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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!

Have you noticed? So much is going on! We are even seeing visitors on Sunday morning!! We are seeing sign after sign of the Holy Spirit working among us, healing our hurts and fears and leading us into mission for the sake of Jesus our Savior! Are we healed now? Well, we are getting closer. This is a time to be very careful to work together, to listen to each other, to pray for our mission, to forgive and love each other not only by intent but in reality!

At the end of this month I will be on retreat with the Society of the Holy Trinity, a pan-Lutheran pastoral prayer society. We didn't meet last year because of Covid and because we are meeting in Illinois we will be masked everywhere we go, even inside. God grant me patience! I'm so glad to be living in Ohio!! While I'm there, a friend is bringing 100 used Lutheran Books of Worship (the green book) for us to use, free of charge!

As ministry here returns to normal we begin to pick up groups and ministries that took a vacation during Covid. One such ministry is Pub Theology, an outreach to members and non-members in a safe environment where we can ask question, express doubts, and even be deepened in faith. More information is coming.

Talking about Covid, wow! The information, or the talking points, seems all over the map! May our good Lord protect us, heal us, love us, save us!!!

I have received around 40 of the first Surveys of our Self-Study. Thank you to everyone who took time to think, pray and fill out this first survey which asks us what we like in our ministry together and what we could be doing better. Next month we will ask about what kind of pastor would be good for First English, what characteristics are more important or less important. Mid October I will share the results of the first survey. Mid November I will share the results of the second survey. At our Annual Meeting in January we will elect our Call Committee. We need your prayers especially now!

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

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21 2021- 7:00PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated September 21, 8:04 PM

Present: Ted Ellis, Cindy Russell, Chris Cichanowicz, Lu Blankenship, Lowell Weeks, Pastor Tim Hubert, Christopher Kaschube, Mike Anderson. Tom Sarbach

Absent: Sandie Volz, Jan Fisher, Gary Lane, Chad McFadden

The meeting was called to order by President Lowell Weeks at 7:00.

Opening devotion and prayer by Lu Blankenship

Reports:

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the Council minutes for August 2021. The minutes meeting were **APPROVED**

Executive/Personnel Committee:

August 22 meeting: John Kinton and Edward Corley have agreed to be a member of the Personnel Committee. Andy Kershaw will no longer be a member of the Personnel Committee. We thank him for his service.

Pastor Tim asked about the vacation policy in his letter of call and whether the 14 days and 2 Sundays of vacation are for the 6 month policy, or 12 months.

Todd (Chad) makes the **MOTION** on page 2 of the call letter, we need to revise number 6 to read 28 days, and 4 Sundays to make it congruent with a 12 month contract. **MOTION CARRIED.**

September 12 meeting: Discussion concerning the new memorandum concerning use or non-use of sick days in regards to COVID-19:

Beginning immediately and continuing through December 31, 2021, the following policy will be in effect as it pertains to COVID-19 and/or COVID-19 variances. All First English Lutheran Church employees (church staff and Early Learning Center employees) who have had a positive test will be paid for their scheduled work days that occur within the 10-day period in which they are required to remain at home. Employees will not have to use existing PTO for COVID-19 illness absences. These sick days will have no impact on their PTO.

MOTION (Greg/Chris) to pass memorandum in the Executive Committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion regarding inclusion of the antiphonal organ project for the 2022 and 2023 budgets.

Nicole Goddard brought information regarding the initial Personnel Committee budget, asking to have a draft completed by September 27. Nicole and the Finance Committee will make recommendations to this committee.

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tim Hubert:

Grace and peace, all!

Royce and I had lunch after church this past Sunday with the Rev Dr Eric Riesen and his wife Terry. Pr Riesen volunteered his impression of our worship service, having worshipped with us several times in the past year. He was very impressed with our service last Sunday. He said it felt very worshipful. He didn't know all of the contemporary songs, but felt they were well done. He also reminded us that we have a shortage of pastors, even though more and more good pastors are leaving the ELCA and coming into the NALC. He wondered if we would be interested in an Intern. Sadly, I would need to be here longer to be an Intern Supervisor again. He did remind me that 78% of our NALC pastors are 60+ years of age. We need to keep praying.

The first Survey of the Self-Study has received about 40 responses, most coming on that first Sunday in September. I will give the congregation a short summary in mid-October. What seems apparent so far is that our membership is most happy with our worship and least happy with our outreach to young adults/young couples.

We are looking to start up Pub Theology in October at Buffalo Wild Wings. This picks up the ministry from a couple years ago that is both an off-site ministry to our members and an outreach to non-members to come in a safe, friendly environment and ask questions.

I will be in Mundelein, Illinois on Monday, September 27 for a Seven Marks Society meeting and Tuesday-Thursday at the same place for a Society of the Holy Trinity retreat. Needless to say, I will be looking for potential pastors who would be good for us here at FELC!

Once again let me promise you that I will stay as long as it takes to call a good pastor here. I have every hope that it will be next Spring, partially because many pastors currently serving a church begin to think about moving during Feb-May. We have advocates! The General Secretary of the NALC is a daughter of this church. Pr Riesen is the seminary president and has promised to keep an eye out for us. And Pr David Wendel, the Associate of Ministers, is a friend of mine.

Pastor attended the NALC Mission District (NE Ohio) event today in Bolivar and discussed the number of churches waiting to join the NALC, and potential pastors waiting to join the NALC. He also mentioned the need of the disaster resource warehouse, that we could help as a ministry.

Thank you all for working so hard with the Holy Spirit to heal this congregation and mission!
Vice President, Chad McFadden: No Report

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

Recall that the engineer that investigated the crack in the floor outside the elevator on the Third Floor recommended removal of the bookshelves all along the wall up there to cut down on weight and stress on that level. Lynda Ringold, her friend Marcie, and Jan Fisher went through the books and sold the ones with value on Amazon. The net profit from this was over \$700. Meanwhile, the women of the church had depleted their funds to the point where the bank was charging them a fee to keep their account. Finance decided that the proceeds from selling the books would serve best if given to the Women of FELC.

Also, with regard to Women of FELC, Finance has agreed to include a line item in the 2022 budget for that group.

A line also will be added to the General Operating Budget for bus expenses. This will be used for expenses related to usage other than ELC. Committees are being asked to estimate their bus usage and submit as a note with their budgets to develop this line item.

Going forward, Nicole will ask the Finance Committee via e-mail for authorization to take planned-for withdrawals from the Endowment Funds, thereby eliminating long delays.

Three new security cameras are needed, because we have no cameras to record activity at entrances that are used on Sunday. The cameras will be about \$4,500, but the system update that will soon be required adds \$7,500. Finance approved the buying of the cameras and doing the system upgrade. This means that the system will be updated and complete as the Safety Team is trained.

Finance received a request related to the Greg Finke seminar coming up in October – that we cover the fee for the volunteers. Previously, volunteers have paid a full registration fee, and yet they have little time to attend the program; so, in reality, they have been paying the full registration fee just for their lunches. Finance agreed that it is only fair to buy their lunch, so we will place a separate order for lunches for the volunteers who spend the whole day here setting up, serving our guests, and cleaning up.

Currently, ELC staff have PTO (Personal Time Off) as opposed to Sick Leave and Vacation Time being calculated separately for the church staff. Finance has asked Personnel to consider bringing the church staff in line with the ELC on this issue. This seems to work better for employees, and it simplifies the payroll record keeping.

We just took a second withdrawal of \$60,000 from the General Endowment Fund with plans to take all planned withdrawals by the end of the year. The planned-for withdrawals of \$9,037 from Major Capital Improvements Endowment Fund and \$16,058 from the New Ministries & Missions Endowment Fund will also be taken before the end of the year. These withdrawals are necessary to pay for the upgrades for security and restroom repairs/upgrades. Because our earnings are good, we have funds available to fund important projects and ministries. Praise God!

Notice the differences between income and expenses in this spreadsheet. Also notice that there is a shortage even as budgeted. This is because we have not always shown all expected income from the endowment funds. This year, we plan to show a balanced budget by showing these planned withdrawals as income in the budget.

Committee budgets are due to Nicole on September 27.

I want to spend a few minutes at the meeting explaining this so the council can all understand when the budget comes out and will be able to speak to this issue as questions arise among the congregation.

Aug 2021	Actual	Budget	Difference		YTD	Actual	Budget	Difference
General Operating Fund (GOF) (includes ELC):					General Operating Fund (GOF) (includes ELC):			
Income	\$62,537	\$65,335	-\$2,798		Income	\$447,593	\$425,124	\$22,469
Expenses	\$66,845	\$67,684	-\$839		Expenses	\$615,875	\$559,239	\$56,636
	-\$4,308					-\$168,283	-\$134,115	
Early Learning Center (ELC):					Early Learning Center (ELC):			
Income	\$34,705	\$44,174	-\$9,469		Income	\$246,785	\$255,836	-\$9,051
Expenses	\$30,346	\$30,991	-\$645		Expenses	\$243,949	\$248,563	-\$4,614
	\$4,359					\$2,836		
General Operating Fund (GOF) (excludes ELC):					General Operating Fund (GOF) (excludes ELC):			
Income	\$27,832	\$21,161	\$6,671		Income	\$200,808	\$169,288	\$31,520
Expenses	\$36,499	\$36,693	-\$194		Expenses	\$371,926	\$310,676	\$61,250
						-\$165,447		
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					\$447,593			
2021 YTD Expenses					\$615,875			
GOF Balance					\$25,565			

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:

Commitment Sunday will be November 7.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson: No Report

Early Learning Center, Tom Sarbach: We have an amazing new playground. Dedication ceremony was Sunday, September 12. Thanks to everyone who made it possible and who could attend the event. Full report pending.

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

There were 26 drivers at the Infield on 9/12. This included our youth, guests and chaperones. A number of family members also attended to enjoy the day. Judy Gleason, the manager of Gionino's pizza at the infield donated pizza for the group.

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

September 14, 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 159 households and within that number we had 16 seniors who live with children in their households, and we had 136 seniors who were without children. We also had 59 adults with children in their households and 97 with no children in their households. The number of children served was 65 and all of this adds up to 373 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 we gave away Bibles once again to our guests! I really feel that we are making a difference! We might be the only Christians that they meet. How wonderful is that?

Worship and Music Committee, Cindy Russell:

Becky Pittman and Angie Cockrell have set up the Remind app. It works via text message and will be valuable in sharing information regarding church activities. All are encouraged to sign up for it.

You may have noticed there is a new light system in the sanctuary. It is activated by certain triggers in the slides being projected on the screen. For example, when "Children's Sermon" is on the screen, the light is automatically focused where they gather for the Children's Sermon.

Children's Church will begin again. It will be held the 2nd Sunday of the month for kids through 4th grade. This information will be shared with ELC families and they will be invited to attend.

Pastor Tim will be picking up donated green hymnals while in Illinois for continuing education.

The decision was made to go back to having two Epistle readings. This began Sunday, September 12th.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 21st at 7:00pm. Area churches will be invited if they would like to attend.

We discussed moving the antiphonal organ. The previous amount quoted was \$71,000, but has likely increased. Originally, we had approximately \$50,000 earmarked for this project. That money was reallocated to fund the fire suppression system. We discussed a target date of January, 2023 for relocating the antiphonal organ.

RECOMMENDATION: Worship and Music Committee is recommending that we move forward with the antiphonal organ relocation. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

Attendance and Social Media Views for August were as follows:

August 1st - Attendance - unavailable

Views - 123

August 8th - Attendance - unavailable

Views - 122

August 15th - Attendance - 83

Views - 145

August 22nd - Attendance - 89

Views - 116

August 29th - Attendance - 94

Views - 80

Global Mission Committee: Chris Cichanowicz:

The Far Side: 1) The Sorges decided to postpone their September mission trip to Sri Lanka due to a great surge of Covid cases over there. They are now booked for October 19, God willing. 2) Sad news especially for Barb. Her sister and brother-in-law's son died unexpectedly two weeks ago. They would like prayers for the entire family. 3) Also, Brian's Mom is currently in rehab after another hospitalization and not doing well. 4) There are now about 1500 Islanders accessing the Islanders' Scripture App !!!

Malawi: 1) The feeding program continues to do well. 806 children are being fed 6 days a week. 2) All the other businesses are doing well. 3) The number of high school students is now 73; the number of boarding school students is 7; and Blessings Msonthi is beginning university studies at the Kamuzu College of Nursing in September. 4) The greatest need is to provide blankets for these children during Malawi's winter season which is quickly approaching. Jan will give more details about this at the meeting. 5) Check out Facebook for an interview with Ken Ekegren about MOCP at www.yougettheblessing.com

Peru: Casa del Alfarero is a beautiful place to enjoy, celebrate, and bring God's creation closer.

RECOMMENDATION: Global Mission would like to request collecting cash donations to be sent to Malawi to buy blankets for the orphans. The cost of a blanket is \$15.00. We would wire transfer the funds as it is too expensive to ship things over there. We would like to request this project go on through the month of October, either writing a check directly to MOCP (and giving to Jan Fisher, Treasurer) or making a donation through your giving at FELC. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane: No report

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

Luther Fellowship will be under the umbrella of the Women's Ministry.

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP (next Luther Fellowship, third Monday of month, October 18 , 2021 2:00 PM)

Bus trip to enjoy the fall colors down in the Mohican area of our beautiful state! First we will stop at Whit's for an ice cream treat. Please RSVP to Jan Fisher.

Women's Bible Study began for fall on Monday, Sept. 13th at the home of Myra Cordrey. We began a study entitled "Rejoice in the Lord Always" written by Rev. Dr. Amy Little, daughter of our congregation. Eleven women were present for the study and for fellowship. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the home of Mary Schwartz, 1844 West Longview Avenue. All women are welcome. Contact Jan Fisher to order your study booklet.

The Women's Ministry would like to expand our outreach to college students by adding gift cards for our young members in the military. **RECOMMENDATION: In the month of November we would request being able to put up an early "giving tree" complete with the names of our college students and military personnel. We would be asking for a \$25.00 gift card and a personal note for each.** The reason for choosing Chick-fil-A is that they embrace Christian values, where so many businesses DO NOT these days. We want them turned in by Sunday before Thanksgiving which is November 21st (and returned back to Karen Ellis or Jan Fisher. We will take care of the postage, wanting to be sure that every soldier receives their envelope and gift card. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**
Safety/Security Task Force, Myra/Charlie Cordrey:

Jodi & Scott Mumaw, Charles & I are getting a room ready for headquarters for a safety team. This is located on the third floor by balcony, used to be a Sunday school room. Bob Ball from Mansfield Alliance church is mentoring us and helping us get guidelines set up for the safety team. He will also help us with first aid training and the right to carry training. Ongoing training is required with our church insurance company. Background checks are required of all team members and will be included in our budget.

We have purchased a TV for monitoring, & a keyboard & modem of which Nicole & Andy have helped us get set up. We need 3 more cameras, (Mulberry street door, narthex, & sanctuary).

Someone will monitor cameras during services and radio team members with radios if something would occur. We purchased 2 way radios to use during Sunday school & church service. 3-4 team members will be carrying these during services & able to communicate with the monitoring room. Monitor team members will be able to call for outside assistance if needed.

Dave helped us find a desk & small filing cabinet, & Nicole told us of a larger cabinet in the pastor's office which locks. We will need to lock up ammunition when we purchase it probably at the beginning of next year. The insurance company suggests we supply ammo for

people carrying in church in case something would occur. This way everything would be for church and covered in policy. Also we will be supplying ammo used in training.

When we get the guidelines tweaked we will present them to the council for approval. Council needs to okay the team and right to carry for insurance policy.

We will update you as more things are accomplished. We hope to get training set up soon with Bob Ball.

Congregational Life, Cindy Hill:

We were finally able to have a Potluck on Sunday August 29, 2021 following worship. 51 people signed up and we enjoyed coney's &/or shredded chicken sandwiches with many delicious side dishes. There was a donation basket and we collected \$240 supporting NALC Disaster Response. The next fifth Sunday Potluck is being planned for October 31, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 and closed in prayer by Pastor Tim.

Respectfully submitted by Christopher Kaschube,

Council Secretary

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>



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CONGO LIFE

The Pot Luck on October 31st will be a yummy baked potato bar! We will provide the extra “fixins”, such as chili topping, shredded cheese, diced onions, sour cream, and butter. All you need to do is bring a side dish or dessert to share for this great “after church” fellowship!

The free will offering will be dedicated to furthering the Malawi Blankets initiative which has been going on during October.

Thank you,

**Cindy Hill, Congo Life,
419-564-1708**

ELC

Little People BIG News OCTOBER

Our biggest and most exciting news is that our new Playground was dedicated on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM. It has been presented in the memory of Carolyn Schneider Weeks, who began our “Daycare” many years ago! Jodie Perry, CEO of Mansfield/Richland Chamber of Commerce made the official dedication. What a beautiful addition to our ELC property, and a major statement to the City of Mansfield! Have you noticed what a presence we have in downtown Mansfield?

Angie Murphy

ELC Director



GREG FINKE Author of “Joining Jesus on His Mission” will hold a **WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 16, 2021.**

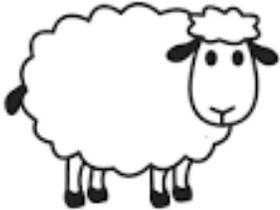
THIS IS OPEN TO ALL OF OUR OHIO CONGREGATIONS, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! WE ARE THE HOST CHURCH!

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

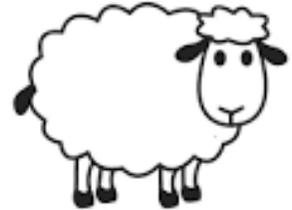
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REGISTRATION \$20.00 PER PERSON, DEADLINE OCTOBER 6
REGISTRATION AFTER OCTOBER 6TH, \$30.00
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “OHIO MISSION DISTRICT, NALC”
AND MAIL REGISTRATION TO:
ETHEL BRIGGS
1067 LAURELWOOD RD
MANSFIELD, OH 44907

Within the Fold



Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry



In September, due to the continuing restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus, there was no Wednesday Chapel Service and therefore no Wednesday Noon Lunch Donations.

A note from Henry and Alicia:

How can we thank you, faithful praying FELC friends? We are told and believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Our family has been on the receiving end of your attentions and prayers for a couple of years now – for our grandson Grant Hobson being treated for leukemia and recently for me, Alicia, in the hospital for acute pancreatitis. We know how blessed it has felt to be on the receiving end so we pray and are counting on it that you, on the giving end, have all been blessed by the One who knows how to give big, great blessings. All we can do is say thank you, thank you, thank you and commit to attending to and praying for you in turn, and we do.

I have fully recovered. Grant is close to finishing treatment. He will have his last unpleasant procedures and have his port removed in September, and then take his last dose of oral chemo on November 4. The expectation is that this is the end of leukemia for him. He is eager (his mother is even more eager) to join the world of normal kids. Though that world is somewhat confined these days due to covid, it will still be a bigger, wider social world than he has ever had in his memory.

By the way, many of you have been praying for Sonja Snell, the granddaughter of the Christophersons, who was diagnosed with leukemia just a couple of months before Grant. Sonja has been receiving treatment at the same facility as Grant, and the parents have been able to know and support one another. Claire informs me that she and Grant attended Sonja's "ringing out" party this past weekend. ("ringing out" refers to the practice of ringing a bell when having received the final cancer treatment) So Sonja has completed treatment. I'm sure her family has appreciated your prayers just as we have.

With love and gratitude,

Alicia Schulz

Women's Ministry says a big THANK YOU for all the bake sale support on Sunday, September 12th. We had donations of \$275.00 which will help support our mission of outreach!

Women's Ministry received this note from Luke and Claire Hobson, son-in-law and daughter of Henry and Alicia: Dear Ladies of First English Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for the lovely blanket for Calvin. It is so sweet and thoughtful that he was remembered by you. It is a very useful and much appreciated gift. Many thanks, **Luke and Claire Hobson**



Worship Committee

The Congregation Profile continues during October in preparation for forming a usable profile to seek a new pastor. The profile documents to fill out and turn in can be found in the narthex each week. Please only turn in one for the September form and one for the October form.

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 be meeting on the second Monday of each month, at 1:00 in members' homes. 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. **Our October 11th meeting** will be at the home of **Mary Schwartz, 1844 West Longview Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44906**

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided. Below is the squad assignment :
OCTOBER: 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.

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

PLEASE JOIN US AS A CONGREGATION, DURING OCTOBER, IN SUPPORT OF CASH DONATIONS TO BE SENT OVER TO MALAWI IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPLY BLANKETS TO OUR PRECIOUS ORPHANS. THERE ARE ENVELOPES PROVIDED IN THE NARTHEX FOR THIS SPECIAL OFFERING, OR YOU CAN SIMPLY MARK YOUR ENVELOPE CLEARLY FOR MALAWI BLANKETS. WHAT A BLESSING THIS WILL BE TO OUR PRECIOUS LITTLE ONES!

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

(next Luther Fellowship, third Monday of month, October 18 , 2021 2:00 PM)

Bus trip to enjoy the fall colors down in the Mohican area of our beautiful state! First we will stop at Whit's for an ice cream treat. Please RSVP to Jan Fisher.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH, "LUTHER FELLOWSHIP"!

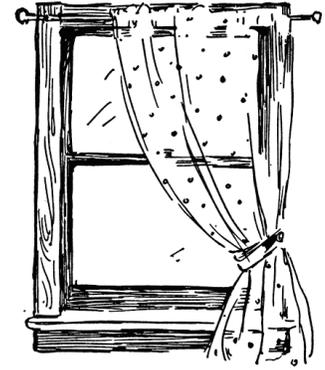
PUB THEOLOGY

After a long pause, due to COVID, we will begin Pub Theology again. We will meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, beginning on October, 12. Buffalo Wild Wings on North Lexington Springmill Road will reserve the enclosed "patio" on the north side of the restaurant for our use. Starting time will be approximately 6:30 PM. This will enable us to order and possibly get our food or drinks prior to starting the discussion about 7PM. It is not necessary to order anything, however please leave a tip as they are supplying a waiter/waitress for us.

There will be a topic presented and each table will discuss that topic among themselves. Their thoughts, questions, etc. will then be shared with the group for further discussion. No we don't always stay on topic but that is OK. However, we try not to get too far from the subject of the evening.

Generally we should be done by 9PM or before. Please bring friends. If you have suggestions for topics please let Andy Kershaw, Ted Ellis or Pastor Tim know. It will be a fun evening so please come. You will meet and talk to people outside of the church setting and get to know them better. No you don't have to be a great Theologian to attend but may be enlightened by other's perspective on the topic. Give it a try!

Becky's Views.....



Our ELC children presented a fun and energetic program for our Luther Fellowship group on September 20th! They sang many songs they had learned over the summer. How wonderful to offer an inter-generational AND intentional FELC/ELC event! I would like to thank Erna Clark, Anita Nehrkorn, Jan Fisher and Pat Smith for their food donations for our brunch. Everything was delicious!

Would you like to join us for a brief Communion worship at Wedgewood Estates on the third Wednesday of each month at 2pm? The residents love to have the companionship of our congregation members.

The music room on the 3rd floor is filled with melodies during the week with our ELC classes AND with our younger Sunday School classes! We are definitely making a joyful noise together! Come up sometime and check it out. It's great fun!

Hand bell rehearsals will be starting at the end of October! If you would like to join this fun group, please don't hesitate to let me know. We would be happy to have you!

The worship team continues to grow on Sunday mornings. I thank God daily for all of our talented musicians! Please remember to thank the team members for their time and willingness to share their gift of music.

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

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 see Pastor Tim. The residents are always anxious to see their fellow FELC members.

MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dolores Esler

Given by: Shirley Shupp

Given by: Linda Laney



Dolores Esler

September 8, 2021

Betty Lawhorn

September 4, 2021

(Caroline Lawhorn's aunt)

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



Evangelism for Today's World

September 14, 2021 Produce Distribution— here's how it went:

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 159 households and within that number we had 16 seniors who live with children in their households, and we had 136 seniors who were without children. We also had 59 adults with children in their households and 97 with no children in their households. The number of children served was 65 and all of this adds up to 373 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 we gave away Bibles once again to our guests! I really feel that we are making a difference! We might be the only Christians that they meet. How wonderful is that?

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

<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> <hr/> <p>Worship Committee Chmn. Cindy Russell 419.544.0878 Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers</p>	<p>Pew Pad Gleaners Jane Sprang 419.610.9776</p> <hr/> <p>Ushers Charles and Myra Cordrey 419.632.4121</p>
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<p>Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Sound Board/Audio</p>	<p>Amy Skropits 419.747.3076 Sunday School Superintendent</p>

October 2021 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

October 3: TBA
October 10: TBA
October 17: TBA
October 24: TBA
October 31: TBA

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Alicia Schulz

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Global Mission

COMMUNION PREPARERS

October 3: Mike & Jane Anderson
October 31: Chris & Kathy Hoecker

COMMUNION SERVERS

October 3:
Wine West: Lana Conry
Wine East: Ed Corley
October 31:
Wine West: Myra Schwartz
Wine East: Erna Clark

GREETER

Karen and Ted Ellis

LAY READERS

October 3: Angie Kaschube
October 10: Lu Blankenship
October 17: Myra Cordrey
October 24: Shirley Lane
October 31: Chris Kaschube

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

October 3: Cindy Hill
October 10: Linda Hughes
October 17: Liz Sprang
October 24: Rhonda Rehm
October 31: Jodi Mumaw

PROPRESENTER

October 3: Isaac McFadden
October 10: Peyton McFadden
October 17: Allison Weeks
October 24: Cindy Russell
October 31: Teri Brenkus

SLING STUDIO

October 3: Todd Heichel
October 10: Suzanne Rippel
October 17: Todd Heichel
October 24: Suzanne Rippel
October 31: Ashley Berry

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

October 3: Chris Cichanowicz
October 10: Myra Cordrey
October 17: Mary Schwartz
October 24: Lu Blankenship
October 31: Teri Brenkus

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

October 3: Ed Farner
October 10: Ed Farner
October 17: Ed Farner
October 24: Ed Farner
October 31: Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Larry & Becky Faith
Gregg Thatcher & Elizabeth Volz



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 OCTOBER 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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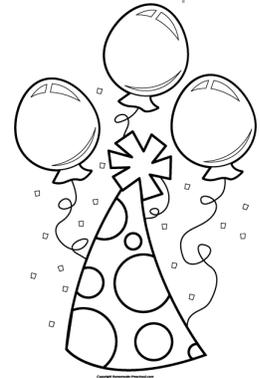
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Pastor Timothy Hubert 217-778-8017

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Becky Pittman	490 Rudy Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8038	October 1
Melinda Milligan	1291 Bellview Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1613	October 2
Mary Shaffer	66 NORTH HOME RD #6 Mansfield OH 44906	October 3
Ronald Rehm	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	October 3
Alaina Doklovic	3453 W 4th St Mansfield OH 44903-8033	October 4
Norm McCracken	61 McCullough Blvd Mansfield OH 44907-1784	October 5
AnnetteDoklovic	3453 W 4th St Mansfield OH 44903-8033	October 6
Scott Mumaw	88 Hickey St Greenwich OH 44837	October 6
SandieVolz	1652 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903	October 7
Wilbert Esler	553 Bennington Dr Mansfield OH 44904-1693	October 8
Lana Conry	217 Redwood Rd Mansfield OH 44907-2462	October 8
Lincoln Heimann	2415 Woodland Park Drive Mansfield OH 44903	October 8
Kayla McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	October 10
Lily Weeks	795 Andover Rd Mansfield OH 44907	October 11
Jerry Coon	580 Meadowdale Dr Mansfield OH 44907-2871	October 12
Angie Murphy	1120 Laver Rd Mansfield OH 44905	October 12
Carol Williams	805 Hoover Rd Mansfield OH 44905-1309	October 13
Ruth Hughes	1091 Woodville Rd Mansfield OH 44907-2111	October 14
Kim Minard	1668 Park Ave E Mansfield OH 44905-2916	October 15
Marilyn Miller	Lexington Court Care Ctr A-20 250 Delaware St Lexington OH 44904	October 18
Timothy Ludwig	79 Gimbel Dr Mansfield OH 44903-9656	October 21
Allison Carroll	2779 Mansfield-Lucas Rd Lucas OH 44843	October 24
Sarah Thatcher	1628 Royal Oak Dr Mansfield OH 44906	October 25
Katherine Hoecker	1036 Linwood Pl Mansfield OH 44906	October 26
Brenda Eyerly	3773 Snodgrass Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8934	October 26
John Weeks	795 Andover Rd Mansfield OH 44907	October 27
Rob Skropits	3399 Oakstone Dr Ontario OH 44903	October 29
Lu Blankenship	616 Cline Ave - #105 Mansfield OH 44907	October 30



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