bibles is positively dizzying.

As we continue to heal, our members will increasingly be willing to participate in our week-day ministries. We do need to be careful especially now, that with all this increased ministry and greater participation we don't inadvertently start rubbing each other, creating hurt feelings when calm discussion and finding different ways to do the same thing would have sufficed.

Rather than critiquing each other, let's look for ways to support and encourage, to look for solutions, to hold each other in prayer. This will increase our effectiveness in daily ministry. I am especially encouraged with our outreach to the downtown with Wednesday lunches and Tuesday Produce. Each of the last two Produce days, we have greeted everyone coming, prayed with those who gladly asked for prayer and handed out a case of Bibles. We are encouraging our clients to take an extra Bible to give to someone they know who needs a Bible. This is reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Next month we will start the Self-Study. I have previously handed out the forms that I have used before. Again, if you have any suggestions for tweaks and additions, please let me know.

This is an exciting time to be a member of FELC. I thank our Lord that I can be here right now, walking this path with you!

Pastor will be on a retreat for professional development from September 27-30. Pastor will be taking vacation days on November 1-2, and February 15-17, 2022 he will be attending the NALC Pastors conference in Orlando.

Vice President, Chad McFadden: No Report

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund Recap (Includes ELC):

2020 Carryover	\$127,594
Gen Endow Fund to GOF (\$136,045)	\$60,000
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF (\$9,037)	\$0
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF (\$16,058)	\$0
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan payment	\$6,254
2021 YTD Income	\$385,155
2021 YTD Expenses	\$549,030
GOF Balance	\$29,973

Note: By the time Finance met on August 9, the GOF balance was \$48,000

Finance met with Louis Navelier and Rob Hogsette in July. We were advised that we had too much of our money in Cash with Cetera. They advised us to move the majority of our cash, which is earning only about 1%, to our investment account with Navelier to allow this money to grow at a much higher rate. In August, Rob returned to meet with Finance again to help us understand why it's important to invest this cash and guide us through the process. This resulted in \$650,000 moved from Cash to our investment accounts with Navelier.

The on-line giving is up and running. We have asked Todd to include a banner on the screen during the on-line worship, directing folks to the web site where there is a button for giving.

Finance sent a recommendation to Personnel to establish a temporary policy to run to the end of 2021 that would require us to pay employees who must stay home due to a Covid-19 illness. Finance wrote a draft memo and forwarded it to Personnel.

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:

The Stewardship committee is working on the framework for the annual Stewardship campaign with Pastor Tim. We are developing a reminder letter to enclose in the third quarter financial giving statement sent to the congregation, that asks if a person or family is behind in their giving pledge, to please try to remit that amount by the end of the year so we can meet our yearly budget.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee did not meet in August.

Andy reported to me that work on the stained-glass windows will begin in the middle of September. As some of you know, there was a water leak into the boiler room coming in from the outside of the church. Andy asked the city to look at the problem which they did. They told Andy that it was not caused by anything they were doing in the area. Andy then called Standard Plumbing to inspect the problem. They did and said there wasn't anything wrong at the church and must be something caused by the city. The city came back out today and said it was caused by them and that they will address the problem.

Early Learning Center Committee, Tom Sarbach:

- Currently we are finding ourselves experiencing a shortage of staff with 7 full time teachers 3 part time currently in our employ.
- We have 46 kids under 5 and 18 school agers presently enrolled.
- Our new Playground is scheduled to be put in this week.
- The new Shed is amazing and fulfilling its intended purpose quite nicely.
- 1st day of pre-school will be Sept. 7th.
- Summer was a great success due to a lot of hard work on the part of our staff. Thank you TEACHERS !!!!
- The Patriotic Picnic on the Playground was well attended by ELC parents. The kids did a great job singing patriotic tunes and playing many of the new rhythm instruments purchased from the Richland County Foundation grant. Many thanks to the FELC volunteers who helped feed a light meal to our ELC families!
- VBS was a huge success! Our numbers increased each evening with a high of 38 children attending. We had MANY FELC volunteers help out each night. THANK YOU!! The time frame (4:30 till 6:00) works very well for our day school families.
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel our ELC singing event at Wedgewood Estates due to a high number of daycare illnesses. We will reschedule for September.
- The kids put on a fun and energetic program for our Luther Fellowship group on August 16th! They sang all of the songs they had learned this summer.

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

The youth committee has purchased 3 new couches and 6 new bean bag chairs for the Sunday school rooms.

Twenty five youth and adults attended the combination games, swimming, potluck and overnight campout at the Volz home on 8/14. Good food and fun was had by all. The weather was perfect.

The youth group will be having an activity at The Infield in Lexington on September 12.

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

August 10, 2021 Produce Distribution-

Once again we grew with a number of new families coming for produce. It's a joy to serve these folks, and people are so appreciative. We served 156 households and within that number we had 16 seniors who live with children in their households, and we had 131 seniors who were without children. We also had 61 adults with children in their households and 92 with no children in their households. The number of children served was 61 and all of this adds up to 367 people served in these times of increased inflation and increased food insecurity. What a blessing that we can continue this ministry! And we actually do build relationships as many are monthly repeats and they "ask for prayers" from Pastor Tim, who greets every guest! This month another case of Bibles was given away to our guests! Awesome outreach!

Women of FELC, Jan Fisher:

The Women's Ministry will begin Bible Study again on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. We will begin with the Sola Bible Study "Rejoice in the Lord Always" based on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

We have decided that the recently formed Luther Fellowship group will be under our umbrella so that we can continue looking after that age group.

RECOMMENDATION: Women's Ministry **RECOMMENDS** holding two bake sales following church on Sunday September 12 and Sunday, November 14, 2021. The first one will be a mix of baked goods and the second one will focus on pies, potentially for Thanksgiving.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

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Congregational Life, Cindy Hill:

We always have four "fifth Sundays" per calendar year. On those Sundays we plan to get back to holding pot-luck lunches following worship. It has been a recent tradition that Con-go Life provides the meat dish for the pot-luck lunch. There is money budgeted to cover that expense throughout the year. In the past we have not asked for any donations connected with those meals. We would like to suggest that we designate a specific area of our ministry to receive donations from lunch attendees (no obligation, however.) Example: for

the pot-luck on August 29th a donation bucket would be put out marked “Donations for Richland Pregnancy Services” and all donations that are collected would be sent on to them.

We are suggesting these options or others: NALC Disaster Response, MOCP, Richland Pregnancy Services, Domestic Violence Shelter, Harmony House, Women’s Ministry, Crossroads City Center.

In 2022 the committee would choose where the designated donations would go and that list would be posted for the membership to be aware of what is forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION: We **RECOMMEND** that we begin this practice immediately with the August 29th and October 31st lunch. The recipients of the donations will be selected from the list above. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

Becky Pittman has talked to Rachel Justice about coming once again to do a live painting during worship. Her fee is \$350.00 so after discussion we will plan to add that item to the 2022 Worship/Music budget. Becky will contact Rachel to set a date tentatively in January 2022.

Becky mentioned that the “donation” button is now live on our website. She also said that Caleb is scheduled to be here the week of August 9th to finish setting up the latest tech equipment.

Myra Cordrey gave us an update on the Safety/Security Committee which met on Sunday, July 25. Thirteen people joined the meeting. A security room will be established in the SS room right off the west side of the balcony (near where handbells are set up). There will be monitoring done during Sunday School as well as during the worship service. This will be done via a “security screen” as well by human visual activity. Becky reported that the old Proclaim! laptop will be set up to be used for monitoring, so no new expense there. Bob Ball will be giving the team the training that they need. He will host the team at his church (MAC on Cook Rd.) for some of this training, which will cut FELC’s expenses. Two cameras will be added to our technology support. The Safety Team does have a budget which is helpful because they will need two 2-way radios, earbuds, etc. and they will need to be trained in CPR as well use of AED.

Scott Berry is hoping to form a choir again this fall. He suggested to us that we might consider adding some paid singers in at least two of the parts divisions. (Bass and soprano?) Chris Kaschube knows of someone who is a paid choir singer and the expense to us would

be between \$75.00 to \$100.00 per Sunday (because that person also has to come to practice sessions.) Choir would sing once a month or on Festival Sundays. Scott is thinking of approaching Ashland University's music department to query the search. Update will be forthcoming. However we don't have budget funds for this year.

We also discussed the prepackaged communion cups and the fact that they are difficult to use during the intinction process. It is suggested that we go back to using the intinction cup from now on. It will be much easier and cleaner for the communion assistant. Myra will contact Lana so that an extra person gets assigned. Jan offered to serve intinction communion this next Sunday, August 1, 2021.

We discussed bulletins and announcements, and decided to go back to simply providing 80 bulletins with the announcements loosely inserted into the folded bulletin. We agreed that we liked the new announcement format. We also thought it would be a good idea to provide up to 3 large print bulletins for anyone with vision issues. Becky will convey all this to Angie Cockrell.

Chris K and Scott reported that they recently had lunch with Tim Guenther and discussed the service book/hymnal options that are under discussion in this committee.

(from Executive Committee meeting, August 8) **Pastor Tim will be picking up approximately 100 green hymnals from Illinois**

Many mentioned enjoying having Rev. Lisa Peterson the past two weeks as supply pastor.

Attendance and Facebook Views:

July 4th - Attendance 70, Views 133

July 11th - Attendance 80, Views 125

July 18th - Attendance 84, Views 121

July 25th - Attendance 83, Views 128

Global Mission Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

Malawi: Updated brochure available in the narthex.

Feeding Program: continues to feed from 600 to 800 children each week. A donation of \$1.00 provides a meal for 2 children.

Soap Business: Waiting for more materials ordered from Tanzania. These will be shared with the trained group so they can start their own businesses.

Status of Kenyenyeva Wala: It has made and delivered over 700 full SUPREME kits by Days for Girls workers - amazing success. Also helping women open their own bank accounts. With the money they're earning, they are building houses.

The Well: Option to run it by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Center and the villages close by.

The Skills Center: \$5500 short to complete phase 3.

Clothes and shoes: Both needed. Our container is safe in Nairobi awaiting the borders to open. It's filled with boxes of children's clothes.

Blankets: Needed by next April when their winter season begins. Cost is \$14 each.

Alinate Rescue Center: Project estimated at \$1.3 million and could take up to 20 years to complete.

Education: We provide over 60 scholarships for local high school students and at least 5 scholarships for vulnerable girls to attend boarding school. Hopefully, Precious and Blessings will receive the college money they need.

Joint Support Prayer Effort: Has begun within MOCP. It involves writing prayers once a month to the women volunteers at the feeding center. Yami will translate them. If you are willing, send your prayers to Jan or me and we will compile and send them.

The Lord has definitely BLESSED our efforts to help the orphans and women in Malawi. Thanks to all of you who have supported this mission. We have been blessed to be a blessing!

Peru: No update yet

The Far Side: No update yet

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

Last month we put out signs honoring the first responders. No report for this meeting.

FELC Tech/IT Group, Tom Sarbach:

New Business: Executive and Personnel Committee will meet after worship on August 22 regarding the COVID absence policy for employees, and potential new members on the Personnel Committee .

Old Business: None

Closing Prayer/Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM in prayer by Lowell Weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
ChristopherJ Kaschube
Council Secretary

NALC 2021 Convocation Report



To our dear Friends in Christ,

We want to thank you for sending us as delegates to the 2021 NALC Convocation in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was both enjoyable and informative! The first thing we did on Tuesday morning was attend the workshop “The Freedom of Living Generously”, by Rev. Dona Johnson and Rev. Dr. Eugene Grimm. She remembered us from giving a stewardship seminar at our church a couple of years ago. She talked about giving generously because everything belongs to God; giving time, talents, and money while encouraging legacy giving.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning we attended the Braaten-Benne lectures. The theme was “God the Father”. There were five speakers, including the President of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS), Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, who was recently at our church and in Sunday School we studied his book. He spoke about addressing “God the Father”, as commanded by Jesus in the Lord’s Prayer. Others talked about the number of times Jesus addressed God as his Father, and the old testament references to God as Father.

The actual convocation started on Wednesday afternoon with hymns, a church service, a sermon by Bishop Dan Selbo, and Holy Communion. Different speakers gave talks on the 10 Visions. First, Vision #2, Rev. Gemechis Buba talked about Congregational Multiplication. We hope to have 22 more U.S. congregations in 2022 and international ones in South America. Vision #3, by Rev. Wendel, was about Pastoral Support and Vision #4, was to encourage pastors to have continuing education stressing broadcast seminars, self-care, etc. Vision #6, by Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, was about the Seminary System. We hope to raise up 300 new pastors. We now have five seminaries in the NALS network - residential and online, which are all Christ-centered.

At the start of Thursday’s convocation Dr, Steven Paulson spoke on “God the Father Creates”. He talked about marriage is between a man and a woman and priorities are first is Church, then family, and then the state. He said, “I am not what I want to be, but am becoming what I want to be”. He said all children should memorize the first part of the Creed, “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth”. Then a speaker talked about Vision #5 “Continental Restructuring”, - organizing for mission

growth and making disciples for Christ. Vision #1 is a congregation committed to developing disciple-making congregations and cultures. Vision #7 is "Technology and Communication" - training communication specialists in each congregation. Vision #8 is "Ecumenical Relationships" with the Roman Catholics, renewing relationships with Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Anglican. Vision #9 is "Financial Strength" - a budget that supports our visions.

We voted on two main issues - for four new assistants to the bishop (one for each geographical mission region) and to create a new NALC Central Office located in the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area. Both issues passed. Also, Rev. Mark Werner and Joel Williams were elected to 4-yr. terms on the Executive Council. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Greene and Matthew Lind were elected to the Court of Adjudication.

Thursday night we went to a Mission District meeting and talked about the need to help in the NALC Disaster Relief, headed by Mary Bates in Caldwell, Ohio. We also discussed the district wide sharing for sponsoring seminary students.

Friday morning started with a powerful talk by Melissa Ohden, author of "You Carried Me". She is the survivor of a failed saline-induced abortion and she's now an advocate for abortion survivors and pro-life policies.

Next we heard the Treasurer's report and the budget was approved - a \$2 million Operating Budget, \$875,000 for the Theological Education Fund, \$215,000 for the Great Commission Fund, and \$143,000 for NALC Disaster Response Fund.

NALC pastors, and congregation members are asked to unite in intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia, which is going through a difficult time of civil war and political unrest.

A highlight for us was to be there for the installation of Rev. Dr. Amy Little, Jan Fisher's daughter, as the new General Secretary of the NALC. There were over 400 delegates and pastors there and we met a lot of friendly people from all over and some familiar faces like Pastor Lisa Peterson, who was just recently here. We met our former Pastor, Andy Jones, whom we had dinner with. He said to say "hello" to everyone. It was a very nice week and again we thank everyone for enabling us to go.

In Christian Love,

Greg and Linda Hughes



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CONGO LIFE

A new idea coming from Congregational Life!

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Thank you,
Cindy Hill, Congo Life,
419-564-1708

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW LIVE!

You may recall that we have given several heads-ups that online giving was coming to OUR CHURCH. Well it’s finally here, thanks to Nicole Goddard’s hard work. The donation button has been added to our awesome website. It is right up at the top of the home page above the home page graphics. It simply says “make a donation” and you click on that button which will take you immediately to the form that you will submit, once you’ve filled it out. How easy is that? Twenty first century technology right here for us to use!

Here is the link in case you need to refer to it: <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/first6539351>

calendar here

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ELC

Little People **BIG** News SEPTEMBER



Flashback into August

Our summer camp is officially over, and the kids had a great summer. Thank you to all our summer staff for their help this year! Our parents were very patient with us as we were short staffed. Our campers had a talent/art show on August 6th. They sang a few songs that they had learned as well. After a long wait, our playground has been installed!



A Peek into September

Our staff and children are ready to begin the new school year! We are still short staffed. The children will be learning about rules of the classroom, sharing about their families, making new friends, and of course Johnny Appleseed! We will be closed September 3rd and 6th. Our first day of preschool will be September 7th.

We are planning on a trunk or treat event again this year. Please look for a flyer to come! October is just around the corner.

Angie Murphy

ELC Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

“Some background information to share with the congregation.”

Louis Navellier, Founder and Chairman of Navellier Calculated Investing, met with the Finance Committee in July. Several years ago, Rob Hogsette (then a member of the Finance Committee) recommended that FELC move its investments from Melon to Navellier. Navellier only works with accounts of at least \$100,000,000 on the commercial side of his business. Because he knew and respected Rob, he agreed to work with us.

When he visited us this time, he explained that he manages our investments on the “family” side of his business – yes, with his families’ investments. Navellier believes that our country’s future depends on faith and families and wants to help us because he recognizes the value of our mission. You may want to “google” Louis Navellier and read about him. We are extremely blessed that he wants to work with us. FELC’s investments have done extremely well since he started managing them. We are so grateful for Rob Hogsette and Louis Navellier!

On the advice of Hogsette and Navellier, the Finance Committee is in the process of investing \$650,000 that was sitting in cash. This will increase our earnings substantially.

Please feel free to call if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Lu Blankenship, 419-564-1469, finance@felc-mansfield.org

A REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

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Love Notes from Shirley

Love notes author went on a “cruise” to attend a very important baby shower “back home.” Love Notes will resume in September! Keep cruisin’ Shirley!



GREG FINKE WORKSHOP/SEMINAR PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 16, 2021

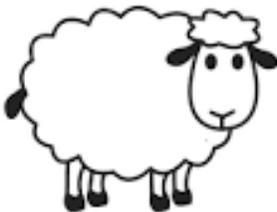
THIS IS OPEN TO ALL OF OUR OHIO CONGREGATIONS, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! WE ARE THE HOST CHURCH!

8:30 to 9:00 Registration
9:00 to 11:45 AM 2 sessions and break
11:45 to 12:30 catered bag lunch
12:30 to 3:15 2 sessions and a break

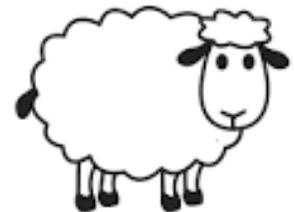
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REGISTRATION AFTER OCTOBER 6TH, \$30.00
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MANSFIELD, OH 44907

Within the Fold



**Wednesday Noon Lunch
Ministry**



In August, due to the continuing restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus, there was no Wednesday Chapel Service. Wednesday Noon Lunch Donations \$5.00

Kroger Rewards 5/1/2021-7/31/2021 \$221.36 total of 45 households



Worship Committee

The Congregation Profile will begin in September in preparation for forming a profile to seek a new pastor. The profile documents to fill out and turn in will be included in the weekly bulletins. Please only turn in one for the September form and one for the October form.

As you may see in the Worship and Music Minutes, Scott Berry would like to start forming choir again this fall. If you enjoy lifting your voice to God's Glory, why not consider joining the choir? We will sing on various occasions, but not weekly.

Have you noticed the new digital display screens that have been added at the "crossroads" in the sanctuary? Also we now have a big screen in the Narthex with scrolling announcements. You can't miss it, it's above where the coat rack used to be. And if you are over in Luther Hall there is now a screen in the lobby area. Thanks to Becky and our "techie" crew for making this happen.

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study will hold their first meeting for fall on Monday, September 13th at 1:00 at the home of Myra Cordrey, 7459 Renie Rd., Bellville, OH 44813. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us. We will be doing a study entitled "Rejoice in the Lord Always" based on Philippians. The study booklet, written by Rev. Dr. Amy Little, will cost \$10.00. Please mark pew pad or contact Jan Fisher if you plan to attend so that booklets can be ordered in a timely manner.

Bake Sale planned for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Please mark on pew pad if you can donate baked goods for the September 12th bake sale to be held in the Narthex following worship. Options to bake are: cookies, cakes, pies, sweet rolls, anything that people would love for a treat. Simply bring to church a little early that day to add your donation to the sales table. Questions, contact Jan Fisher, Myra Cordrey, or Karen Ellis.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided. Below is the squad assignment :
SEPTEMBER: Squad C: Sandie Volz and Kathy Hoecker



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.

September 5, 2021

September 19, 2021

September 26, 2021

October 3, 2021

October 10, 2021

October 17, 2021

October 24, 2021

October 31, 2021

Global Mission



Exciting news that we want to share is that we have more than reached our goal for Malawi education and scholarships! It is with grateful hearts that we share this information as so many people make this possible. Recently a small church up north of us chose to support one young man for four years of college in Malawi! That will be life changing for him. It will give him an avenue out of poverty! He plans to study “health sciences” and what a difference that will make one day. There are so few medical professionals in Malawi! So I am excited to share with you that 73 young people will be continuing their high school educations, six young ladies will be going to boarding school, two students will be attending the National High School of Malawi (very prestigious), and two young men will be in college! Our college guys are “Precious” and “Blessings” and I would ask you for your prayers for them and their success! We ask for prayers for all the orphans, and also for the wonderful women who so selflessly support the cooking of meals and caring of the kids. We have recently had two churches sign our Covenant Membership in support of Malawi Orphan Care Project. We know that God has been faithful in all of this growth! Praise be to God!

Chris Cichanowicz

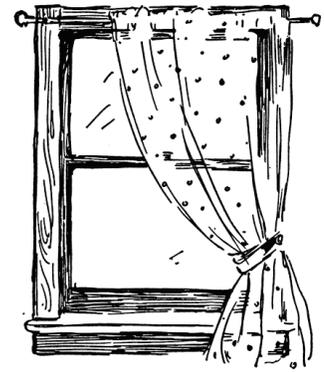
Global Mission Chairperson

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

(next Luther Fellowship, Monday, September 20, 2021 10:30 AM)

Very disappointed — that’s what many said when Luther Fellowship had to be cancelled due to City of Mansfield water problems that popped up unexpectedly for August 16th. We will plan to just do a re-do of the Pre-school daycare kids singing for us, and we will follow it with a light brunch and fellowship. Also, please be thinking of your suggestions for programs and outings. Here’s a little secret: For October we think it would be fun to take our bus out to Apple Hill Orchard for some of their famous apple donuts and some home pressed apple cider. It would be a short trip with not too much walking. You can tell Becky and/or Jan your thoughts on this idea. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH, “LUTHER FELLOWSHIP”!**

Becky's Views.....



Our ELC children presented a fun and energetic program for our Luther Fellowship group on August 16th! They sang all of the songs they had learned this summer. How wonderful to offer an inter-generational AND intentional FELC/ELC event!

The second Communion service was offered at Wedgewood Estates on August 18th. If you would like to participate in this ministry once a month, please let me know!

The smaller screens located at the Great Divide are up and running! These were installed in order to provide easier viewing for those worshipping in the back of the sanctuary.

2 large screens have also been installed in the narthex and in the church office lobby. The scrolling announcements look great! We are excited that our daycare families can now be regularly informed on church, ELC and community happenings.

Hand bell rehearsals will be starting in the next several weeks! If you would like to join this fun group, please don't hesitate to let me know. We would be happy to have you!

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



COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES

"Thank you" to Pastor Tim, Gary Lane and Beth Harruff for leading worship at Wedgewood Estates in July. This was the first Communion service the residents had participated in since Covid began in March of 2020. We have plans to continue this service for Wedgewood residents. Anyone and everyone may join in.

Communion to our Shut-ins.....

We are now beginning to give Communion to Shut-ins in their homes, and in nursing homes if the nursing homes allow us in. If you are comfortable in receiving us into your home please call the church, leaving a message for

Larry Lantz and/or Gary Lane at:

Church: 419-522-0662

MEMORIALS

None this month.



Lolita Scheiber

August 3, 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

Pastor Tim Hubert officiated at the memorial service for **Lolita Scheiber** on August 10, 2021 at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors.

Evangelism for Today's World

August 10, 2021 Produce Distribution-

Once again we grew with a number of new families coming for produce. It's a joy to serve these folks, and people are so appreciative. We served 156 households and within that number we had 16 seniors who live with children in their households, and we had 131 seniors who were without children. We also had 61 adults with children in their households and 92 with no children in their households. The number of children served was 61 and all of this adds up to 367 people served in these times of increased inflation

and increased food insecurity. What a blessing that we can continue this ministry! And we actually do build relationships as many are monthly repeats and they "ask for prayers" from Pastor Tim, who greets every guest! This month another case of Bibles was given away to our guests! Awesome outreach!



Be intentional any time you see a face that you don't know — just introduce yourself! We are all part of the same family of God!

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson

Youth News.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY—FUN AT THE INNFIELD IN LEXINGTON, OH. SEPT. 12, details to follow. BRING A FRIEND!

Youth Sports News which we hope to share each month.

Friday Night Football!

Friday, September 24, 2021, Mansfield vs. Lexington @ Lexington - Tyler and Justin Crall will be playing in the **Mansfield Tyger** band while Grace Sarbach and Callie Kaschube will be performing with the **Lexington Band of Gold!**

And on a **soccer note**, it seems that all the McFaddens play soccer for Mansfield Christian. Alexis Rip-pel is stellar in women's basketball at Mansfield Christian School, Lily Garn plays 7th grade soccer for Ontario, Cory Garn plays soccer and flag football for Ontario as a fifth grader. Get a Mansfield Christian schedule from Heather McFadden, City Schools schedule from Stacey Crall; for Ontario schedule check with Lana Conry. Brady Zehe is a force to be reckoned with out at Ontario during basketball season, and Ava Zehe will be one of the new "shining stars" at Mansfield Playhouse when they present Moana, Jr. in September. Those dates are: September 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19th. Hayden Skropits is quite the horseman, having shown his horse at the Richland County Fair and getting some ribbons, and in September he'll be active at the Bellville Street Fair showing his horse again. Hayden is also in eighth grade band at Ontario. We have so many active youth here! We are proud of all of them!

And Dad, Chad McFadden, is coaching Mansfield Christian soccer! Todd Heichel is coaching St Peters soccer! Where do they find the time? They find time because it is important to mentor kids!

<p>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</p>	<p>The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</p>
<p>Worship Committee Heather McFadden 419.295.6467 Acolytes</p>	<p>Pew Pad Gleaners Jane Sprang 419.610.9776</p>
<hr/> <p>Worship Committee Chmn. Cindy Russell 419.544.0878 Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers</p>	<p>Ushers Charles and Myra Cordrey 419.632.4121</p>
<p>Evangelism Committee Jan Fisher 419.589.2820 Greeters</p>	<p>Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Power Point, Nave</p>
<p>Property Committee Mike Anderson 419.295.4598 Property Chairman</p>	<p>Finance Committee Lu Blankenship 419.564.1469</p>
<p>Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Sound Board/Audio</p>	<p>Amy Skropits 419.747.3076 Sunday School Superintendent</p>

September 2021 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

September 5: TBA
September 12: TBA
September 19: TBA
September 26: TBA

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Todd Heichel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Evangelism

COMMUNION PREPARERS

September 5: Ken & Debbi Suzuki

COMMUNION SERVERS

September 5:
Wine West: Gary Simmons
Wine East: Pat Smith

GREETER

TBA

LAY READERS

September 5: Todd Heichel
September 12: Kathy Hoecker
September 19: Sandie Volz
September 26: Jan Fisher

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

September 5: Jodi Mumaw
September 12: Lana Conry
September 19: Liz Sprang
September 26: Brenda Eyerly

PROPRESENTER

September 5: Isaac McFadden
September 12: Teri Brenkus
September 19: Cindy Russell
September 26: Allison Weeks

SLING STUDIO

September 5: Ashley Berry
September 12: Todd Heichel
September 19: Suzanne Rippel
September 26: Todd Heichel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

September 12: Becky Pittman
September 19: Tricia Volz
September 26: Elizabeth Volz

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

September 5: Ed Farner
September 12: Ed Farner
September 19: Ed Farner
September 26: Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Mary Schwartz & Kayla McFadden
Jodi Mumaw & Ed Corley



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.

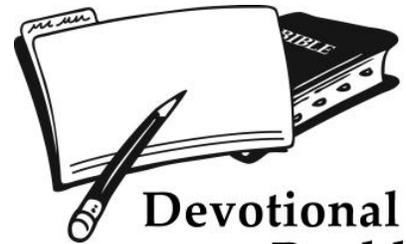
We also invite you to use our two prayer chains. Your request will be shared with a small group of prayer warriors via phone call chain.

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!**

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for 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!



**Devotional
Booklet**

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.

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

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Volz, Tricia	1550 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903-7764	September 5
Krueger, Rev. Delmar O	612 B S. Trimble Mansfield OH 44906	September 5
Shenberger, Pat	1597 Plum Place Mansfield OH 44905	September 6
Beck, Thomas	P.O. Box 957 Kelleys Island OH 43438	September 6
Brenkus, Stuart	273 Greenbriar Dr Bellville OH 44813-1159	September 6
Crall, Tyler	222 Marlow Rd Mansfield OH 44906	September 9
Kershaw, Andy	1972 Chelsea Dr Mansfield OH 44904	September 12
Smith, William	1670 Crider Rd #405 Mansfield OH 44903	September 15
Anderson, Jane	1110 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8644	September 15
Cordrey, Charles	7459 Renie Rd Bellville OH 44813	September 20
Garn, Lily	85 Harding Heights Blvd Mansfield OH 44906	September 22
Heichel, Patricia	4242 St Rte 42 S Lexington OH 44904	September 25
Skropits, Hayden	3399 Oakstone Dr Ontario OH 44903	September 27
Hunt, Joy	422 Chapman Way Lexington OH 44904	September 29
Russell, Robyn	630 Oak St Lot 174 Mansfield OH 44907-1478	September 29

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