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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

Schedule for March, 2022

Unless otherwise stated, worship is 6:00-8:00 PM or minimum of one hour.

Tuesday, March 1 — Holy Trinity Lutheran, 525 W. Cook Rd.
Wednesday, March 2 — Journey Life Center, 2578 Springmill Rd.
Thursday, March 3 — Mansfield Salvation Army, 41 S. Main St.
Friday, March 4 — Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.
Saturday, March 5 — Fusion, Madison, 1400 Paradise Lane.
Sunday, March 6 — Journey Harbor, at Idea Works, 40 W 4th St.
Monday, March 7 — Grace Brethren, 215 W. Main St., Lexington
Tuesday, March 8 — Kingdom Grace Fellowship, 105 Reba Ave.
Wednesday, March 9 — Providence Baptist, 112 W. Sixth St.
Thursday, March 10 — The ARC, 378 Park Ave. West
Friday, March 11 — Abundant Life, 1085 Bedford Blvd.
Saturday, March 12 — Coming Together on One Accord Ministry, 525 W. Cook Rd.
(Holy Trinity Chapel)
Sunday, March 13 — Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd.
Monday, March 14 — Grace Fellowship, 365 Straub Rd. E
Tuesday, March 15 — GracePoint Sanctuary, 36 Eagle Dr., Lexington
Wednesday, March 16 — Lexington Church of Cross, 236 Otterbein St., Lex-
ington
Thursday, March 17 — Faith United Methodist, 1574 Oh 96/ across from Crestview
Friday, March 18 — Fusion Church, 2220 Industrial Parkway, Lexington
Saturday, March 19 — Sar Shalom, 2510 W. Fourth St. — 10:30 a.m.
Also: Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave., 6 p.m.
Sunday, March 20 — Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr.
Monday, March 21 — Awake, 3616 Ohio 39, Shelby
Tuesday, March 22 — First United Methodist, 12 N. Diamond St.
Wednesday, March 23 — St. Peters Catholic, 60 S. Mulberry
Thursday, March 24 — Mansfield Foursquare Gospel, 383 Davidson
Friday, March 25 — Biblewalk Museum, 500 Tingley Rd.
Saturday, March 26 — Paradise Hill, 87 Illinois Ave. N.
Sunday, March 27 — Potter's House, 374 Willowood Dr. East.
Monday, March 28 — Fusion at East Hills, 2170 OH 430 E
Tuesday, March 29 — Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd.
Wednesday, March 30 — First Christian, 200 W. Third St.
Thursday, March 31 — First English Lutheran, 53 PAW



Remembering Martin Luther; the anniversary of his death

February 18, 1546

This week, we remember Martin Luther and his contribution to church history in honor of his death on February 18, 1546. Through his dedication to the Scriptures, and his unwavering boldness, Luther's call for reform spread far and abroad, sparking a division among church leaders, political leaders, and laity. Luther became a cultural icon, and his writings continued to be printed and distributed far and wide. His message was simple: our own righteousness is not what saves us. We are saved by Jesus Christ's righteousness given to us freely by His grace. We can have full confidence in our salvation because it is not dependent on our works, but on God's work for us. The effects of the Reformation are far-reaching, and the message of salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ is still just as relevant today.

(This information taken from an email sent out by revelation [media.com](https://www.revelationmedia.com))

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 17, 2022- 7:00PM

Virtual Meeting on Google Meet

DRAFT COPY- Updated February 17, 7:56 PM

Present: Rob Skropits, Chad McFadden, Lu Blankenship, Cindy Russell, Chris Cichanowicz, Ted Ellis, Jan Fisher, Christopher Kaschube, Mike Anderson, Gary Lane

Absent: Pastor Tim Hubert, Tom Sarbach, Sandie Volz

The meeting was called to order by Rob Skropits at 7:05 PM

Devotions and Prayer by Lu Blankenship.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes for January 2022. **MOTION** to approve Chris K./Chris C. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Vice President, Chad McFadden: No Report

Interim Pastor, Tim Hubert: No Report

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

The Quake gathering in Cincinnati that was canceled in January, was replaced with the gathering in Pittsburgh in February. 16 youth and 5 adult chaperones attended the event. The youth told the congregation about the gathering at the service on 2/13. All, including the adults, felt that it was very well organized and had a lot of valuable information, fun and projects.

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

We continue to have a few visitors which I try diligently to connect with. In March Pastor Tim is going to hold a new members class during Adult Sunday School time. He will meet with folks in the Emmaus Room. If you would like a refresher, feel free to join the group. It will take five weeks to complete followed by a Sunday of welcoming new members into the life of the congregation.

Angie Murphy, Becky Pittman and I have been working with Gary Lane to determine an annual schedule for missional activities. I assume that Gary will give a report on what we have accomplished. The newest thing is that we are beginning to distribute Senior Boxes the last week of March. Guidelines are low income, and a person must be 60 or older. We plan to begin by registering our WNL guests for first come/first served. This is also open to anyone in our congregation who meets the guidelines.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

We continue to hold Women's Bible Study on the second Monday of each month. Ten to twelve women are in this group, meeting in various women's homes. It is great for our spiritual growth and love for our Lord. Every woman is invited to join us. Check with me for a monthly location.

On the third Monday of each month we hold the Luther Fellowship, which has been well received and is a fun time for all of us. Becky Pittman and I coordinate the monthly activities and we are always open to new suggestions. Between eight and twelve of our members

and guests attend each month. For February we have a game day planned which offers friendly and inviting fellowship. It's good to get these folks together!

We are knitting/crocheting prayer squares in preparation for the FELC March of Prayer worship service on March 31, 2022. The prayer square has a little message tag attached and is a nice hand out to our worship guests.

Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

The Far Side: According to Brian and Barb, most people on the Far Side believe they are in a spiritual battle and will need spiritual help or power to get through the challenges of life. Unfortunately, many pay sorcerers to invoke blessings and/or curses!. These men make it a point to keep other Islanders from hearing and believing in the good news of salvation through Jesus, so they do their best to prevent Islanders from accessing God's Word by making it illegal in the country by blocking websites and by imprisoning those who discover and trust the Savior.

On February 8 Brian and Barb left their Far Side home to stay with their coworker Bruce for 3 weeks. Unfortunately, while there, BOTH Brian and Barb came down with Covid. Please pray that our Lord will grant them a quick, complete recovery.

Malawi: Updates: 1) MOCP seems to be going well in most areas. The feeding program continues to provide nearly 800 kids a meal 6 days a week 2) Presently 73 students are enrolled in the high school, 6 students attend the boarding school and 2 are in college. Blessings Tsonthe is excited to be in his first semester in college and Precious Masula continues his degree. 3) Kenyenyeva Wala received an international order through Days for Girls International to make 650 supreme kits to be sent to Lubumbashi, DRC. Days for Girls will soon be able to make a profit if orders like this one continue. 4) The banana plants are growing well. One thousand Blue Gum trees have also been planted. 5) They are continuing to look at options on how to run the well by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Center and the surrounding villages. 6) Over 1000 blankets can now be purchased with the donations collected for the children!! What an awesome response to that need! 7) Sports equipment, toys, clothes and shoes are needed but can't be funded at this time.

Peru: The Krafts are beginning their third week of CORE this week. Fifteen students from all over Peru and Bolivia have given themselves to the process, plus 5 teachers. It is sometimes a painful journey, but well worth it. Finances for this and other personal expenses have been a great challenge for the Krafts. With 2 in college and unexpected car problems, they are now \$1774 over their budget each month. Hopefully, our congregation can help in some way financially.

Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries. Despite many problems, they continue to serve our Lord.

Early Learning Center Committee, Tom Sarbach (via Becky Pittman)

All ELC families were sent an invitation to our church-wide movie night. Due to weather, the event was canceled. All families were also given a printed invitation to our 10:00 worship for Sunday, February 13th, since we were offering Children's Church that morning. (None attended, but we will continue to pass along this invitation once a month)

The school-age children are preparing musical and artistic talents to share during Fasnacht on March 1st. 2 daycare parents are willing to prepare and lead crafts for the kids during the event.

The ELC committee (which consists of both church members and daycare parents) were given the weekly themes for the month of March in order to encourage more creative ideas and more involvement in the classrooms.

The church and ELC website is in the process of being updated.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship

General Operating Fund (GOF) (church only):					
Jan-22					
YTD	Income	\$42,646	Budget	\$21,861	\$20,785
YTD	Expenses	\$35,982	Budget	\$44,046	-\$8,064
	Difference	\$6,664			
Early Learning Center (ELC):					
22-Jan					
YTD	Income	\$23,049	Budget	\$32,500	-\$9,452
YTD	Expenses	\$20,927	Budget	\$32,334	-\$11,407
	Difference				
General Operating Fund (GOF) (includes ELC):					
Jan-22					
YTD	Income	\$65,694	Budget	\$54,361	\$11,333

YTD	Expenses	\$56,909	Budget	\$76,380	-\$19,471
	Difference	\$8,785			

GENERAL OPERATING FUND RECAP					
2021 Carryover					\$113,321
GOF to Women of FELC Fund					-\$1,000
Gen Endow Fund to GOF					\$0
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF					\$0
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF					\$0
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan payment					\$0
Funds to GOF					\$0
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan payment					\$893
2022 YTD Income					\$65,694
2022 YTD Expenses					-\$56,909
GOF Balance					\$122,000
Endowment Funds Total Value 12/31/2021					\$4,059,21
Endowment Funds Total Value 01/31/2022					\$3,692,43
TOTAL LOSS ON ALL INVESTMENTS IN JANUARY 2022					\$366,780

Music & Worship Committee, Cindy Russell

Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study will begin Wednesday, March 9th. Soup Supper will be at 6:00 and Bible Study will begin at 6:20 in the Undercroft. The Church Council will provide the soup for the first soup supper.

First English Lutheran will be hosting the March of Prayer on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00.

Three people have requested large print bulletins. Angie Cockrell has been printing these as people have requested them and putting their names on them. However, nobody has taken them. We will follow up with the ushers to make sure these people are getting their bulletins

Attendance for January:

2nd - 69

9th - 76

16th - 87

23rd - 76

30th - 88

Facebook Views for January:

2nd - 175

9th - No live stream, but 212 views (possibly people checking in who sometimes watch the service??)

16th - 138

23rd - 138

30th - 99

Rob Skropits suggested that we put the Facebook views into our weekly bulletin along with the in-person attendance, so everyone can realize the impact and presence that we have online because of the technology upgrades that have been done in our Sanctuary.

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:

The Stewardship Committee **RECOMMENDS** the Lenten donations to support the missionary work of the Krafts in Peru. She and Chris C. have agreed that this is a needed area, and we have previously supported the Krafts during Lent. Action on the recommendation will be taken when Pastor Tim returns from his conference out of state.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The lease agreement with the City of Mansfield that was approved at the January 30 Congregational Meeting for our parking lot closest to Park Ave. West has been sent back to the City and the next steps in the project will be taken by the City.

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

The Social Ministry Committee has been working to develop a monthly calendar of activities that support local ministries. Included in this calendar is our Wednesday Noon Lunch program, our produce distribution with the Cleveland Food Bank in the warmer months, 'Senior Boxes' for those who are over 60 years of age and meet the income requirements, using Thrivent cards to support purchasing snack for youth at the Zoe Center (affiliated with Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church), and providing a meal at Elijah's House on the first Tuesday of each month.

We have many local ministries happening here. Council agreed that we must do a better job of promoting the great local ministries that FELC is involved in so our members realize how we continue to 'Point People to Jesus through Intentional Relationships'.

Congregational Life, Cindy Hill:

We are planning Fastnacht which will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30. The ELC parents and families have been invited. Two of the “moms” who serve on the ELC support board will be offering crafts for the kids. Kathy Hoecker and Lana Conry are helping with the plans for the meal. If you desire to offer help, please contact Cindy Hill as volunteers are always welcome.

Heather McFadden is heading up the planning for Lenten soup suppers. She is contacting small groups to host each week. Soup suppers are planned for 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM; soup followed by Bible Study all in the Undercroft. Everyone is welcome.

Safety Team Update, Charles & Myra Cordrey, Scott & Jodi Mumaw:

The FELC safety team has 5 teams. Each team serves one Sunday a month and there are three people on each team. One person monitors the cameras, communicates by radio with other members of situations to be observed and calls 911 if necessary. One person monitors the Mulberry entry door from different angles. One person roams the area, greets people and watches for any concerns. All have radios. This is done during Sunday school and church services. Radios are given to Sunday school classes each week.

The three cameras that were ordered for Mulberry street door and sanctuary have come and are in place. Thanks to everyone for getting these, they are very important in observing these areas.

Ten members of the team are going to a 4 hour Tactics and Firearm training in March. This focuses on behavioral based responses, including decision making in and around crowds, with scenario based exercises. This will help us with our yearly training hours the insurance company requires the team to have and give our members an idea of how to handle different situations. We are a church and need to be inviting to everyone, yet observant also. We are glad to have anyone come see the safety room. We have had quite a few people do this and we think it helps you understand what the team does each week.

We are planning to get first aid training sometime this spring, with CPR and defibrillator training.

Please pray for the teams for abilities to remain calm and handle situations as they occur, whether health issues, accidents, or more alarming incidents.

Call Committee, Christopher Kaschube:

The Call Committee has met three times since being elected in January. One of the meetings was over Zoom with Pastor Shelly Shultz who oversees the Call process for the NALC. Pastor Shultz gave us a comprehensive overview of the Call process, and our role and responsibilities as a Committee throughout this process. Among the first items for our Committee to complete are:

- Bible study that focuses on our spiritual gifts and prayer
- Hosting a Congregational workshop for our Committee to listen to the wants and needs of our congregation when calling a new Pastor. This will be done in conjunction with the Ohio Mission North Central Ohio Region Dean, Pastor Diana Seaman. This will most likely occur in March.
- Developing a 'Congregational Profile' that will be posted by the NALC. The profile will be viewed online for Pastors that may be interested in a new Call. Included in this profile will be our congregational demographics, information from the congregational survey that we completed in Fall 2021, and congregational input from the upcoming workshop.

This Committee is energized by the power of the Holy Spirit and excited about the work that we have accomplished and work that we have ahead of us. Please keep our congregation, our Committee, and our future Pastor in your prayers.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

March Council devotion and coffee fellowship: Youth Committee.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Gary/Ted at 7:40 PM. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube
Church Council Secretary`

Our mission at First English Lutheran Church is "Pointing people to Jesus through Intentional relationships".

What does that mean? What should we do to fulfill that mission statement?

Drawing people to Jesus is much more effective if you have a relationship with them. Who should we include in these relationships? It could be family, friends, coworkers or fellow classmates. It could even be complete strangers who may look different than you or act different than you.

It could be people who are less fortunate, who have experienced tragedy in their life, have a physical disability or mental illness.

All were created in God's image and are loved by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 16: 7-8

"7 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard hearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. 8 Rather be open-handed and freely lend him whatever he needs".

Many of the people to whom we provide needed items may be the people referred to in this verse. Why are they poor? We have no way of knowing what their life story is unless we build a relationship with them. May this be uncomfortable for some? Sure. But should we step outside of our comfort zone and build those relationships? Sure!

Sometimes you will hear people say we are just enabling them, they don't appreciate what we do, or they just need to get a job.

A wise young lady once said....."saying someone who is homeless just needs to get a job is easy to say but much harder for the homeless person to do. Think about what you do when preparing for a job interview. Maybe a new outfit, maybe a new haircut, definitely a shower and a fresh shave. Then you hop into your car and off you go. If you are homeless most of these are not available to you. So, going for a job interview isn't as easy as it sounds. These people need support and sometimes positive directions in what to do".

Building intentional relationships is only the beginning. One way to build these relationships is meeting the person where they are. That might just be by providing food, clothes, personal hygiene products and sometimes, just a listening ear.

Luke 6:37-38

"37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give and it will be given to you."

Romans 12:3

"For by the grace given me, I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

We are not involved in local missions for a thank you or a pat on the back, but because it is what we are called to do. We are giving our time and talents to give God the Glory and share his unconditional love with those who may not know that love.

**Submitted by Cindy Russell, Worship and Music Chairperson
and all around servant of Our Lord**

Call Committee Monthly Updates

Christopher Kaschube has taken the position of Chairperson for the Call Committee. The team has been meeting virtually. Chris has already announced that the team will be giving very frequent updates as they progress. *As a congregation, we all need to hold the entire team in our daily prayers.* Once again the team is: **Elizabeth Volz, Heather McFadden, Angie Murphy, Amy Skropits, Becky Pittman, Jane Anderson, Ted Ellis, Greg Hughes, and Christopher Kaschube.**

Congo Life

Fastnacht will be observed on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:30 to 6:30? Please join us for pancakes, sausage, and applesauce for a great evening of fellowship. ELC families will be invited.

It's a great time to be like Jesus and interact with those families! Everyone welcome.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will have soup suppers and Bible Study beginning on Wed. March 9, 2022. 6:00 PM for soup, 6:20 PM begin Bible Study, 7:00 PM, you are on your way home. Stay tuned for more details. We will be asking groups to host the soup suppers, making their favorite delicious soups.

ELC

Little People BIG News March

Flashback into February



Our children loved celebrating Valentine's Day with passing out cards and having a dance party in the Undercroft.

A Peek into March



This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with "Wacky Week". We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Assessments on children will be completed this month. We will have an ELC Board meeting March 8th. We will be having a fundraiser of braided bread pastries and cookie dough beginning March 7th. If you are interested in supporting this fund raiser, please see Angie Murphy at Sunday worship or call the ELC office.

April 3rd will be ELC Sunday with an egg hunt!

Angie Murphy
Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Issues your Finance Committee is watching:

- Loss of \$366,780 on our investments in the month of January. Hopefully, the market will bounce back and we will recover this loss.
- Getting water to the area across Mulberry for the Early Learning Center and to allow lawn and landscaping care is going to cost nearly \$11,000.
- We have only been billed for one installment on the stained glass windows, so we have only paid around \$40,000 toward the total value of the project. At this rate, it looks like the project will probably run into 2023 which will mean that we won't have to pay the whole balance in 2022. We will probably spend around \$120,000 on the project this year. That will leave somewhere around \$50,000 for 2023. We have not drawn any endowment money out for this, but we could need to eventually.
- The Ladies Restroom off the Undercroft is in dire need of repair and upgrades estimated to cost close to \$20,000.
- The elevator has already lasted longer than what would be expected. We may have to do a total replacement. (This would mean all new mechanical but keeping the current car.) There have been many code changes since this elevator was installed. When repairs mount up, eventually a total replacement is required by the State of Ohio to bring it into compliance with the newer codes. The replacement could be as much as \$150,000. We need an elevator, especially to accommodate any handicapped children who might be enrolled in the Early Learning Center.
- Many folks in the congregation want to air condition the sanctuary. While there's no doubt this would be very nice, it will be very costly. This is still being studied and costs determined.
- There is also interest in improving the environment for the antiphonal organ so that it can be better maintained – another costly improvement.
- The Emmaus Room Kitchen needs a new sink and countertops. It also needs new cabinets or the old metal cabinets need to be painted – another moderately expensive project.

Lu Blankenship, Finance Chairperson (luella616@gmail.com; 419-564-1469)

DONATION BUTTON THAT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Yes, we have a donation button available on our church's website:
felc-mansfield.org!

In these days of advanced technology, we, too, have advanced here at FELC. Because we have a large number of viewers on our Facebook page and You Tube channel, a donation button has been added to our website. (felc-mansfield.org) On the home page of the website go to the black band across the center, then click on "make a donation" over to the right, which will take you to the set-up page where you can follow the instructions. It gives you the option to make a recurring donation or a one-time donation complete with specifics. Another option is the QR code which you can click on, taking you directly to making a donation.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please see Gary's report in the Council Minutes

Gary Lane
Social Ministry

Elijah's House and what is happening there!

On Tuesday February 1, 2022 Karen and Ted Ellis' small group took a great hot meal to the men who live at Elijah's House at 309 Park Avenue West. There are now seven or eight men living there as they begin supporting themselves, joining the Bible Study offered there, attending church, and helping out with various chores. The house is changing all the time as more refurbishing takes place. It also appears to be very clean. The men were so appreciative of our delivery of a well balanced hot meal complete with dessert.

This time our group each decided to cook their part of the meal at home. Lu made a delicious beef and potato bake, Karen made three bean salad, Lynda made a loaf of homemade bread, and Jan made a delicious chocolate cake.

As we mentioned in January, we are challenging other groups to take a meal once a month. The designated day we have chosen is THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at 5:00 PM. Check with Cindy Russell or Becky Pittman for particulars on making the delivery.



Within the Fold
Wednesday Noon Lunch donations
for February were \$2.00.



Dear Women of FELC,
Thank you so much for the Valentine card. I love to know that you guys continue to support us even after we go off to school. The Starbucks gift card has gone to good use! Sincerely, **Mitchell Pittman**

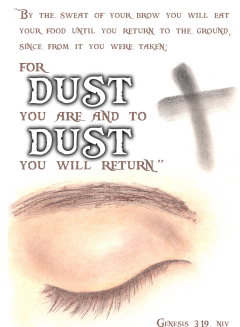
Dear Jan and Women of FELC,
Thank you so much for the Valentine and Starbuck's gift card.
I miss seeing everyone!
Sincerely, **Renee Shupp**

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE PROJECT would like to say Thank You to all who support them with your prayers and your donations. Recently the "partner" churches held fund drives, much like we did, and we will be sending money for them to purchase over 1,000 blankets for our precious orphans!

If you know of a member who would like to have a communion deacon bring communion to him or her at home, please contact Larry Lantz @ 419-756-5506.

Worship and Music Committee

As we move into March, please set aside worship time for Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The service begins at 7:00 PM and, of course, is a very penitential service with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. That is the beginning of Lent and it ends at the end of Holy Week. Easter is Sunday, April 17, 2022. March of Prayer is being scheduled and FELC will host an evening worship on Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 PM. IMAGE Choir from Mansfield Christian School will be with us the Sunday following Easter, April 24, 2022. You won't want to miss that service. It is our honor to host them!



Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson



Women's Ministry

We have been enjoying some wonderful fellowship at Women's Bible Study.

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 March 14, 2022 meeting** will be at the home of **Karen Ellis, 3467 State Rte 546, Lexington, OH 44904. We will be doing session #7.** It's not too late to join us! Bring a friend along! Let Jan know so that she can tell you how to order your book.

Some of us are knitting or crocheting prayer squares to be used as gifts when we host the March of Prayer on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

MARCH: Squad D: Pat Heichel, Lana Conry, Linda Hughes, Mary Schwartz

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

Our next Luther Fellowship, on the third Monday of the month, March 20, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Emmaus Room. It is great to gather together and visit where there is so much love!

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

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The Far Side: According to Brian and Barb, most people on the Far Side believe they are in a spiritual battle and will need spiritual help or power to get through the challenges of life. Unfortunately, many pay sorcerers to invoke blessings and/or curses!. These men make it a point to keep other Islanders from hearing and believing in the good news of salvation through Jesus, so they do their best to prevent Islanders from accessing God's Word by making it illegal in the country by blocking websites and by imprisoning those who discover and trust the Savior.

On February 8 Brian and Barb left their Far Side home to stay with their coworker Bruce for 3 weeks. Unfortunately, while there, BOTH Brian and Barb came down with Covid. Please pray that our Lord will grant them a quick, complete recovery.

Malawi: Updates: 1) MOCP seems to be going well in most areas. The feeding program continues to provide nearly 800 kids a meal 6 days a week 2) Presently 73 students are enrolled in the high school, 6 students attend the boarding school and 2 are in college. Blessings Tsonthe is excited to be in his first semester in college and Precious Masula continues his degree. 3) Kenyenyeva Wala received an international order through Days for Girls International to make 650 supreme kits to be sent to Lubumbashi, DRC. Days for Girls will soon be able to make a profit if orders like this one continue. 4) The banana plants are growing well. One thousand Blue Gum trees have also been planted. 5) They are continuing to look at options on how to run the well by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Center and the surrounding villages. 6) Over 1000 blankets can now be purchased with the donations collected for the children!! What an awesome response to that need! 7) Sports equipment, toys, clothes and shoes are needed but can't be funded at this time.

Peru: The Krafts are beginning their third week of CORE this week. Fifteen students from all over Peru and Bolivia have given themselves to the process, plus 5 teachers. It is sometimes a painful journey, but well worth it. Finances for this and other personal expenses have been a great challenge for the Krafts. With 2 in college and unexpected car problems, they are now \$1774 over their budget each month. Hopefully, our congregation can help in some way financially.

Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries. Despite many problems, they continue to serve our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology is on the calendar again! The March meeting is set for March 8, 2022. And the April meeting is set for April 12, 2022.

We will be at the Black Dog Tavern outside of Bellville on Rt. 97. Starting time will be 6:00 PM. This will enable us to order and possibly get our food or drinks prior to starting the discussion about 6:30 PM. (They close at 8:00 PM during this season.) It is not necessary to order anything, however please leave a tip as they are supplying a waiter/waitress for us.

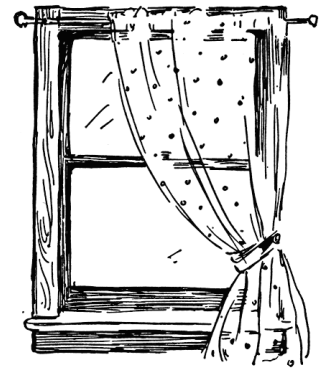
There will be a topic presented and each table will discuss that topic among themselves. Their thoughts, questions, etc. will then be shared with the group for further discussion. No, we don't always stay on topic but that is OK. However, we try not to get too far from the subject of the evening.

Generally we should be done by 8:00 PM 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!

Ted Ellis and Andy Kershaw

Becky's Views.....

Be sure to join us at Fastnacht for not just a delicious pancake dinner, but to also enjoy a mini talent show presented by several ELC and FELC kids. It should be great fun! Two daycare parents have volunteered to prepare crafts for our kids, too.



Bell choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30.

If you would like to join us, please let me know. It's not too late! The more hands the better. We will be playing on Sunday morning, March 27th and during the March of Prayer service on Thursday, March 31st. *(Please see the calendar for our complete rehearsal schedule)*

Julia, Maddie, Olivia and I have a great time singing songs about Jesus every Sunday morning! We would love our small (but mighty) group to GROW! Do you know a family with little ones? Invite them to join us for Sunday School! We have amazing teachers that love our kids.

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

Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts



COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES

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.

In March we will offer communion on Wednesday, March 16, 2022

MEMORIALS

none this month



Sheila Patterson
(John & Chief Weeks' mother)

February 9, 2022

Patricia Hagerman

January 25, 2022

Dale Broeske
(Joan Wirstrom's brother)

January 22, 2022

Jack Junior Miller
(Joy Hunt's brother)

January 21, 2022

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

Evangelism for Today's World



SENIOR FOOD BOXES.....

Although we are not presently offering Free Produce to our community during these winter months, we are working on plans to begin distribution of “Senior Boxes” of non-perishable foods. Details are forthcoming. This is one of our evangelical outreach missions and it will be a year round commitment.

First day to offer Senior Boxes will be Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

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! And have you noticed how we love to fellowship in the Narthex after worship? Wonderful!

Jan Fisher, Evangelism 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 grace the altar with flowers during Lent.

April 17, 2022 (EASTER SUNDAY)

April 24, 2022

May 22, 2022

May 29, 2022

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE

When Disaster Strikes: How NALC Congregations Can Help

What should NALC pastors or congregation leaders do when a natural disaster, such as flooding, tornadoes, and fires, strikes in their community or in an area where the congregation is able to or desires to provide assistance?

Since the NALC is a small church with widespread congregations, it is important that you contact us as quickly as possible when a disaster occurs in your area.

First and foremost, if the disaster is close by, make sure you are safe.

Next, contact the NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates (740-509-1132; disasterresponse@thenalc.org) as quickly as possible so the prayer power of the NALC can be unleashed. Be sure to also contact your Mission District to see if your local NALC Disaster Response Team can provide assistance.

NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and longer term recovery. We can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers.

Remember, the key is early communication! The sooner we learn of a disaster in your area, the more quickly NALC Disaster Response can respond to the needs of your community.

There is a DONATE button on their section of the NALC website to expedite your giving of funds.

In times of extreme weather changes which create tornadoes and hurricanes, please remember to support NALC Disaster Response a full ministry partner of our denomination.

March 2022 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

March	6:	Max Weeks
March	13:	Lydia McFadden
March	20:	Peyton McFadden
March	27:	Lily Garn

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Alicia Schulz

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Youth

COMMUNION PREPARERS

March	2:	Beth Harruff & Lana Conry
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(Ash Wednesday)

March	6:	Mary Schwartz & Lana Conry
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COMMUNION SERVERS

March	2:
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(Ash Wednesday)

Wine West:	Elizabeth Volz
Wine East:	Tricia Volz
Intinction:	Chris Kaschube

March	6:
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Wine West:	Heather McFadden
Wine East:	Gary Lane
Intinction:	Pat Smith

GREETER

Lu Blankenship

LAY READERS

March	6:	Chris Hoecker
March	13:	Amy Skropits
March	20:	Todd Heichel
March	27:	Kathy Hoecker

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

March	2:	Stacey Crall
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(Ash Wednesday)

March	6:	Cindy Hill
March	13:	Liz Sprang
March	20:	Lana Conry
March	27:	Linda Hughes

PROPRESENTER

March	2:	Cindy Russell
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(Ash Wednesday)

March	6:	Allison Weeks
March	13:	Cindy Russell
March	20:	Teri Brenkus
March	27:	Isaac McFadden
March	31:	Peyton McFadden

(March of Prayer Service)

SLING STUDIO

March	2:	Todd Heichel
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(Ash Wednesday)

March	6:	Suzanne Rippel
March	13:	Todd Heichel
March	20:	Tom Sarbach
March	27:	Todd Heichel
March	31:	No Livestream

(March of Prayer Service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

March	6:	Angie Kaschube
March	13:	Alicia Schulz
March	20:	Becky Faith
March	27:	Lana Conry

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

March	2:	Ed Farner
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(Ash Wednesday)

March	6:	Ed Farner
March	13:	Ed Farner
March	20:	Ed Farner
March	27:	Ed Farner
March	31:	Ed Farner

(March of Prayer Service)

USHERS NAVE

Elizabeth Volz & Mike Anderson
Tyler Crall

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 **March** 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 **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

**APRIL Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
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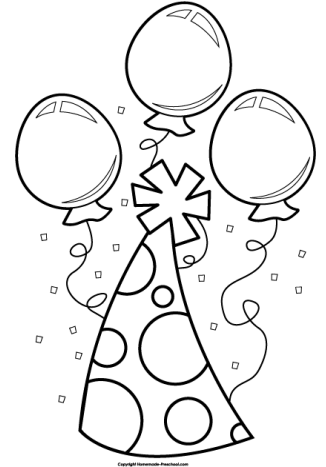
Emergency cell phone number if the pastor cannot be

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Pastor Timothy Hubert 217-778-8017

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Anya Doklovic	3453 W 4th St Mansfield OH 44903-8033	March 1
Elisa McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	March 1
Eugene Earick	545 Steward Ln Apt. 103 Mansfield OH 44907	March 2
Katie Garn	85 Harding Heights Blvd Mansfield OH 44906	March 4
Max Weeks	795 Andover Rd Mansfield OH 44907	March 5
Beth Harruff	455 Logan Rd. Apt. 3 Mansfield OH 44907	March 11
Haley Pittman	490 Rudy Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8038	March 13
Daniel Obrynba	979 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903	March 15
Lynda Ringold	41 Glenwood Blvd Mansfield OH 44906-3737	March 18
Ashley Rehm	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	March 18
Gabrielle Shears	1575 Sassafras Dr, Mansfield OH 44905	March 19
Casey Miller	64 Broadway Shelby OH 44875	March 20
Larry Lantz	1163 Belmar Dr Mansfield OH 44907-3010	March 20
Robert Rettig	1301 Millsboro Road Primrose Apt 211 Mansfield OH 44906	March 23
Elizabeth Sprang	1817 Partridge Court Mansfield OH 44907	March 24
Peyton McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	March 25
Cory Garn	85 Harding Heights Blvd Mansfield OH 44906	March 25
Harold & Carol Ludwig	79 Gimbel Drive Mansfield OH 44902-1698	March 29
Lowell Weeks	730 Westview Blvd Mansfield OH 44907-2236	March 31
Renee Shupp	744 Pulver List Rd Mansfield OH 44905-2547	March 31
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