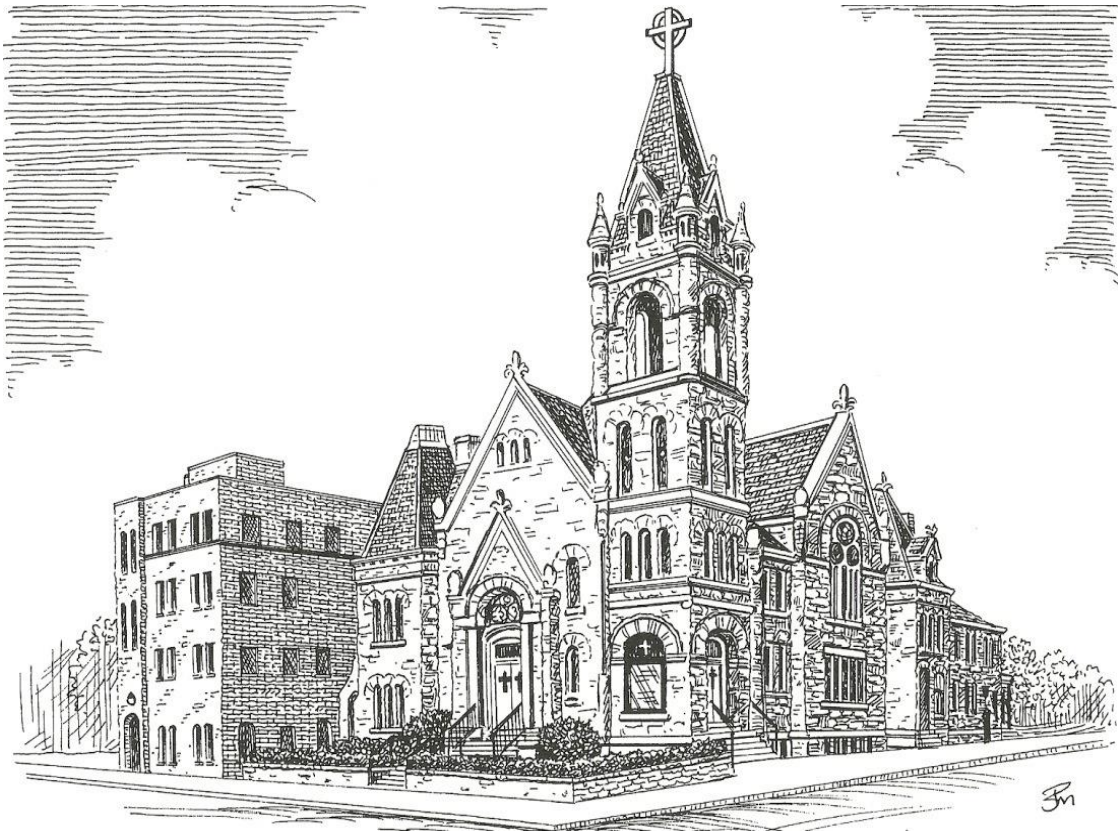


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We have made a commitment to focus on the following values and objectives:

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!

It is with both joy and sadness that I take my leave from you now. The Holy Spirit has worked a miracle among us, bringing us from sadness into holy and life-giving joy. The Holy Spirit has worked mightily with our excellent Call Committee, opening up a bright and holy future for FELC.

It is also with some sadness that I take my leave now. I have grown to love you and will miss our working together, our (sometimes strange) good humor, our challenges faced together. You have become my family.

I will be taking another interim assignment soon (and maybe another after that one!), before I finally retire. I need to leave time and space for our new pastor to settle in and become your/our pastor. I've spent 18 months with you, and our new pastor is just starting. Because he is my friend, and because I want his ministry to be very successful, I won't return to sit with you in worship for at least 2 years. However, you may well see Royce, Ben and Sarah in the meantime.

I will keep you all in my prayers no matter where I am or what I'm doing.

Blessings,
Pr Tim+

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 16, 2022- 7:00 PM. DRAFT COPY- Updated June 17, 10:45 AM

Present: Rob Skropits, Gary Lane, Ted Ellis, Jan Fisher, Christopher Kaschube, Lu Blankenship, Sandie Volz, Cindy Russell, Misty Grove, Chad McFadden

Absent: Pastor Tim Hubert, Chris Cichanowicz, Mike Anderson, Teri Brenkus

The meeting was called to order by Rob Skropits at 7:04 PM.

Devotion and Prayer by: Cindy Russell

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

We would like to warmly welcome our new Church Council members— Misty Grove for the ELC, and Teri Brenkus for Personnel. We also thank Pastor Tim for leading our congregation so well throughout the interim period between our full time called Pastors at FELC.

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes from May 2022, including the addition of an E-Vote from May 31. **MOTION** (Sandie/Cindy) to approve the minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Executive Committee: No Report

Vice President, Chad McFadden:

Interim Pastor, Tim Hubert:

Grace and peace to one and all!

1. First and most important, THANK YOU!! Thank you for the privilege to serve you these last 18 months. It has been my joy to work with the Holy Spirit and you to bring healing and hope to First English.
2. First English is at a really good point in its history right now. Part of that is our healing and part is the excitement of a new pastor coming. I share in that excitement!
3. I have been asked to do the staff evaluations before our new pastor arrives. That process has begun. I've handed out a simple performance evaluation form, asking that our staff evaluate their own performance and then sit down with me to complete the evaluation.
4. I **RECOMMEND** for membership by transfer from Trinity, Ashland the following two families
 1. Rev Cathy and Rich Ammlung
 2. Rev Tim and Royce Hubert, Ben and Sarah**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**
5. I regret that I cannot join you tonight. Royce will have had foot surgery this afternoon and will need me when she returns home around suppertime.

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

Wednesday Noon Lunch was planned to be held outside. However, due to high temperatures, it was held in the air conditioned Emmaus Room. We served approximately 50 due to power outages and peoples lack of water. The Church Staff provided a KFC meal for the Elijah House on June 7th. Senior Boxes were given out to 46 seniors in May. First Responder signs were posted in front of the church and we encourage members to install them in their yards at home. The youth will not participate in the Miss Ohio Parade due to lack of response. VBS will be held on August 2-4 from 5-7pm at FELC. Participating Churches include Holy Trinity, First United Methodist, and Zoe s Learning Center.

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz: No Report

Evangelism Committee Report, Jan Fisher:

We had a great produce distribution to our community on Tues. June 14, 2022, serving 190 guests. We continue to have new families every month. This month we invited Pastor Miguel to join us and offer prayer which he did. Great interaction. Senior Boxes continue to grow as well.

We continue to send out shut-in cards monthly. It s an interaction between Evangelism and the Women's Ministry. Shirley Lane helps with that task. And yes, we continue to have visitors each week. Wonderful!

On August 27, 2022 the Heart of the City Cruise-In will be held from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM in downtown Mansfield. We are sitting in a prime spot to offer a "by donation" meal to the public on that day. I make a **MOTION** (Jan/Chris C.) to hold a fundraiser meal to benefit the Malawi Orphan Care Project. We propose to hold it in the east parking lot next to Luther Hall. The crowds are pretty huge for this kind of event, so I see this as being very successful. We would secure a Thrivent Action Team card to use for our preparation expenses, we would secure volunteer help, and we would put out publicity for the meal. **MOTION APPROVED.**

I was just given three days by Lind Media to create a new billboard design which will be used for the next two years. I got a few people involved and I have a final version to show you tonight.

Women s Ministry, Jan Fisher:

Luther Fellowship meets next Monday, June 20 at 11:30. We will be going to Kingwood Center Gardens for lunch in their restaurant and a tour of the gardens. The Women's Ministry is covering everyone s admission fee.

Our Women s Bible Study doesn t meet during the summer, however women recently provided a lovely brunch following the memorial service for Jo Wirstrom. We are always happy to make that provision to families

Early Learning Center Committee, Misty Grove:

Angie Murphy reports that we currently have 14 staff, 57 children in the summer program, and 37 younger children. Summer trips have started, the only concern is the price of gas. She will continue to evaluate the cost of gas each week and will adjust trips as needed. All kids have signed up for the reading program at the main library. We were able to purchase

over 300 books with funds from the Altrusa group. Each kid will get to take home 1 book per month for the summer. There will be some left for the ELC program in the fall also. Kay Williams is continuing to donate all her classroom supplies to our preschool program. She also ordered 50 plus new books for the entire school. I can't thank her enough for all her donations. Several of the ladies in the Women's ministry have sewn 25 plus water bottle holders together for our campers. We are receiving 40 free breakfast and 40 free lunches from the Cleveland food bank. This is a great help for our parents. Phase 3 grant will be coming out sometime in July. I do not know any of its stipulations. Michelle turned in her college information to our state program and she is now qualified to be my Assistant director. Painting of the 3rd floor will start June 20th. Angie will shine floors up and then turn it over to Sunday school the 1st of August. I would like to thank James, Zack and Jason for tearing down walls and moving all the heavy furniture. The E.L.C. is closed the week of July 4th. We are getting 4 new sinks and all new hardware installed that week.

Becky Pittman reports that we have an average of 50 ELC kids on the front steps of our church each week spreading the Gospel of Jesus through song to our downtown area! It is an awesome ministry. Something good DID come out of Covid! We are also learning many songs for our patriotic program on Thursday, July 14th at 4:30 on the playground. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to Chris C. for helping Angie setup and clean up "Donuts with Dads" on Monday, June 13th. The event was well attended. We are excited to have 2 church members working for ELC this summer; Tyler Crall and Grace Sarbach.

Global Mission Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

Every June MOCP makes requests for financial support for continuing the education of our precious orphans in Malawi. I would make the **MOTION** (Chris C./Jan) to request support for anyone so willing within the congregation. I would like to post this letter (see attachment [MOCP Info June 2022.pdf](#)) on three bulletin boards, plus make the request via weekly bulletins and the July Visitor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

YTD Finance Data		Mo. Avg.
YTD INCOME	\$262,875	\$52,575
YTD EXPENSES	\$280,507	\$56,101
DIFFERENCE	-\$17,632	-\$3,526
GOF Balance	\$109,833	
Endowment Funds Total Value 12/31/2021	\$4,059,210	
Endowment Funds Total Value 04/30/2022	\$3,470,058	
TOTAL LOSS ON ALL INVESTMENTS IN END OF APR 2022	-\$589,152	

- The Pastoral Compensation Agreement as presented at the meeting is **RECOMMENDED** to Council. See attachment in the hyperlink: [Pastor Miguel Call Letter 2022.docx](#) **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**
- Beginning immediately, the pastor's expenses will be approved by the Finance chairperson; while the ELC expenses will be approved by the ELC Chairperson. These expense details will be reviewed monthly by the Finance Committee.
- The committee decided to wait until the next meeting to look at paying the calculated Benevolence which was not paid for the first quarter. We will look at paying the whole first half after the second quarter. The committee will take a closer look at the July meeting.
- The quote to replace the elevator is \$92K. This does not require a down payment; however, Finance agreed with Property that we should go ahead and agree to the replacement so that All Pro can begin to acquire needed parts for replacement. Hopefully, the elevator will remain in operation until the replacement can be done. This replacement will involve replacement of all the mechanical parts; the elevator car will not be replaced as this is not necessary.
- Lu will draft a letter from Finance to ELC parents who are in arrears on fees. The ELC requested this, hoping it will encourage payment.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee did not meet in June. We will be addressing numerous items next month.

On June 2, Thompson Excavating started work on the new parking lot on Park Ave. for the City of Mansfield. Per the pre-construction meeting we had with them, the project is to be completed by June 17, 2022.

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

The organ has been tuned and there were some wind issues found which are being addressed.

The Safety Team will be attending a free training on de-escalation on June 25th which is sponsored by Bob Ball. They have also invited Misty Grove who is interested in helping with first aid training.

Attendance for May/Facebook Views for May

1st - 110.	73
8th - 130.	83
15th - 101.	173
22nd - 128.	173
29th - 93.	74

On May 5th, we hosted the National Day of Prayer with 105 people in attendance.

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis: No Report.

Teri Brenkus, Personnel: No Report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

RECOMMENDATION from the Executive Committee that FELC extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Miguel Acosta to serve as our Pastor, to be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on June 19. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Notes:

July Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Executive Committee

July Council Meeting is Tuesday, July 19th, 7:00 PM

Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 19 following our Worship service.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer,

MOTION (Sandie/Lu) to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher J. Kaschube
FELC Church Council Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

A few months ago, we shared this list of projects and their order of priority, as recommended by the Property Committee:

1. Elevator Replacement - \$92,000 for mechanical/electrical replacement (without updating doors)
2. Replace boiler pump - \$7,200 - completed
3. Run water to playground - \$10,200 (\$5,000 remaining in Playground Fund that can be used) - completed
4. Repurpose spaces (Nicole's office to ELC; Pastor's Office space to Nicole & Andy; Andy's office and Copier Room to Pastor's Office) (Funds available due to grant that paid some ELC wages, freeing up fund for this change) – in process
5. Seal exterior of Luther Hall – not yet done, but necessary.
6. Undercroft Ladies' Restroom
7. Pastor's Office update – in process (moved up in priority due to office moves and new pastor's arrival)
8. Parking Lot retaining wall – being taken care of by the City of Mansfield
9. Antiphonal organ move/upgrade.
10. Air Conditioning.

A \$25,000 donation to be used toward the antiphonal organ project prompted more discussion on this topic by Property and Finance. The challenge for Finance is that this project will be in excess of \$75,000 just for the organ company portion. There will also be some construction involved.

Add to this the fact that we have already committed \$200,000+ for the stained glass windows, for which we have only made the initial payment of \$42,000. We will owe a second payment as soon as the invoice arrives. The congregation voted to take up to \$200,000 from endowment funds for this project, if needed. The difficult issue for Finance is that, since December 31 of last year, our endowment funds, in total, are down in earnings by around \$650,000. This means that we don't want to withdraw any more money from endowments than is absolutely necessary until the market recovers some.

If FELC had all the money we want, we would do all the projects. Though we are a blessed congregation, God still calls us to be good stewards of all that he has provided. At this point in the year, we would normally have taken an endowment withdrawal. As of now, we have not taken a withdrawal from the endowments; and we have not yet paid our benevolence commitments for the first quarter. It is probable that we will have to take a withdrawal to cover all our regular expenses, meet our benevolence commitments, and make the second payment on the stained glass windows.

The Finance Committee is working hard to do the best we can to be good stewards, meet FELC's commitments, and manage FELC's funds to allow the congregation to do as much ministry in the community as possible.

As always, your questions and concerns are appreciated.

In Christ's Service,
Lu Blankenship, Finance Chair (419-564-1469)

NALC Disaster Response — update to this year's activities and support of those in need of help:

Mary's Report for NALC Disaster Response – Jan-June 2022

Active Response:

Kentucky tornadoes Dec. 10, 2021 – 16 FEMA declared counties, 88 fatalities, over 5,500 families impacted. One tornado was an EF-4 that went for 225 miles, from Mayfield to Madisonville. Over \$32,000 in new toys for Christmas were delivered to the children of the impacted families. A total of 15 truckloads of emergency relief supplies were delivered from our regional disaster warehouses.

Hurricane Ida Aug. 26, 2021 – states from Louisiana to New Jersey impacted, NALC Disaster Response is starting long term recovery in Louisiana through the Anglican covenant partners.

California wildfires/ Berry Creek area: Our Savior Auburn is responding. Mission trips are scheduled for July to help rebuild homes.

Peace Lutheran Church Clifton Texas responded to wildfires in the Carbon area. Thousands of acres of range land have burned, destroying grazing land, fences, and cattle. Over \$10,000 of fencing and feed were delivered by Peace volunteers.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church responded to localized flooding in April 2022, delivering a trailer load of flood buckets and other emergency relief supplies.

The national warehouse in Caldwell Ohio responded to localized flooding in June 2022, distributing flood buckets and other emergency relief supplies.

NALC Disaster Response continues to:

- *conduct disaster preparedness trainings: 4 to date, additional trainings are scheduled in the fall.
- *schedule NALC Disaster Response Sundays: 9 to date
- *attend Mission District Convocations: 2 to date
- *coordinate Servant Event Mission Trips: 6 to date, with 109 youth and adults volunteering their time!
- *hold "Stuff the Truck" events, collecting Bibles, flood buckets, quilts, health kits, school kits, and baby care items: 12 to date – thank you Women of the NALC and our amazing congregations!
- *build regional disaster warehouses: 7 are completed in addition to the national warehouse in Caldwell Ohio. In progress are: Bethany Oregon, Black Forest Colorado, Trinity Nebraska, Peace Oklahoma, Peace Indiana, Emmanuel New Jersey.
- *maintain trucks and trailers for delivery of emergency relief supplies when disasters strike.

For more information on how to volunteer and support NALC Disaster Response, please contact Mary Bates at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@thenalc.org

Thank you & God bless you for all your prayers!





VBS will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 4th on our new playground! This is for children ages 4 to 12, and children 3 and under with an adult. We are looking forward to teaming up with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church from 5 to 7 each evening. A light meal will be provided at the beginning of each night. Please see Angie Murphy or Becky Pittman to register ASAP or call the FELC office.

ELC

Little People BIG News

JULY

Flashback into June



Our first month of Summer Camp has been a hot one! We have had to rearrange a few trips due to the heat. The kids are actively reading and got to take home their first book of the summer to keep thanks to Altrusa and Kay Williams!

A Peek into July



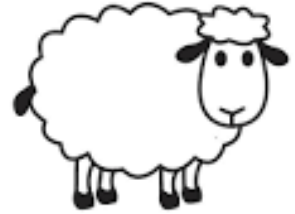
We will be closed on July 4-8. On July 14th we will be having our annual Patriotic Program at 4:30. Everyone is invited to come experience this fun time over by the playground! Our kids will also be putting together a science fair in July.

VBS will be held on August 2, 3, and 4th.

Angie Murphy

Director

Within the Fold



There were no Wednesday Noon Lunch Donations in June.

Many thanks to those generous folks who gave some support money so that the July Mission Team going to Malawi could provide the planned day trips for our precious teens. It is very much appreciated and the funds will be transferred to Abusa Andy Jones very soon!

Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz, and Lowell Weeks
MOCP Trustees

We received this celebration:

invitation for a

*Join Pastor Carl Cunfer
as he celebrates
his 90th birthday and
60th Anniversary of his Ordination
Sunday, July 10, 2 - 4 pm
at Lucas Community Center
(on Rt. 39 as you enter Lucas)*

No Gifts Please
*As a token of Thanksgiving to God for 90
gracious years, I am donating 90 cans of food to
the Food Pantry. I invite all who attend to
bring a food item (can or any non-perishable
item) to the Food Pantry.
Come Join the Fun - Dress Casual*

Please join us as we celebrate the **50th Wedding Anniversary of Greg and Linda Hughes!** There will be an Open House for Linda and Greg at First English Lutheran Church in the Undercroft on Saturday, July 23rd from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Your presence is the only gift needed. *The Open House is hosted by Mike and Cory Hughes.* Please enter on the east-side of the church (Luther Hall).

Just a little plug for the new thrift store that is our neighbor up the street from the church. FRESH START, a Love, Inc. resale store, 115 Park Ave West. 567.333.2198. It's a great little shop very nicely arranged with lots of bargains!

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 JUNE members of the Staff provided a hot meal of Kentucky fried chicken for the men living at Elijah's House. In JULY Alicia Schulz and friends will be taking on that task. At present there are **thirteen men** living there and changing their lives. Pastor Lintern says they are now at capacity. Church attendance on the weekend is a requirement. They do a weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays, so sometimes when we deliver food 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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please see Gary's report in the Council Minutes

Gary Lane, Social Ministry Chairperson



Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study is not meeting during the summer months. We will see you all again in September! The team is open to new suggestions.

One of our funeral squads provided a lovely brunch/lunch following the memorial service for Jo Wirstrom. We are always happy to be able to do this ministry!

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

JULY: Squad A: Karen Ellis, Barb Coon, Lu Blankenship, Ila Kershaw

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

On June 20, 2022, at 11:30 AM we met at Kingwood Center Gardens for lunch in their cafe and then enjoyed the wonderful gardens and gift shop. Women's Ministry paid the "Kingwood entrance fee" for each person attending. Fourteen of us had a very enjoyable casual gathering! Anyone 80+ is encouraged to join us for the next gathering which will be Monday July 18, 2022. The program will announced at a later date.

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

Congo Life

We will be having a pot luck following worship on Sunday, July 31. Sandwiches and ice cream sundaes will be provided. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend; bring a dish or dessert to share. It's great to have this fellowship with one another!

Cindy Hill

Congregational Life Chairperson

Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc.

53 Park Ave West Mansfield, Ohio 44902

419-512-9710



June 10, 2022

Dear Faithful Supporter,

We have exciting news! Leonard Robiam passed his MSCE Examinations. This qualifies him to attend a community college. Several years ago, not many students from the Kanyenyeva area graduated from high school and even fewer were able to attend college. With your help, more and more students from the orphan project can complete their high school education. The leadership at the orphan project realizes how important education is for the children in their community and for their nation. We want to continue to support their desire to change their community and their nation through educating their children. Education is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality and it sets the foundation for sustained economic growth.

In 2021 MOCP was financially able to support 73 young people on their high school journey. We have recently been advised by Shadreck and Yami Chikoti that there are many more who now qualify academically for high school. There are also a higher number of young ladies who qualify for Boarding School. We desire to send at-risk High School girls to Boarding School because is a safer environment for them. At Boarding School the girls can concentrate on education rather than worrying about an unwanted pregnancy or marriage.

Do you have a heart for education or a desire to make a positive difference in someone's life? Please prayerfully consider donating to Malawi Orphan Care Project to enable a child to go to school. Any contribution that you might be able to donate will make a difference. The cost of a night out on the town would send an orphan to high school (\$150.00)!

Education costs:

1 year at the local high school: \$150.00

1 year at Boarding School: \$1500.00

1 year at the National High School: \$250

1 year of college: \$5000.00 plus some incidental expenses.

Because the leaders at the orphan project have put an emphasis on education, many more kids are now qualified to go to attend high school and college. We would love to help them get there and we can do that with your help. If you would like to support a college student, please state that with your donation. Our mailing address is: MALAWI ORPHAN CARE PROJECT, 53 PARK AVENUE WEST, MANSFIELD, OH, 44902 or you can donate through PayPal on our website at www.4malawi.com Please respond by July 15 in order to have the funds available for the new school year.

Very sincerely yours, **Janice A Fisher, Treasurer**

(Council gave me permission to make this public for all of you. I did have to delete the pictures because they would not print well for us.) Please consider offering education support for these amazing young people.

PUB THEOLOGY

We will meet on Tuesday, JULY 12, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at O'Charley's on Lexington-Springmill Rd. 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. The June gathering had to be cancelled because of all the bad thunderstorm weather that hit us the day before.

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



Global Mission

The Far Side: I experienced the first-ever Zoom prayer meeting with Brian and Barb and their team. Before the prayers began, they showed an awesome video of highlights of their 22 year mission work in The Far Side. After that, the group was divided into 3 smaller groups and given a special list of prayers to say aloud and add to if the Holy Spirit so moved. Some of those prayers included the following: 1) Completion of the Book of Matthew in their native tongue

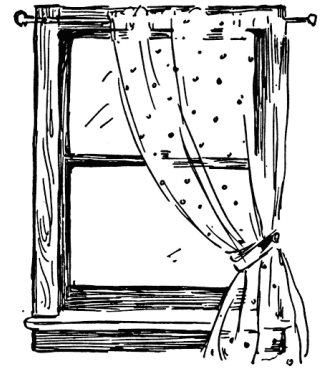
2) STRONG Island believers 3) Goal - for Islanders to have their own Island community of faith with strong leaders willing to talk openly about it. This would create GROWTH in the faith of our Lord. 4) More comprehension test readers 5) More native people willing to receive the gift of humility, repentance, and forgiveness.

Brian and Barb would also like prayers concerning their current Visa. It expires in October of 2023 and allows them to be in The Far Side only 180 days per year. Pray that the Visa will be renewed and their mission there can be extended. Also prayers needed for their children. Both families are in transition about job opportunities. Need the Lord's guidance in this.

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

Becky's Views.....



As we prepare to say good-bye to Pastor Tim on Sunday, July 10th, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for us as a church staff and congregation. We are laughing again! Forgiveness abounds! Communication continues to improve! FELC is a healthy, growing congregation in Christ Jesus! We are serving a mighty God, and I thank Him for bringing us a pastor that allowed the Holy Spirit to work in and through him so readily.

We have an average of 50 kids outside on our front steps each week singing about Jesus! Have you heard us yet? (We're hard to miss) The ELC is spreading the Gospel through song to our downtown area. Please plan on attending our patriotic program on Thursday, July 14th at 4:30 on the playground. Everyone is invited!

The worship team is enjoying a respite from weekly rehearsals during the summer. (I promise we will still be there on Sundays!) I would like to thank Angie Kaschube, Barbara Justice, Nate Zehe, John Weeks and Chief Weeks for their year-long commitment and dedication.

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!"

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 July we will offer communion on Wednesday, July 20, 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 Donations received

General Fund

In memory of Joan Wirstrom

Given by: Ted & Karen Ellis

Memorial Fund

In memory of Joan Wirstrom

Given by: Beth Harruff, Betty Wirstrom, Rebecca McKinley

In memory of Evelyn Smith

Given by: Rob & Opal Bryan, Ric & Suzi Lyle

Malawi

In memory of Shawn Volz

Given by: Jan Fisher

Stained Glass Window Fund

In memory of Jo Wirstrom

Given by: Zac & Becky Pittman

Youth Fund

In memory of Shawn Volz

*Given by: Sandra Baxter, Beth Harruff, James & Dorthy Hughes, Marilyn Dinges,
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 688,*

Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund

In memory of Shawn Volz

Given by: Gail Elder





Jack Weeks

June 1, 2022

Evelyn Smith

May 28, 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

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.

July 10, 2022

July 17, 2022

July 31, 2022

August 7, 2022

August 14, 2022

August 21, 2022

Evangelism for Today's World

FREE PRODUCE AND SENIOR FOOD BOXES.....

The July Produce Distribution will be second Tuesday, July 12, 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.



In spite of the overnight storms that took away power and WiFi, we completed a very large produce distribution on June 14, 2022, serving our guests over 5500# of fresh produce. We had 190 guests, almost all of them shared prayer with Pastor Tim and Pastor Miguel who so willingly joined us for the morning! We had the help of 21 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 75 children experiencing food insecurity. And a total of 399 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 each month! Many of our guests are clear about thanking us!

On Tuesday, June 28 we will be offering Senior Boxes, and that program has grown to the point of now receiving two pallets of boxes with 40 boxes in each pallet. 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!

July Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Senior Boxes program continues to grow each month. If you know of anyone who would qualify by age 60+ and low income, please share about this give away!

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

July 2022 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

July	3:	TBD
July	10:	TBD
July	17:	TBD
July	24:	TBD
July	31:	TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Todd Heichel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Executive Committee

COMMUNION PREPARERS

June	3:	Lana Conry & Sandie Volz
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COMMUNION SERVERS

June	3:	
Wine West:		Elizabeth Volz
Wine East:		Chris Cichanowicz
Intinction:		Jane Sprang

GREETER

Joe & Jennifer Rogers

LAY READERS

July	3:	Todd Heichel
July	10:	Kathy Hoecker
July	17:	Sandie Volz
July	24:	Tricia Volz
July	31:	Jan Fisher

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

July	3:	TBD
July	10:	TBD
July	17:	TBD
July	24:	TBD
July	31:	TBD

PROPRESENTER

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

SLING STUDIO

July	3:	TBD
July	10:	Suzanne Rippel
July	17:	Tom Sarbach
July	24:	Suzanne Rippel
July	31:	Todd Heichel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

None

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

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

USHERS NAVE

Ken & Debbi Suzuki
Jan Fisher & Lowell Weeks

Prayer Requests

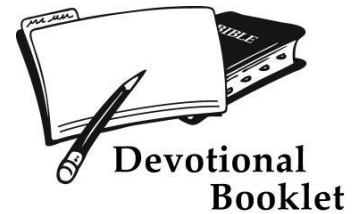
To be put on the printed prayer listing: If you would like the church family to know of your joy or concern, please notify the pastors or call Angie Cockrell (419.522.0662) in the church office to be added to the list. Please call again when it is appropriate to have that prayer request deleted.

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 **July** 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. "TheNALC.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

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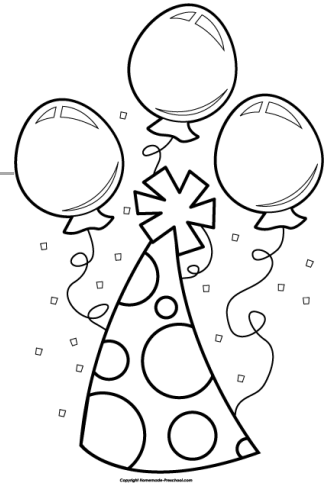
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July 9

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