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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 Brothers and Sisters!

What an exciting time!!! The future is now!!! What we have worked so hard for 18 months to accomplish has been blessed by our precious Lord! The timing couldn't be better. We have slowly recovered from the pandemic and our discontent. We have been gaining speed as we return to worship our Lord, and we at First English have grown and enjoyed being together. And as we return to worship, our attendance has increased. At the same time, new members have joined us and are already becoming actively involved!

Now for a well-intentioned word of caution. Your new pastor is not your savior! He is a co-worker with unique and wonderful gifts to share, to lead and to follow where appropriate. This is not a time to relax and think that we've done all we need to do. NO! We all are called by our Lord to use our spiritual gifts for the sake of the kingdom, to work in His vineyard until He calls us home. This is the time to explore your new pastor's awesome gifts and ask how we can work together. At the same time, let your new pastor know your gifts and talents. You do know your gifts and passions for Christ our Lord?!

Let me thank you for your patience with me! I am so incredibly proud of you, First English!! Thank you for letting me be part of your life.

Blessings,

Pr Tim+

### **FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022- 7:00 PM  
DRAFT COPY- Updated May 17, 9:40 PM

Present: Rob Skropits, Chris Cichanowicz, Tom Sarbach, Lu Blankenship, Sandie Volz, Cindy Russell, Chad McFadden, Mike Anderson, Christopher Kaschube, Pastor Tim Hubert, Gary Lane, Jan Fisher  
Absent: Ted Ellis

The meeting was called to order by Rob Skropits at 7:01 PM.  
Devotion and Prayer by: Tom Sarbach

### **Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:**

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes from April 2022, including the addition of an E-Vote from April 26. MOTION by Tom/Gary to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED.

Executive Committee:

Received correspondence from Angie Cockrell, our parish secretary, announcing her resignation from her position at the end of May. The process to look for Angie's replacement has begun and the position has been posted on Indeed.

**Vice President, Chad McFadden:** No Report.

**Interim Pastor, Tim Hubert:**

Grace and peace!

My time and service to Christ and you is drawing now to a close. If everything works out like it looks like now, my last Sunday will be 10 July 2022.

When I first arrived, I stated that an Intentional Interim assignment lasts typically 12 to 18 months, and probably the latter being more likely. 1 July will be 18 months.

I am incredibly proud of First English. You knew the need for healing and you trusted the Holy Spirit to bring that healing. Our God has been faithful to us and healing has beautifully come. Not perfect healing, because we aren't perfect people and I'm not a perfect pastor. Nor will your new pastor be a perfect pastor. This is why we need each other, to work together, to help each other, to cover for each other.

One sign of a happy church is when attendance increases. Have you noticed that?

First English is not only the center of the North Central Mission District, but we are a model for every other congregation. Your new pastor has an authentic faith, a compelling story and energy for mission!! Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ and FELC!!!!

**Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:**

The Elijah's House meal delivery project is going well. A meal has been provided and delivered on the first Tuesday of each month since December 2021. The Church Staff is scheduled to provide the meal in June.

The Senior Box program had 42 boxes picked up in April. Gary Lane organizes and confirms the help in the garage on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our church continues to generously donate items each month. The Early Learning Center is involved with FELC for this ministry.

The Northmor High School Band (Directed by Chris Kaschube) will perform a concert here at FELC on Thursday May 26th at 10 AM for our Early Learning Center, and a 12:00 Concert Band performance with Scott Berry accompanying the band on the organ.

FELC will be selling (for a donation) hotdogs, drinks, popcorn and a garage sale of small items no longer needed here at FELC. in front of the church during the Miss Ohio Parade on Sunday June 12th. RECOMMENDATION that the money collected to go towards our Jr. and Sr. High Youth. RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Normally this would be under Sunday School, but because other churches are involved, I include it here:

Vacation Bible School will be held on our playground on Monday August 1st through Wednesday August 3rd. Other downtown churches along with Holy Trinity are being asked if they want to participate with us.

**Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz: No Report**

**Evangelism Committee Report, Jan Fisher:**

We completed a very large produce distribution, serving our guests over 6200# of fresh produce. We had 172 guests today, almost all of them shared prayer with Pastor Tim. We had the help of 18 volunteers, some of whom are from other congregations. A wonderful thing to interact with other Christians. Of the numbers we served, within the households there were 96 children experiencing food insecurity. And a total of 446 family members were covered by this free produce distribution. It takes a great team of volunteers to serve this number of people in our community. We are blessed to be doing this again!

In two weeks we will be offering Senior Boxes, and we already know that will grow because we have given out a large number of registration forms! Recipients must be 60+ and fall in the low income bracket that has been established within the data system. Of course both of these distributions are federally funded, and of no cost to FELC.

On May 1 we added seven new members to our fold. We continue to have visitors weekly. What joy that brings!

**Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:**

As reported in April, on May 22nd we will honor our high school graduates. The number has changed to three graduates: Congratulations to Tyler Crall, Mansfield Senior High School, Grace Sarbach, Lexington High School, and Kiley Caseman, Madison High School.

A number of women in our congregation have joined a Facebook zoom Bible Study: NALC Life2Life Discipleship, which will be going on throughout the summer. So far this is a very interesting education on discipling!

Our monthly Women's Bible Study will begin again in September 2022.

Luther Fellowship has just celebrated their “Second Annual Celebration Brunch” on Monday, May 16th in the Emmaus Room. Fifteen octogenarians enjoyed their fellowship time. They were surprised to find pictures of congregation life going back 50 years or more. Fun discussion!

### **Early Learning Center Committee, Tom Sarbach:**

(via Angie Murphy) We currently have 48 children and 19 school agers. Summer camp will be beginning soon. Currently, we have 45 enrolled for camp but are expecting a total around 58. Altrusa has awarded us \$900 worth of books through scholastic. We have purchased all of our items for our raised gardens and plan to transfer plants sometime next week. The raised garden beds will be located on the playground.

(via Becky Pittman) Thank you to Chris Cichanowicz and Karen Ellis for visiting with our FELC parents during Muffins with Moms from 7am till 9am on Monday, May 2nd!

The kids have been working hard preparing their songs for the ELC graduation on Thursday, May 19th at 4:30 in the sanctuary. Church members on the ELC committee have been asked to come watch the program, interact with the parents, and help with the cookie reception.

The Northmor High School Jazz Band (directed by Christopher Kaschube) will perform for the Early Learning Center at 10:00 in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 26th.

Our FELC families with younger children were invited to the ELC end of year party at the YMCA.

The day and time of large group music will change to 3:30 each Thursday afternoon beginning June 9th.

### **Global Mission Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:**

Pastor Andy and Joy Jones, along with four others will be traveling to Malawi in July 2022. They are accepting donations for the cost of the bus trip for approximately 80 students that will be served while in Malawi.

### **Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:**

At the end of March, we were averaging expenses \$8,000 more than income. As shown here, currently we are averaging a shortage of \$4,918 per month. We haven't taken an endowment draw yet this year and are trying not to because that would mean losing money on our investments.

We haven't yet paid our benevolence for the first quarter.

We will be paying the second installment on the stained glass windows in June – about \$42,000.

Some ELC families are still in arrears – a total of nearly \$2,000. The Finance Committee was missing some key members at our May meeting. We will discuss a collections policy more at the June meeting.

Two donations totaling \$250 were received from people attending the Day of Prayer on May 5.

Finance and Stewardship have agreed that we should no longer include a Communion Offering envelope in the packet sent to members. All money received in the envelopes goes into the General Fund just like all the regular offerings. It appears that these envelopes confuse our givers. Some folks put all their Easter offering in the Communion envelope and nothing in the regular envelope dated for Easter. Currently, this makes more work for money counters and Nicole and actually makes absolutely no difference in the financial

**Property Committee, Mike Anderson:**

The Property Committee met on May 2. Before the meeting started, Scott Berry showed and played the organ to show us the deficiencies in the Antiphonal Organ and why it should be brought forward in the balcony and modernized. The Property Committee is in agreement that we should do the Antiphonal Organ Project, but agreed to put the project on hold until the money situation becomes more stable.

We moved downstairs and began the business meeting. Andy Kershaw reported that the plumbing to the playground has been installed and a water meter was to be installed on May 10th. Dave Carew has developed a hernia as a result of his kidney surgery and is having surgery for it May 10 th. As a result Richland Newhope will continue to provide custodial duties for the unknown future. Andy is waiting on a quote to repair the elevator. Andy did get back a quote to remove and to replace the Air Conditioner on the third floor was \$ 5,880. This project was put on hold for the time being. The Pastor's office is to be moved downstairs and Andy Kersaw is to move into that office. The moving of these offices are to be done soon. The last item to be brought up was the need for gravel on the driveway for the Retreat Center. Chad McFadden was going to contact someone to see if that task could be accomplished.

On Tuesday May 3rd, 2022, at 10:30, Andy Kershaw and I attended a Pre-Construction meeting for the First English Lutheran Church Parking lot (Park Ave/Mulberry St.) at the City of Mansfield Engineer's office. We met with Bob Bianchi, City Engineer, Alex, Assistant City Engineer, Justin Thompson, Thompson Asphalt (contractor paving the parking lot). The project is to start June 1st. and be completed by June 17th. The corners of the lot are to be landscaped by the paving contractor. Andy and I sold them on the idea of dwarf trees & shrubs, and instead of planting grass, putting down landscape gravel to avoid constant mowing. Andy and I convinced them to power wash the wall and paint it a tan color to freshen up the appearance of the wall. They made a change order in the contract with Thompson Asphalt to accomplish this task. The Landscaping is to be done by Arnold's Landscaping. They are going to check with Andy to see what kind of plants we want when the time comes.

**Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:**

We are happy to report that it appears the screen glitches have been fixed!!

Holy Week services were reviewed and suggestions made to enhance future services.

Attendance for April:

3rd - (ELC Spring Sing) 172  
10th - 114  
14th (Maundy Thursday) - 82  
15th (Good Friday) - 104  
16th (Easter Vigil) - 69  
17th (Easter) - 192  
24th (Image Choir) 173

**Facebook Views:**

3rd - 151  
10th - 102  
14th - 154  
15th - 175  
16th - 96  
17th - 100  
24th - 92

**Congo Life: Cindy Hill** via Worship Committee

A big Thank you to all who participated and coordinated the Lenten Soup Suppers. In April, Congo Life organized the Easter continental breakfast and snacks for Image Choir.

Due to the holiday weekend, there will be no 5th Sunday potluck in May. The next 5th Sunday potluck will be July 31st.

**Safety Team Update** (from Myra): Five members of the Safety Team went to trauma/ first aid training. We were given a 'Stop the Bleed' kit and learned how to apply a tourniquet properly. Next we are going to a CPR class. These have been free and taught by trauma nurses, very informative. Anyone from the congregation can go with us. Just let us know if you would be interested. Three members of the team have gone to firearms training. Council approved three members to carry a weapon during worship.

**Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:**

The youth completed the blanket project and the blankets were sent to New Hope. The youth trip to the trampoline park is scheduled for Sunday May 22nd.

**Call Committee, Christopher Kaschube:**

RECOMMENDATION from the Call Committee to invite Pastor Miguel Acosta to preach at FELC during worship on Sunday, May 22. Reference reports attached: Pastor Miguel References RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

MOTION by Chad/Cindy to call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 19 for the purpose of extending a call to our candidate, and approving a financial compensation package. MOTION APPROVED.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The President moved the June Council meeting to the 16th.  
The Council will ask Pastor Miguel to meet with us on May 31 at 7:00 PM.  
Tom Sarbach will be the Council observer for the Congregational meeting on Sunday.

**Notes:**

The Council would like to thank Tom Sarbach for his six years of service as Chair of the ELC Committee.

June Council devotion and coffee fellowship: Worship Committee

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM.  
Congregational Meeting is May 22 after worship.  
Congregational Meeting to call a pastor on June 19 after worship  
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
MOTION Sandie/Gary to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. MOTION APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Christopher J. Kaschube**  
**FELC Church Council Secretary**

## **May 22, 2022 Election Results:**

*Cindy Russell- Worship Committee*  
*Mike Anderson- Property Committee*  
*Lu Blankenship- Finance Committee*  
*Gary Lane- Social Ministry Committee*  
*Misty Grove- ELC Committee*  
*Heather McFadden & Chad McFadden- 2022 NALC  
Convocation Delegates (online)*  
*Jan Fisher- 2023 Ohio Mission District Delegate*

### ***Nominating Committee:***

*Debbi Suzuki, Jody Mumaw, Chris Cichanowicz, Anita  
Nehrkorn*



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**NOTICE OF VERY IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING TO EXTEND A CALL TO MINISTRY OF WORD  
AND SACRAMENT TO OUR PROPOSED PASTORAL CAN-  
DIDATE: MEETING TO BE HELD FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 AT 11:15 AM. ALL MEMBERS  
SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND!**

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Finance Committee asked all the staff and committees to spend as little as possible to allow a delay in withdrawing funds from Endowment fund earnings. This is because earnings are down so much this year. Right now, the losses are just on paper; however, when money is withdrawn, an actual loss is incurred.

At the end of April, income was less than budget by \$6,344; however, expenses were less than budget by nearly \$75,000. YTD Income is less than Expenses by a little over \$20,000. We won't be able to put off Endowment withdrawals all year, but we have done well thus far. Thanks to all!

Issues your Finance Committee is watching:

- Endowment Funds showing a loss of nearly \$650,000 so far this year.
- Preparing to pay an installment on the stained glass windows in June.
- Expecting to receive a solid quote for the elevator replacement soon. We will need to sign a contract so that All Pro Elevator can begin to acquire the parts. It takes long periods of time to get some of the components, so we need to start the process. (Everything but the actual elevator car will be replaced.)
- There have been issues with the lift at the Mulberry Street Entrance. Repairs are imperative since some folks cannot get to the sanctuary without it.
- There has been a donation of \$25,000 made toward the antiphonal organ project. We need exact costs for this project before a good decision can be made with regard to timeframe.

Please feel free to call with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have.

**Lu Blankenship**, Finance Chairperson ([luella616@gmail.com](mailto:luella616@gmail.com); 419-564-1469)

## Ohio Mission Region Annual Convocation, May 7, 2022

Jane Mako and I attended the Ohio Mission Region Annual Convocation on May 7, 2022. It was held at Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore, OH which is a suburb of Columbus.

Rev. Dr: Gemechis Buba, mission developer and assistant to Bishop Dan Selbo, was the keynote speaker. Many of our congregation have heard him before, as he has visited us on several occasions. His heart is full of the Holy Spirit and he is driven by mission, both local and international. He spoke of actors of mission, factors of mission (which are timing, cultures, places, relationships, and financial factors; and the third is distractors of mission (stating the disciples themselves were distractors and the fact that *Satan* hates mission. Also there are mountains that we face as present day disciples.)

During the business portion of the convocation the NALC 2020 Vision was revealed. It is about having 2020 vision for the future and will be launched at the August Convocation being held via Zoom. Our denomination is growing at a fast pace, which is comforting to know. The 2020 Vision is a focus on supporting that growth with a Capital Campaign, and of course all our NALC churches will be invited to participate, beginning after the launch and into 2023. The #1 thing they requested was our prayers, and the rest will follow.

An election was held instating the faithful workers on the Ohio Mission board. We were advised of three mission starts: one in Columbia, S. Carolina, one in Columbia, MO, and a third one soon to come on.

During lunch the ladies of Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church blessed us with singing and serving. What lovely beautiful people they are, and I always love to see their beautiful outfits. They are so gracious as hosts and hostesses.

At the closing worship we were blessed to experience more beautiful singing of praise music! Some of it was in their native Ethiopian language. Bishop Dan Selbo presided at the worship service which moved into a Celebration of Ordination for Rev. Kansa Dere-sa. Almost all the pastors attending were vested in their robes and red stoles, the color of ordination. What a spiritually moving service of praise and Holy Communion!

And if you don't think our NALC churches are growing — they are! We have over 470 congregations now in the NALC. Praise God for this amazing gift! And the Oromo Church is growing very quickly; it has actually outgrown the beautiful building that they are in.

It was a privilege and an honor to represent FELC as your delegate. Thank you for that blessing!

**Jan Fisher**

ELC

## Little People BIG News JUNE

### Flashback into May



Muffins with Mom was successful! We had our End-of-the-Year party at the YMCA on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time! There were around 100 in attendance. Graduation was a success! We look forward to their future!

### A Peek into June



We are looking forward to our summer camp beginning! We have a lot of fun activities planned for all of our groups. We will be having Donuts with Dad on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Angie Murphy  
Director

## Call Committee Monthly Updates

By the time of this printing the big news is that we have hosted our potential pastoral candidate for a forum at 9:00 AM and his offering a sermon at 10:00 AM worship on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

We are so thankful for our true blessings of discernment within our Call Committee. Words of thanks do not seem adequate and *as a congregation, we all need to continue 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**

**This was written by Rev. Paul Lintern and is about one of our WNL longtime guests:**

**Neil Miller**

Not on the great things Neil did in his life, which, if 10 percent of what he told me was true, then he had magnificent accomplishments. (I suspect a long list in there, somewhere in time.)

Not of the marvelous visions he had and the goals he proclaimed.

Not of the way he would walk up and down and all over because he had no place to stay, even though many reached out to help; because so many had wronged him, even though many had blessed him; because so much had been taken, even though so many had provided.

I do not know how long this was Neil's life, this wondering, this rambling, this forsakenness.

I do know this. Neil had good visions. Neil's language was hopeful. Neil's ideas were for building the Kingdom. Neil's efforts blessed at times when they seemed pointless.

And last Saturday -- and details are rather unclear to me -- apparently Neil was wandering in his determined way, head down because of a neck that had given up, long white hair blowing everywhere, halting steps determinedly taking him somewhere, when a vehicle struck him down, and Jesus ushered him home.

Again, I am not clear on any of the details, but this -- Neil's mission was completed and his place is in Heaven. His voice is only for the Lord, on whom his eyes rest.

You have seen Neil. You, like me, turned your eyes in embarrassment, you rolled your eyes in facing another encounter, you smiled at him in conversation, you reached in your wallet this one time, you nervously eyed the door to plan an escape, you nodded your head in mock agreement with whatever he was saying, you offered food, gave a ride, fumigated your car afterward, wished for God to show you the way, hoped the best and prayed for Neil.

God answered.

Bless his family, who (again, this is my speculation based on my experiences in life) tried to help Neil, but were refused in a way only a mental illness can justify, until they had to give up. Bless the people who reached out in sincerity and worry, but felt helpless in their efforts. Bless the folks that Neil blessed in whatever ways only he could. Forgive those, Lord, who did not know what they were doing in disdain, abusing or ignoring Neil. (Forgive me, Lord.)

And now his journey is complete.

I brag on Neil's ministry, which was manifold. It was to bring perspective to life on the street, it was to grace the Chome in several distinct episodes. It was to offer solutions only Neil could see. It was to teach us to take seriously everyone we meet, especially those who we will not fix, solve, save or figure out.

Neil knew grace. Neil knew mission. Neil knew the Lord.

Now he also sees the Lord. And his focus is clear.

Bless you. Go brag on someone's ministry, even if you don't understand it.

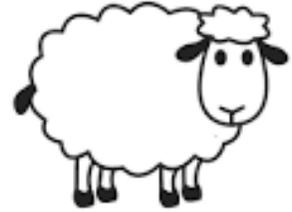
Love ya,

Paul

Please see Gary's report in the Council Minutes

**Gary Lane, Social Ministry Chairperson**

## **Within the Fold**



**Wednesday Noon Lunch Donations: \$2.36**

**Kroger Rewards: 53 Households Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
\$220.89 (Malawi)**

We would like to Thank all of our First English Lutheran Church Family for their beautiful poster, cards, telephone calls, words of comfort when we met, and many offers of help wherever needed. We all feel truly "Blessed" with such a supportive church family, these past two years, first with Wes and now with the loss of Shawn. Our Blessings go out to you all.

Sincerely,

**Tricia, Sandie and Elizabeth Volz**

Dear Pastor Hubert,

I want to thank you and my brothers and sisters of First English Lutheran Church for the privilege of having the 2022 National Day of Prayer in your Sanctuary. You have a wonderful host team in your church who made everyone who walked through your doors feel welcomed and at home. Thank you for your hospitality. If the Lord tarries, I hope we can use your church again next year.

Thank you for your brotherly love. Please extend my thanks to all who participated in serving in a different way.

Your brother in Christ,

**Rev. El Akuchie**

### **TO LONGTIME MEMBERS OF FELC**

**The church office received this information to share with you.  
Unfortunately it came AFTER the May Visitor was published.**

Subject: Memorial website for Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Schmalenberger now launched  
A Memorial Website is now available and provides the following:

- \*Obituary for the Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Schmalenberger
- \*Information about the May 16 Celebration of Life
- \*Links to make Donations in Memory
- \*An opportunity to share your thoughts, memories and pictures

*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.*

## **Elijah's House Update**

In MAY members of the Worship Team provided a hot meal for the men living at Elijah's House. In JUNE the church staff is taking on that task. At present there are **eight men** living there and changing their lives. They do a weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays, so sometimes when we deliver the study is just getting started. *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.

**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**

Please see Cindy's report in the council minutes.

**Cindy Russell**  
**Worship Committee Chairperson**



## ***Women's Ministry***

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

A number of us are doing Life2Life Discipleship online with Rev. Amy Little, so the group has decided not to hold another Bible Study until this fall. Please feel welcome to join us in that new study to be announced later this summer.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

**JUNE: Squad B: Myra Cordrey, Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz, Beth Harruff**

## **LUTHER FELLOWSHIP**

**We had such a great time of fellowship enjoying our Second Annual Celebration Brunch on Monday, May 16! We enjoyed a "honey bee" theme, gave out some "door prizes", took a walk down memory lane enjoying old pictures from the FELC Archive Room, and most of all ate some delicious food and had delicious fellowship, too.**

Our next Luther Fellowship, on the third Monday of the month, will be June 20, 2022, at 11:30 AM when we will meet at Kingwood Center Gardens for lunch and then enjoy the wonderful gardens. Women's Ministry will be paying the "Kingwood entrance fee" for each person attending.

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

## Global Mission



I am sharing this from Pastor Andy Jones' church newsletter:

### Mission Trip to Malawi

Mark Olson, Joy Jones and Pastor Andy will be traveling from July 11 through July 27 to minister in Malawi. They will be joined on the team by Gary Underwood and Monica Barman from Trinity Lutheran in Monroeville, Ohio, and Shelley Ree from Bentley, Alberta.

The team will focus in two directions. They will study the feasibility of collecting and storing rainwater from building roofs to irrigate a garden area for year-round vegetable growing. This is a dream that the village leadership shared with Pastor Andy during his trip in March. These vegetables will help provide food for the meals served to the orphans, which at present number over 800 receiving a meal 6 days a week. The team will also provide 4 retreat days for high school students giving them skills and foundations for Christian adult living. Details about the way to support this effort are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please pray for the team in this effort: for good health and safety while traveling and effective ministry among some of the poorest children in the world.

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### Mission Trip to Malawi/Help fund the teens' retreats

Abusa Andy Jones and Joy Jones are leading an overdue mission trip to Malawi in July. One of their focus items is to take the teenage young people on an educational retreat via bus. This will teach them more about Christian life. The trip will cost approximately \$20 for each orphan, covering their meal, bus, and meeting room, so there is a need to raise \$1500.00 to cover these expenses. *We are partnering with other churches to fund this.* If you desire to help support this endeavor please write a check to MALAWI ORPHAN CARE PROJECT and give DIRECTLY TO JAN FISHER, TREASURER. Thank you in advance for your caring hearts!

**Chris Cichanowicz**

**Global Mission Chairperson**

## PUB THEOLOGY

**We will meet on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 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 May the topic was How do you teach an 8 year old about Christ?

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.....**

We were so blessed to have Image Choir from Mansfield Christian lead our worship on April 24th. Thank you for your generous free will offering to help support their ministry! We look forward to their visit each year.

The National Day of Prayer service held in our beautiful sanctuary on May 5th was amazing! Many pastors, emergency workers, local political leaders and visitors filled our space with God honoring songs, a Holy Spirit filled message and powerful prayers. I would personally like to thank Ed Farner and John Weeks for helping get all of the equipment set up and running!!

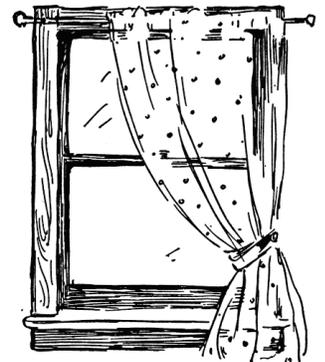
Looking forward to singing with the ELC kiddos outside again all summer long! Look for us in the afternoon on the front steps beginning June 9th at 3:30.

Do you have a musical gift you would like to share on a Sunday morning during our Offering? We would love to have you! Just let me know.

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

*PART of it!"*

**Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts**





**COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES  
AND ARBORS AT MIFFLIN**

**We will once again be offering communion at Arbors at  
Mifflin:Wedgewood Estates at 2:00 PM and Arbors at Mifflin at 3:30  
PM.**

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 June we will offer communion on Wednesday, June 15, 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



### **Malawi Orphan Care Project**

*In memory of Shawn Volz*

*Given by: Jan Fisher*

### **Missions Fund**

*In memory of Shawn Volz*

*Given by: Sandie Volz, Jeanne & Tammy Hillman, Mary Schwartz*

### **Youth Fund**

*In memory of Shawn Volz*

*Given by: Greg & Linda Hughes, Paul & Lana Conry,*

*Sandie Volz, Ted & Karen Ellis, Dennis & Karen Allen, Linda Arnold, Ken & Debbi*

*Suzuki, Bill & Theresa McGurk, Paul & Renee Ward, Christopher & Cynthia*

*Pastor, Pete & Lyndsey Anderson, Holly Kane*

### **Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund**

*In memory of Jo Wirstrom*

*Given by: Mary Schwartz*



**Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Schmalenberger**

**April 25, 2022**

**Shawn Volz**

**April 22, 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

## **Pastoral Acts**

Pastor Tim Hubert officiated at the funeral service for Jo Wirstrom on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at FELC.



## **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.

*June 26, 2022*

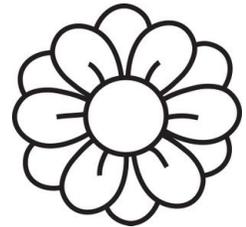
*July 03, 2022*

*July 10, 2022*

*July 17, 2022*

*July 24, 2022*

*July 31, 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. We were able to be a bit more frugal and our cost per pot was \$16.00 – a total of \$160.00. So less monetary contributions would be needed, but all appreciated!

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

*Welcome, welcome to our new members! What a blessing to have you worshipping with us, Tammy Hillman, Steve and Judy Santoro, Jennifer and Joe Rogers, and Misty and Justin Grove. I hope everyone has a chance to welcome you all, and get acquainted with you!*



### **FREE PRODUCE AND SENIOR FOOD BOXES.....**

The June Produce Distribution will be second Tuesday, June 14, 2022. We can always use some more volunteers for our DRIVE THROUGH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION. THIS IS OUR SIXTH YEAR! We do this April through November.

We just completed a very large produce distribution on May 10, 2022, serving our guests over 6200# of fresh produce. We had 172 guests, almost all of them shared prayer with Pastor Tim. We had the help of 18 volunteers, some of whom are from other congregations. A wonderful thing to interact with other Christians. Of the numbers we served, within the households there were 96 children experiencing food insecurity. And a total of 446 family members were covered by this free produce distribution. It takes a great team of volunteers to serve this number of people in our community. We are blessed to be doing this again!

On Tuesday, May 24 we will be offering Senior Boxes, and we already know that will grow because we have given out a large number of registration forms! Recipients must be 60+ and fall in the low income bracket that has been established within the data system. Of course both of these distributions are federally funded, and of no cost to FELC.

*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!*

**June Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.**

***May Senior Box distribution grew and went very well. We served 48 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***

## *June 2022 Volunteers*

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

#### **ACOLYTES**

June	5:	TBA
June	12:	TBA
June	19:	TBA
June	26:	TBA

#### **ALTAR WORKERS**

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

#### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

Greg Hughes – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chris Hoecker

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Worship

#### **COMMUNION PREPARERS**

June 5: Ken & Debbi Suzuki  
(Pentecost)

June 12: Tom & Stacey Crall  
(Holy Trinity)

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

June 5: (Pentecost)  
Wine West: Mary Schwartz  
Wine East: Chris Kaschube  
Intinction: Jane Mako

June 12: (Holy Trinity)  
Wine West: Pat Heichel  
Wine East: Linda Hughes  
Intinction: Greg Hughes

#### **GREETER**

**TBA**

#### **LAY READERS**

June	5:	Chris Cichanowicz
June	12:	Stacey Crall
June	19:	Chris HoeckerJ
June	26:	Amy Skropits

#### **PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS**

Chris Cichanowicz  
Mary Schwartz  
Lowell Weeks  
Jan Fisher

#### **PEW PAD GLEANERS**

June	5:	Lana Conry
June	12:	Cindy Hill
June	19:	Jodi Mumaw
June	26:	Brenda Eyerly

#### **PROPRESENTER**

June	5:	Peyton McFadden
June	12:	Isaac McFadden
June	19:	Teri Brenkus
June	26:	Allison Weeks

#### **SLING STUDIO**

June	5:	Todd Heichel
June	12:	Tom Sarbach
June	19:	Suzanne Rippel
June	26:	Todd Heichel

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

None

#### **SOUND BOARD OPERATORS**

June	5:	Ed Farner
June	12:	Ed Farner
June	19:	Ed Farner
June	26:	Ed Farner

#### **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.



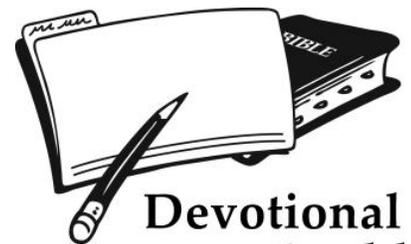
**Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.**

**Her home # is: 419.747.2600 or cell # is: 419.566.3113.**

**Prayer is very powerful!**

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for **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!



**Devotional  
Booklet**

[NALC.org](http://NALC.org) offers a great devotional option. “[TheNALC.org](http://TheNALC.org)”  
Check it out!



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[felc-mansfield.org](http://felc-mansfield.org).



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

And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website!

[felc-mansfield.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org)**

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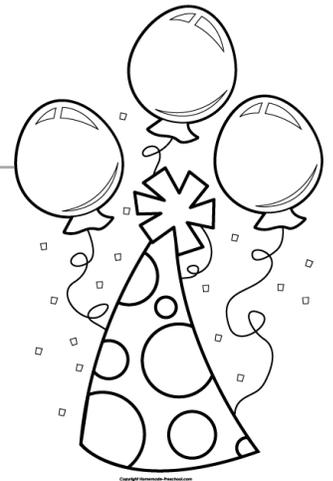
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*Emergency cell phone number if the pastor cannot be*

*contacted at church: 217-778-8017 Pastor Timothy Hubert*

## June Birthdays:

Henry Keultjes	228 Bowland Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1157	June 5
Diana Kelley	2787 Lutz Mansfield OH 44903	June 9
Chris Hoecker	1036 Linwood Pl Mansfield OH 44906	June 13
Paul Theaker	1474 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903	June 13
Suzanne Rippel	770 Woodhill Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1542	June 16
Marilyn Dinges	655 Villa Dr Mansfield OH 44906	June 18
Debbi Suzuki	1188 Charwood Rd. Mansfield OH 44907	June 20
Margaret Prater	1478 Brookpark Dr Mansfield OH 44906-3504	June 21
Daniel Shupp	744 Pulver List Rd Mansfield OH 44905-2547	June 22
Shelley Shupp	744 Pulver List Rd Mansfield OH 44905-2547	June 22
Ava Zehe	2790 Millsboro Rd E Mansfield OH 44903	June 22
Fred Shaffer	66 NORTH HOME RD #6 Mansfield OH 44906	June 24
Sarah Fitzpatrick	208 Marlow Rd Mansfield OH 44906	June 24
Jeffrey Davis	3975 Hunter Rd Perrysville OH 44864-9629	June 25
Jeanette Butler	35 Woodside Blvd Lexington OH 44904	June 30



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