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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

A Message from Pastor Tim.....

Grace and peace, dear sisters and brothers!

I was just reading an article based on research by the National Study of Youth and Religion. According to this study, a minority of parents feel that churches are serving their children well. 36% of parents thought churches served their sons well. 41% thought churches served their daughters well.

Even worse, 42% of parents felt that sports and clubs did a better job than the church in preparing their children for adult life!

On the positive side, children of working class parents, active in church with a professed belief in our God did better in Middle and High School. 21% of church raised children received A's, while only 9% of less religious students equaled that high grade.

Religious children were twice as likely to earn grades needed to enter college, compared to non-religious children.

All of this research reminds us to pay particular attention to our youth ministry, to support and encourage our youth leaders, to offer our prayers and any other support that we can. It reminds our youth teachers and leaders of the centrality of faith-formation in our young people.

This research also supports our conversations with family members who have only a loose relationship with our church or no relationship with any church. Non-religious children are at a disadvantage in school and in life compared to the children we see every Sunday.

This is important because, as I remind our Catechism class, they are the next link of the chain of faith across the generations. They have a crucial role to play if there is to be a church in the future. I also tell our students that our God is faithful and will always provide a faithful remnant, a faithful church. The real question is if they will be a part of that church, faithful in their adulthood?

Remember to pray for our youth and for their leaders and helpers!

Blessings,
Pr Tim+

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 19, 2022- 7:00PM
DRAFT COPY- Updated April 19, 9:02 PM**

Present: Pastor Tim Hubert, Gary Lane, Lu Blankenship, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Tom Sarbach, Christopher Kaschube, Jan Fisher, Ted Ellis, Sandie Volz, Rob Skropits, Angie Murphy (guest)

Absent: Mike Anderson, Chad McFadden

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

Prayer by Rob Skropits.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes for March 2022, MOTION by Tom/Lu to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED.

ELC Director, Angie Murphy: Presenting information about the ELC Summer program and associated costs.

Executive Committee:

RECOMMENDATION for FELC to accept donations for Shruti Kulkarni, a young seminarian new to the NALC, in addition to the money the Council designated in December 2021. This is retroactive to January 2022. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

RECOMMENDATION to approve the Safety Plan as presented by the Safety Team Task Force. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

RECOMMENDATION to place the Safety/Security Team under the responsibility of the Worship Committee. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

RECOMMENDATION to remove Congregational Life as a Council position but still have a leader, and continue under the responsibility of the Worship Committee. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

RECOMMENDATION to allow FELC to be used as the rain location for the Mansfield 'National Day of Prayer' event on May 5, 2022. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

Vice President, Chad McFadden: No report.

Interim Pastor, Tim Hubert:

Grace and peace!

When I first came to FELC to serve as your interim pastor, there were a few members who actively worked against our healing. One sign of this is our new member classes last year and this year. Last year we advertised a new member class and no one came. This year we advertised a new member class and six of our visitors indicated an interest. The number is now seven! Healing takes time! I RECOMMEND membership at FELC the following: Justin Grove, Misty Grove, Tammy Hillman, Jennifer Rogers, Joe Rogers, Judy Santoro, Steven Santoro. We will receive our new members on May 1. I've also asked Jan for mentors. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

Pastor Eric Riesen from the NALS will be with us on April 24 to speak with the JH & HS Youth Group and give a temple talk during worship.

A couple of weeks ago, meeting with the Prayer Partners, I shared how impressed I am with our Call Committee. We are being well served in our Call process!!

I hesitate to mention this, but we probably should look at the mileage part of the pastor's pay. Last year the mileage amount covered about 1/3 of the year. With the increase again in gas that we all pay, the mileage dollars provided will cover even less. With a called pastor, living in town, it may be sufficient.

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

We are continuing to provide Wednesday Noon Lunch on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. We are serving between 20-30 people. Cindy Russell heads up our team of cooks, servers, dishwashers, and cleanup volunteers. Pastor Tim and Becky provide a message and songs.

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz: No Report

Evangelism Committee Report, Jan Fisher:

We began this year's produce distribution on a beautiful clear, warm spring day! As always, I'm forever grateful for the many volunteers who have grabbed ahold of this ministry. Today we had 20 volunteers, several of whom are not members of FELC. We had a great day with our distribution, serving 154 guests which included 47 new families. We also experienced a lot of interest in the new Senior Boxes program that we launched in March; signing up a number of new individuals. We will continue distributing Senior Boxes on the fourth Tuesday to those who qualify. And once again I want to share what a blessing it is to have Pastor Tim over there with us offering prayer. He told me that several folks had a very urgent need for special prayers. And I truly believe that having him there offering prayer is HUGE.

Have you noticed how many visitors we continue to have for worship? It is exciting to see our growth, and it's something we have put much effort into. I continue to send out a personal note to those who sign the guest book or a pew pad.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

We will be honoring two high school seniors with graduation gifts. This will take place on May 22, the same day as the annual meeting. We give them each a handmade quilt and another gift. We feel it is important to keep our young people covered with love.

This is a bit premature, but we already have plans for a funeral meal following the memorial service for Jo Wirstrom. It will take place on May 28.

Women's Bible Study continues with the possibility of some members opting for a summer study, yet to be determined.

Early Learning Center Committee, Tom Sarbach:

From Angie Murphy, ELC Director:

No staff changes. Enrollment- 51 Pre-K and under, 18 school age

Our fundraiser was a success. 316 items were sold, and ELC profited \$ 2,092.80. A portion of this will be for our end of the year party at the YMCA on May 14th. The rest will be used for upcoming events we will have throughout the summer. Our Spring sing had about 20 kids attend. A big thank you to Becky Pittman for all her work on getting the kids ready to sing.

ELC received a donation of around 300 hundred books and many other items from Kay Williams for our preschool program. This will help our teachers prepare for next school year. Thank you, Kay.

Megan, Toni, Jaylin and Angie will be traveling to Frankenmuth, Michigan on the 21st and 22nd for a class hosted by Lisa Murphy from OOY GOOY.

We have hired Tyler Crall and Sara Thatcher for summer. Our summer camp program has 50 enrolled already.

I have applied for free breakfast and lunches through the Cleveland food bank for our summer program. Part of this application I needed to apply for an IRN number (Information Retrieval Number) through the OEDS (Ohio Education Directory System). Plus have an OH/ID, through ODE (Ohio Department of Education). Just to receive the food!! I have received an application for the ACE Educational Savings Account Program. This program gives parents who qualify for this \$500 toward camps and field trips. For us to receive the funds I must apply to ACE to receive these funds. Part of this application I have already completed through OEDS, OH/ID and ODE. I will have more information for everyone at the council meeting.

From Becky Pittman:

We had a wonderful turnout for the "ELC Spring Sing" on Sunday, April 3rd. Many ELC families attended the 10am worship and the Easter egg hunt in the undercroft.

We finally are back outside singing on the front steps of the church on Wednesday mornings! It creates a very positive and uplifting atmosphere for those driving by and for our downtown community.

Church members that are on the ELC committee are being invited to attend the "Muffins With Mom" on Monday, May 2nd from 7am till 9am. Being intentional in building relationships!

We are beginning to practice for the ELC preschool graduation on Thursday, May 19th @ 4:30.

Global Mission Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

PERU: First, thanks so much to all of you who donated to the Krafts during Lent. As of this week, more than \$2,400 was collected! They will be thrilled!

A recent CORE video is available on Facebook. What pure joy to see all these young people being baptized. All 35 accepted Christ by the end of the 8 week session and all are excited to "join God on His Heart Mission to Love and Serve every Tribe, Tongue and Nation."

The Krafts are planning to attend Moi's graduation from college in May. Finances are still a problem. The Krafts need ideas to expand their financial economic base.

THE FAR SIDE: Brian and Barb just finished welcoming Hilda, a dear Islander friend, and her son, daughter-in-law and their 14 month old baby for a 10 day stay at their home. Hilda will be reading Scripture with them. Barb is asking for prayers that Hilda's son and daughter-in-law will also accept Jesus and that during Ramadan, that "those Muslims who are fasting will truly be drawn to Jesus".

MALAWI: Pastor Andy is now home from his trip to Malawi. Hopefully he will soon have a report on all the areas of concern he had --- from audit questions to general questions about various business concerns to questions about the Alinafe Rescue Center.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

So far this year, we are averaging \$8,000 more per month than we are taking in. We haven't taken an endowment draw yet this year and are trying not to because that would mean losing money on our investments.

The ELC has received two grants so far this year (\$21,000 and \$27,000)

The ELC and the Finance Committee are reviewing the ELC policy regarding collection of ELC fees that are past due. Over the past two years, 13 families have left owing a total of \$2,619. Two of these families may come back, but they owe \$130 and \$754. Currently, when parents pay late they are assessed a late fee of \$10 at 3 days and \$20 at 10 days late. At 7 days late, the child cannot attend until payment is made in full, including late fees. Finance suggested that the student's spot be filled from the waiting list after 7 days.

Expenses for kitchen supplies were not budgeted by any committee. Finance has decided to charge them to Congregational Life & Nurture this year even though it may make them go over budget. We need to account for it so it won't be missed in next year's budget.

Income (w/o ELC) was \$76,610 for the first quarter which means the benevolence total is \$7,661. Finance decided to delay writing these checks for at least one month to see how our GOF and investments look then.

Passing the offering plate at services has improved offering receipts. Loose offerings were averaging about \$20 per week when not passing the plate and have increased to closer to \$100 since passing the plates again. Offerings on Easter were \$7,000, including \$200 in cash offerings.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee did not meet in April. However, Andy Kershaw reported that the water line construction to the new playground had been started and should be completed by now.

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

Image Choir from Mansfield Christian School will be here Sunday, April 24th.

RECOMMENDATION to collect a Thank Offering for Image Choir on Sunday, April 24th.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

May will be another busy month.

May 1st we will be accepting new members.

May 8th will be Confirmation Sunday.

May 15th we will be recognizing Sunday School Teachers

May 22nd we will be recognizing seniors.

Attendance for March:

6th - 115
13th - 88
20th - 88
27th - 88

Facebook Views

6th - 89
13th - 154
20th - 143
27th - 115

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

The Youth Committee is currently working on a blanket project and a trip to the trampoline venue.

Safety Team: Charlie & Myra Cordrey, Scott & Jodi Mumaw:

The Safety/Security Team monitored the Lenten soup/bible studies and the Great Triduum services.

Some members of the team will be going to a Free trauma/first aid training May 7th. We are also looking at other FREE training this summer on de-escalation and CPR. Thank you to our dedicated Christian team members for your service.

Call Committee, Christopher Kaschube:

The Call Committee has continued to meet weekly. In the last month the Committee has prayerfully developed interview questions for the candidates, interviewed a candidate on April 7, met to debrief from the first interview, and will be interviewing a second candidate towards the end of April. Please continue to pray for this process, our interviews, and our candidates.

Old Business:

New Business:

Michael Koch, Dean of the Northeast Ohio Mission District:

Coming up on Saturday, May 7, is our annual Ohio Mission Region Convocation. This year it is IN-PERSON! We will gather at Oromo Evangelical Church in the Columbus suburbs. The day should be very interesting with Gemechis Buba as keynote and Bishop Selbo as preacher and ordainer. Oromo worship, four workshops and short meetings. Members of your Church Council are invited to attend.

See attached flier for more information:2022 Ohio Mission Region Convocation.pdf

Nominating Committee Report, Angie Kaschube:

The Nominating Committee RECOMMENDS the following candidates for election at the May 2022 Congregational Meeting:

The following council members have agreed to serve a second term:

Cindy Russell- Worship Committee, Mike Anderson- Property Committee,
Lu Blankenship- Finance Committee, Gary Lane- Social Ministry Committee

Tom Sarbach has served two ELC terms. The committee does not have a nominee for this ELC Council position. Those that were asked declined.

Candidates for lay delegates to the online August 2022 NALC National Convocation are: Heather McFadden & Chad McFadden. Elect two (2).

Candidates for lay delegate to the May 2023 NALC Ohio Mission Region and North Central Ohio Mission District Joint Convocation are Jan Fisher and Lu Blankenship. Elect one (1).

The slate for the 2023 Nominating Committee is as follows: Chris Cichanowicz, Lana Conry, Jodi Mumaw, Anita Nehrkorn, Debbie Suzuki. Elect four (4). Beth Harruff received the most votes in May 2021, and will continue as the Chair of the 2023 Nominating Committee.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

I would like to thank Myra Cordrey, Beth Harruff, and Cindy Hill for being on this nominating committee with me.

Grant Application:

Jan Fisher presented information about a grant that is being applied for, regarding acquiring new updated equipment for the produce distribution through the Cleveland Food Bank.

Notice for a Liquor permit in the area:

FELC was notified by the Ohio Department of Commerce that a liquor license was applied for at 13 Park Ave. West. FELC has the opportunity to contest this application. This Council has no opposition to the application.

Confirmation:

MOTION by Gary/Tom for Peyton McFadden, Hayden Skropits, Max Weeks to be approved for Confirmation on May 8 during worship.

Notes:

May Council devotion and coffee fellowship: ELC Committee

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM.

Congregational Meeting is May 22 after worship. Please submit Committee reports to Angie Cockrell if you have not done so already.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MOTION (Sandie/Jan)to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. MOTION APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube
FELC Church Council Secretar

Notice of First English Lutheran Church annual congregational meeting.

The annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 following the worship service. Please note this on your calendar and make plans to attend. This is very important in the life of our congregation.

A note from Finance.....

At FELC, there are always lots of opportunities to give to special ministries – so many that it may seem overwhelming at times. Please understand that you are not expected to contribute to everything put in front of you. Choose those that *touch your heart*.

Then, if you respond to one of these requests, please DO NOT HAND CASH OR A CHECK TO ANYONE. Instead, please follow this procedure:

- Put your contribution in an envelope marked plainly what it is for.
- If you know it, write your Giving Envelope Number on the envelope.
- Put the envelope in the offering plate.
- This way, your contribution is added to your giving record.
- It also is a good way for the church finances to reflect the exact costs and contributions attached to any project or ministry.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and for following this procedure.

Congregational Life

Thank You to ALL who participated in and coordinated Lenten soup suppers, March of Prayer refreshments, Easter continental breakfast and Image Choir snacks.

Congo Life will be serving refreshments after church service for New Members on May 1, for Confirmation May 8, and for high School Graduation May 22.

Due to numerous members on vacation, hosting reunions and the holiday on the 5th Sunday, May 29th, the Congo Life Committee will plan for the next potluck on July 31st.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A POT-LUCK MEAL IN MAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

Cindy Hill, Congo Life



Events of May

May is an important and active month in the life of our congregation.

May 1 we will receive seven new members into our fold. Welcome to Jennifer and Joe Rogers, Misty and Justin Grove, Judy and Steve Santoro, and Tammy Hillman!

May 8 is Mother's Day and is also confirmation day for Max Weeks, Hayden Skropits, and Peyton McFadden. Welcome into your official membership, young men!

May 15 is Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Sunday. Sunday School teachers are so valued and appreciated! Thank you in advance for all that you do for our young members.

May 22 is the Sunday that we congratulate and recognize our High School graduates! It is also the Sunday we hold our Annual Congregational Meeting.

ELC

Little People BIG News

May

Flashback into April



Our Egg Hunt and our Spring Sing was a success! Our fundraiser was successful! Our kids sold 317 items with a profit of \$2092.80.

A Peek into May



We will be having our end of the year party at the YMCA on May 14 from 5:30-7:30. We will use the funds from our fundraiser to cover the expense. We will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30th. Our Pre-K students will be graduating on Thursday, May 19th in the sanctuary. We are looking forward to summer beginning!

Angie Murphy
Director

Call Committee Monthly Updates

The week of April 24, 2022 the Call Committee will be conducting an interview with a second pastoral candidate.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please see Gary's report in the Council Minutes

Gary Lane
Social Ministry

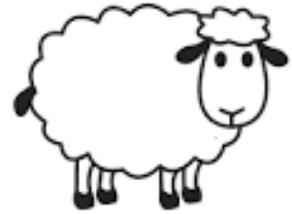
Elijah's House Update

In APRIL members if the Safety Team provided a meal of sloppy joes and trimmings for the men living at Elijah's House. At present there are **eight men** living there and changing their lives. Do you have a group that would willingly prepare a nice home cooked meal for these men?

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

To all the caring prayerful church family here at FELC, how will I ever be able to Thank You enough for all the prayers offered for my grandson, Craig Dudte, during his four surgeries that restored him to full health? God was ever-present. And much love and blessings to all the dear people who sent me a 91st birthday card! Love to all! **Shirley Shupp**



And this note came to all our Produce Distribution volunteers: Thank you so much, God bless you all for your work and ministry. **Barb and Sharon Radabaugh**

Thank you to all our generous members and friends who gave a wonderful LOVE OFFERING to IMAGE CHOIR on Sunday, April 24. We are sending them a donation of \$354.50. What a wonderful group of young people!

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

QR CODE has been “affixed” on every envelope holder in each pew. What is a QR code? It’s that square squiggly black and white “thing” that you can now scan with your phone if you care to make your weekly donation in that manner. It magically will appear in Nicole Goddard’s accounting, to handle through her accounting procedures. It is already working very well!

Worship and Music Committee

To say that one cannot name every person who helped make Holy Week a wonderful week of worship would be an understatement. There were so many areas of ministry involved. Many thanks to Pastor Tim, Becky, Scott and our fabulous musicians, technical gurus, altar workers, lay readers, communion servers and assistants, ushers and greeters, safety team members, and breakfast volunteers and cleaner-uppers! Thank you to everyone! May God be Glorified and He was!

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 May 9, 2022 meeting will be at the home of Alicia Schulz, 228 Bowland Rd. We will be doing session #9.**

We are considering the possibility of doing a Bible Study over the summer months. Suggestions are welcome.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

MAY: Squad C: Anita Nehr Korn, Erna Clark, Alicia Schulz, Sandie Volz

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

Our next Luther Fellowship, on the third Monday of the month, May 16, 2022, will be holding our 2nd Annual Luther Fellowship Brunch! It will be in the Emmaus Room and begin at 10:30 AM.

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

Global Mission

Please see Chris's report in Council Minutes.



Thank you, FELC members and friends for your faithful support of the Kraft's Go Missions International ministry during Lent. Your donations enabled us to send them an offering of \$2845.00! Praise God always!

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

PUB THEOLOGY

We will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Black Dog Tavern in Bellville, OH. We will all enjoy each other's fellowship as we relax and share thoughts.
(Topic to be announced.)

We have had some very interesting discussions the last few months. In April the topic was Critical Race Theory which affects us all whether we know it or not. It is part of the "woke" culture invading our society. We enjoyed the company of seventeen for that evening.

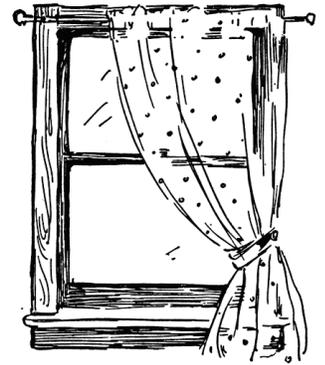
Generally we should be done by 8:00 PM or before. Please bring friends. If you have suggestions for topics please let Andy Kershaw, Ted Ellis or Pastor Tim know.

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.....

I won't even try to list all of the names!! THANK YOU to the many who played a part in creating, planning and executing a beautiful Holy Week and Easter worship. WOW! FELC truly used all of their God-given gifts and talents together to glorify our risen Lord and Savior. I am blessed to work with all of you - on the stage - behind the scenes - in the sacristy - in the office - in the tech booth - in the narthex - I am blessed to call all of you "family."



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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

Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts



COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES

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 May we will offer communion on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Any FELC member who can not attend the church services, and would like to receive communion at home may contact the Church office at 419-522-0662.



MEMORIALS

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Joan Wirstrom
Given by: Jane Ziegler*

Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund

*In memory of Joan Wirstrom
Given by: Sandie Volz*



We are pleased to report that there are no recently deceased members or friends in our FELC family.

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



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.

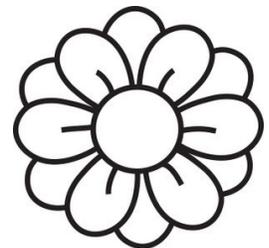
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June 26, 2022

July 03, 2022

July 10, 2022

July 17, 2022



ALMOST TIME FOR SUMMER FLOWERS

As most of you know, we usually have 10 flower pots at our entrances. With help from Tom & Bev Fasig, friends of the congregation, Jan Fisher and Lu Blankenship shop for the plants, plant the pots, and place them outside. It costs approximately \$25 per pot – a total of \$250.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please put your contribution into an envelope and mark it clearly as “Flower Pots” and put it into the offering plates, or give it to the church office. The City has asked us for a contribution for watering; so, if we collect more than we need for the flowers, we will donate it to the City.

Please understand that this is an opportunity for those who have a heart for this project - no pressure!



Evangelism for Today's World

FREE PRODUCE AND SENIOR FOOD BOXES.....

May Produce Distribution will be second Tuesday, May 10, 2022. We can always use some more volunteers for our DRIVE THROUGH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION. THIS WILL BE OUR SIXTH YEAR! We do this April through November. We have really grown over the years and would you believe we have served 1218 households up through last November? Amazing! *Note: Senior Boxes will be available year round, once every month on the fourth Tuesday. Spread the word, 60+ can apply with low income guidelines!*

May Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

April Senior Box distribution went very well. We served 42 seniors with a wonderful box of non-perishable food to help sustain them until next month!

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

May 2022 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

May 1: Max Weeks
May 8: Peyton McFadden
May 15: Lily Garn
May 22: TBA
May 29: TBA

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Chris Hoecker – May 1st
Greg Hughes

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Early Learning Center

COMMUNION PREPARERS

May 1: Chris & Kathy Hoecker

COMMUNION SERVERS

May 1:
Wine West: Ed Corley
Wine East: Jane Anderson
Intinction: Pat Smith

GREETER Ken/Debbi Suzuki

LAY READERS

May 1: Lu Blankenship
May 8: Myra Cordrey
May 15: Shirley Lane
May 22: Chris Kaschube
May 29: Alicia Schulz

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

May 1: Ronda Rehm
May 8: Jodi Mumaw
May 15: Cindy Hill
May 22: Stacey Crall
May 29: Brenda Eyerly

PROPRESENTER

May 1: Peyton McFadden
May 8: Cindy Russell
May 15: Allison Weeks
May 22: Teri Brenkus
May 29: Isaac McFadden

SLING STUDIO

May 1: Suzanne Rippel
May 8: Todd Heichel
May 15: Todd Heichel
May 22: Tom Sarbach
May 29: Suzanne Rippel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

May 1: Curtis Freeman
May 8: *(Confirmation Breakfast)*
May 15: TBA
May 22: *(Leftovers for last day!!)*

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

May 1: Ed Farner
May 8: Ed Farner
May 15: Ed Farner
May 22: Ed Farner
May 29: Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Mary Schwartz & Kayla McFadden
Jodi Mumaw & Ed Corley

Prayer Requests

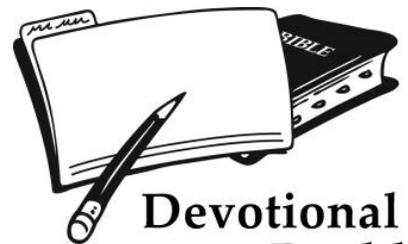
To be put on the printed prayer listing: If you would like the church family to know of your joy or concern, please notify the pastors or call Angie Cockrell (419.522.0662) in the church office to be added to the list. Please call again when it is appropriate to have that prayer request deleted.

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!**



**Devotional
Booklet**

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for **May** are in the tract racks, so please help yourselves to these booklets. Make daily devotions a necessary part of your “routine.” There are also many good apps available for your iPhone or Android. In today’s busy world, apps are a wonderful digital tool!

NALC.org offers a great devotional option. “The NALC.org”
Check it out!



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



Please refer to **YouTube** to view past sermons.

And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website!

felc-mansfield.org where you can be directed to online worship via Facebook and YouTube

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE!

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

**JUNE Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
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GERANIUMS

The Festival of Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 5, 2022. This festival is the climax of the "Great Fifty Days" of the Easter Season, and we will decorate the chancel with bright red geraniums, as well as white geraniums, symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit.



This year we will be offering the 1 gallon pot.

Deadline for ordering is **SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022.**

(*No orders will be accepted after May 22 because our order must be submitted to the greenhouse soon after.)

PLEASE ORDER EARLY SO WE CAN CONTACT THE GREENHOUSE

Turn your order and money in **directly to the Church Office** either in person or by mail or put your order in the offering plate.

Note: **If you put the order in the offering plate, Please put check & order form in a separate envelope marked for flower order. Do not put it in your weekly offering envelope.**

This will help prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the bulletin listing. The geraniums will decorate the chancel for our Pentecost service on Sunday, June 5, 2022; they may be taken after the service that day or you can donate them for outside decorating of the church. We encourage you to plant them in your garden at home as a continual reminder throughout the summer of the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life.

2022 Geranium Order:

Number of 1 gallon plants _____ (\$7.00 per plant) = \$ _____

_____ I will take my geranium(s) on Sunday, **June 5th**

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR GERANIUMS AFTER WORSHIP IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN ATTENDANCE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO HOLD THESE OVER INTO THE NEXT WEEK.

_____ Please plant my geranium(s) in the church yard.

"In **Memory** of _____"

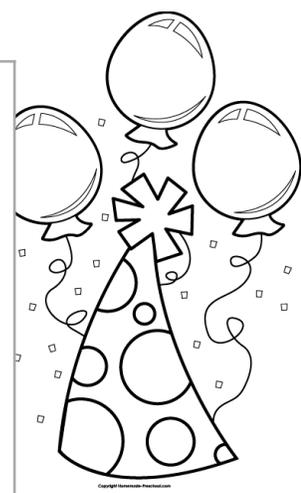
"In **Honor** of _____"

"Given by _____"

(Person ordering _____ Envelope # _____)

Please attach an extra page if you have need for adding additional memorials. Keep everything clear and attached.

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Mason Lacey	110 W 4th ST Mansfield OH 44903	May 1
Mary Jane Andrasic	1680 Executive Ct #249 Mansfield 44907	May 2
Anita Nehrkorn	582 S. Trimble Rd. Apt. B Mansfield OH 44906	May 4
Kylie Caseman	2355 Mount Zion Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8761	May 5
Marguerite Hollinger	400 Davis Rd Mansfield OH 44907	May 10
Bonnie Obrynba	979 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903	May 10
Trey Williams	855 Vanderbilt Dr. Lexington OH 44904	May 13
Logan Farner	1360 W Circle Dr Mansfield OH 44905	May 13
Lucas Farner	1360 W Circle Dr Mansfield OH 44905	May 13
Robert Shenberger	653 Poorman Rd Bellville OH 44813-9019	May 14
Alexis Rippel	770 Woodhill Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1542	May 18
Elizabeth Volz	175 Clever Ln. Lexington OH 44904	May 18
Linda Hughes	500 Acker Dr Mansfield OH 44905-2063	May 20
Julia McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	May 24
Janet Beck	P.O. Box 957 Kelleys Island OH 43438	May 25
Patricia Fraifogl	1930 Banyon Ln Mansfield OH 44907-3003	May 25
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