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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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR CONGREGATION

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL REGARDING A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO REPAIR OUR ELEVATOR AND REPLACE THE AIR CONDITIONING ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF LUTHER HALL.

A Message from Pastor Miguel.....

Dear friends in Christ,

I'm honored and excited to accept the call you've extended to me to serve First English Lutheran Church as your pastor. We face the days ahead with many emotions and a long to-do list. In the whirlwind of transition, we trust that God is with us and will guide us all into the time ahead. I'm looking forward to calling First English Lutheran Church my home. I await getting to know each of you, hearing how God is active in your lives, and writing the next chapter of our faith stories together. I'll be grateful if you'd pray for my family, including Kelly, my wife, and Jacqueline, my daughter, who will begin first grade this year, as we transition into this new call with you. I will be praying for you as we navigate ahead.

One of my priorities with God's help and your help is to start doing things together, projects, events, worship service, youth group, outreach, evangelism- you name it! I will roll up my sleeves and will continue to dig deep into the fertile soil of the missionary field that we have in the city of Mansfield. Meanwhile, *"be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord"* (Psalm 31:24).

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Miguel

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 19, 2022- 7:00 PM
DRAFT COPY- Updated July 19, 8:00 PM**

Present: Rob Skropits, Mike Anderson, Gary Lane, Christopher Kaschube, Misty Grove, Chris Cichanowicz, Sandie Volz, Jan Fisher

Absent: Lu Blankenship, Ted Ellis, Cindy Russell, Pastor Miguel Acosta, Chad McFadden, Teri Brenkus

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

Devotion and Prayer by Christopher Kaschube

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes from June 2022 for approval. MOTION (Gary/Jan) to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED.

Executive Committee: MOTION (Rob/Sandie) to approve the hiring of Faith Williams as the parish secretary. MOTION APPROVED.

We were notified by our insurance company that as Church Council members, we must have BCI and FBI background checks completed at the Richland County Sheriff's Office. The goal is to have everyone's background checked by the September Council meeting.

Vice President, Chad McFadden: No Report

Pastor Miguel Acosta: No Report

Early Learning Center, Misty Grove:

From ELC Director Angie Murphy:

Our current enrollment: 6 weeks – Pre-K: 37 children, School Age: 58 children I have hired one employee, Tracey Anderson. Stephany Sawyer has put in her notice to leave at the end of July. I need to hire two more staff members for the fall. We were approved for Phase 3 of the grant totaling \$193,000.

ELC staff will have monthly meetings with Pastor Miguel and Misty Grove the 3rd Tuesday of each month around 5:15 pm.

Take a look at how our garden is growing on the playground!

From Becky Pittman:

The ELC kids had a great time presenting their patriotic program (plus several other Bible songs) to a group of a dozen Newhope individuals on July 13th in the Emmaus Room. It was well received by all involved. We are hoping to have this group visit and sing with our kids once a month now that they no longer have strict COVID restrictions.

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The kids are headed to Wedgewood Estates on Thursday, July 28th at 2pm to sing for the residents at the assisted living.

We are focusing on inviting our Early Learning Center families to VBS the first week of August. Several have already registered.

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

Our Produce Distribution on Tuesday, July 12 was super successful! We gave away nearly 6000# of produce to 183 guests. There are always new families in need of this produce, and this month we had 42 new families. According to the statistics that I report, that means we gave produce out to help sustain 475 people this month. That is a wonderful thing. I'm very grateful to the 24 volunteers who braved the hot sun! Thank you to them. And we welcomed Pastor Miguel Acosta who joined us offering welcome to our guests and prayer. Blessed to be a blessing! Our next produce distribution will be Tues. August 9.

We continue to welcome guests at worship and our congregation is full of graceful outreach with these visitors. Who wouldn't want to come back to a body of Christ that reaches out to visitors? Christ's love shines here!

Every two years we create a new billboard 'skin' via our agreement with Lind Media. We have a new design on display now and it can be seen presently on North Main Street, as you are traveling northbound it is on Lind Media's office building (down near the railroad tracks, south of Longview Avenue.) Please look for it around town throughout the year, as it gets moved every few months. Click on the link to view: [2022Billboard.jpg](#)

I'm looking forward to talking with Pastor Miguel about new Evangelism opportunities.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

We recently made a \$300.00 donation to send two orphans to high school in Malawi. This is annual for us.

Plans will soon be made for this next year's programs/Bible study, etc.

Luther Fellowship continues to meet monthly with an enthusiastic group of 12 to 14! On July 18 we are meeting at the home of Mary Schwartz for a potluck

lunch. It is an enjoyable time of fellowship with lots of sharing going on! Becky and Jan have plans in place for the rest of the year. Each month we give out a flier as a reminder for the upcoming month.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship (via Nicole Goddard)

Re: Financial Audit:

Our Finance Committee met with Brad Hostetler from RLB CPA's, and since Nicole has shared some church financial information with him. Brad has submitted an engagement proposal for what he felt needed to be done in the financial review. Lu has signed the contract with RLB CPA's and the review should begin within 2 weeks. The cost is estimated to be between \$2,500 and \$3,000 (We had budgeted \$10,000 for the audit.).

Re: Elevator Replacement/Third Floor AC Replacement:

Baseline cost for the elevator is \$92,000, which includes refinishing the interior, new control panel, replacing parts that need to be replaced etc. To include new doors on all 3 floors, addressable alarm system, additional new wiring, etc. The cost rises to about \$120,000. Andy and the Finance Committee agree that this should be done.

The third floor air conditioning which takes care of the rear of the third floor needs to be replaced, it is currently not working at all. There are three air conditioners that cool that floor. Another of which has not been working well for a few years now. Andy will try to get an estimate to combine all three. The one unit that needs to be replaced would cost about \$6,000. One new system could possibly eliminate a lot of maintenance, and ultimately the two others will likely need to be replaced in the near future.

Re: ELC Past Due Accounts:

The Finance Committee along with the ELC have prepared a joint letter addressing families in the ELC with past due accounts. They will now be required to set up payment arrangements with Nicole acting on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be updated weekly on these arrangements. We currently only have one family with a past due balance.

Re: 2022 Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grants, Phase 3:
\$50,000 Base Amount + \$1,100 per Child Amount by License Capacity as of
6/28/22. Our ELC
has a license capacity of 130, which equates to \$143,000. The total amount of
the grant
being applied for is \$193,000.

First English ELC has submitted the application and received approval on July
8th, 2022.
The expected Grant amount is \$193,000.00 which will be used largely to cover
payroll expenses
in the ELC. In turn this will free up some of the budgeted money from the Gen-
eral Operating
Fund allowing us to make some necessary elevator repairs as well as repairs to
the 3rd floor AC.

Tentatively, the elevator replacement will amount to \$120,000. A major portion of
the grant will
be used to cover ELC payroll, which will free up some of the general fund to be
used toward the
elevator project. The group agreed to a split of 70% ELC (\$86,000) and 30%
(\$36,000) from the
church budget.

The other big project being planned for is the repair and upgrade of the air con-
ditioning
system(s) for the third floor. Andy is still working on acquiring quotes for this
work as it is still
unknown whether or not the three separate systems being used can be com-
bined.
Since the split agreed to for the elevator leaves the ELC \$109,000, it is most
likely that the same
split (70% ELC, 30% church budget) will be applied to the air conditioning
costs.

Re: Statutory Agent:
Finance RECOMMENDS that Council name our Bookkeeper, currently Nicole
Goddard, as our Statutory Agent since this position is available and able to re-
ceive important documents that may be sent to the church, which is the purpose
of a Statutory Agent.
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

Further, rather than naming one person to sign contracts, Finance RECOM-
MENDS that the Finance Committee review contracts and sign its approval and
then have the appropriate committee sign the contract.

RECOMMENDATION TABLED.

Financial Reporting Information as of June 30th, 2022:

Investment Accounts-

Please note year to date our investment accounts are down \$842,147.55

GOF Recap: 2021 Carryover	\$113,321.20
Gen Op Fund to Women of FELC Fund	(\$1,000.00)
ELC Grant Fund to GOF	\$4,600.00
FELC Memorial Fund to GOF	\$7,000.00
WFELC Fund to GOF (Easter Flowers)	\$20.00
Gen Endow Fund to Gen Op Fund	\$0.00
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF	\$0.00
New Min & Miss Endowment Fund to GOF	\$0.00
RGH II Campaign Funds to Gen Op Fund for loan pymt	\$5,360.52
2022 YTD Income	\$312,626.03
2022 YTD Expenses	\$366,908.62
GOF Balance	\$75,019.13

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

The youth leaders are currently developing a schedule of activities for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell,

Pastor Miguel's installation is yet to be determined. It will be worked out with Diana Seaman, Dean of the North Central Mission District. Congo Life is planning a potluck/welcome for Pastor Miguel on Sunday July 31st following the Worship Service. The Worship Committee would like to thank Pastor Tim for his leadership and teaching over the last 18 months. Your dedication and commitment to our congregation is greatly appreciated. As we say goodbye to Pastor Tim, we give a big welcome to Pastor Miguel Acosta. We look forward to working with you to better serve God's Kingdom.

Attendance for June:

5th - 103

12th - 94

19th - 110

26th - 87

Facebook Views for June:

5th - 97

12th - 88

19th - 55

26th - 57

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee did not meet in July. The regular meeting was scheduled for Monday July 4, 2022, and the fact there was nothing new to address gave reason to postpone the meeting. However, Thompson Asphalt completed the front parking lot June 30, and we all can be proud of the FELC Parking lot appearance from Park Ave West.

Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

The Far Side: The Sorges headed back to the Far Side on July 10 and arrived safely. They were very grateful for the opportunity God gave them to be able to spend extra time here in the U.S. with their family and friends to share what God is doing in the Far Side. They sent a list of things they would like all of us to pray will happen there:

- * God's comfort in the goodbyes and transition to the Far Side
- * A smooth re-entry into their Far Side city
- * Many Islanders are visiting the Far Side over school holidays -pray for God-ordained meetings and conversations.
- * Ask God to send faithful Islanders eager to do comprehension test reading of drafted Scripture to them
- * Continued peace as they wait for their Good Shepherd to show them where to be after the allotted Far Side time for this year is finished in mid-October
- * Grace for their children as they are currently in transitions too.

Peru: Facebook has some wonderful videos of the Krafts reminiscing about their 24 years of service as missionaries. They begin in Peru. With GO MISSIONS and the dream of the Potter's House almost completed, it seems incredible what has been accomplished . Last weekend was spent teaching 17 "hurting" women about holistic healing during their VIVE women's retreat. Next month another group will begin called the Immerse English Camp. It takes place in the Potter's House and many Peruvians are eager to learn English as their second language. They hope to have a community of 35 people participating. This happens twice each year. The next one will be on January 2-8, 2023. They are already looking for volunteers to help. In LaPaz the Go Missionaries are teaching in 11 different villages. Go Missions Bolivia had the privilege of celebrating with the Indigenous Community Ibiato who have been active for 100 years.

Malawi: Pastor Andy, Joy and their team arrived safely in Malawi last week. The women and children were delighted to finally have a team visiting again. Part of this team's mission was to provide soccer balls, pencils, erasers, and clothes donated by various congregations. The blanket project was a total success! \$16,107 was collected. Not only was every orphan given one, but the "feeding" volunteers and our university students received one too! Thanks to your donations, the children of Kanyenyeva are growing up and most of them are working extra hard in school. Our donations also provided the funds needed for 80 high school students to go on a mini-retreat. The number of DAYS for GIRLS' kits is expanding as more women are being trained and then take time to teach others.

What a blessing these missionaries are!

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

Wednesday Noon Lunch is scheduled for tomorrow. Planning for a light lunch outside.

The Elijah House meal ministry was canceled for July due to illness. It has reached its capacity serving 13 homeless men.

Eighty Senior Boxes were received and 51 given out. This is a fitting and growing ministry due to today's rampant inflation that affects the elderly living on fixed incomes the most.

We are continuing to collect Bare Necessities to be given to those in need at Wednesday Noon Lunch. In July we are asking for donations of laundry soap.

We are preparing to host a joint Vacation Bible School. The churches involved are FELC, Holy Trinity, Kingdom Grace, and Zoe's Learning Center. It is scheduled for August 2-4, from 5-7 PM. Ages 3-12 are encouraged to attend.

Old Business: None

New Business: MOTION by Rob/Chris K. to call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 28th following worship, for the purpose of approving the financing of the elevator and 3rd floor of Luther Hall air conditioning projects. MOTION APPROVED.

Notes:

August Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Finance Committee
August Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 16th, 7:00 PM

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MOTION (Chris C./Sandie) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. MOTION APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher J. Kaschube
FELC Church Council Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Fund or Endowment?

FELC is blessed to have several Endowment Funds as well as a number of other named funds set aside for special purposes.

Endowed funds differ from other funds in that the total amount of the gift is invested. Each year, only a portion of the income earned is spent while the remainder is added to the principal for growth. In this respect, an endowment is a perpetual gift. As you know, investments are not doing well, so we continue to be especially conservative in our spending this year to avoid withdrawing any more than is absolutely necessary.

Differing from endowed funds, the church's **other named fund** balances can be spent as long as they are used for their intended purpose. For instance, Emma L. & Glenn O. Gamber left a fund to FELC to be spent on Christian Education. This is the fund that paid for the Vacation Bible School program for this year. The fund still has a balance that can also be spent on Sunday School materials.

Grants received by the Early Learning Center will free up some general fund monies to cover the elevator replacement and air conditioning replacements/repairs. The congregation will be asked to approve the expenditures at a meeting following worship on August 28.

As always, your questions and concerns are appreciated.

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

Welcome, Pastor Miguel Acosta, Kelly and Jackie!

What a great day of worship we experienced this morning! We collectively, as a congregation, are so excited to welcome you into our Body of Christ! It was a great pleasure for many of us to meet the three of you this morning! God has been faithful to us, and we have been faithful to Him! Now let the service begin with your leadership, Pastor Miguel! Welcome, welcome, welcome!

We say welcome to our new Parish Secretary!

We are very happy to welcome our new **Parish Secretary, Faith Williams.**

Hi! My name is Faith Williams, and I am the new secretary here at FELC. I'm so excited to be here! I graduated from Temple Christian School in 2021, and I have recently gotten married! My husband is the Children's Pastor/Associate Youth Pastor at our church, and we are heavily involved with the children's ministry. I believe that children's ministry is God's calling for my life. I have such a big heart and huge imagination, which are two important things involving Children's ministry. I love that every week I get to teach them something new about our wonderful Creator.

I was enrolled at Cedarville University for a short while before I felt God leading me back home to continue my degree back in Mansfield. I studied Special Education before switching to an English major.

I absolutely love to read and it's quite rare when you'll see me without a book in my purse or my hand! Along with reading, comes my love for coffee as well!

I am so excited to get to know each and every one of you and be able to serve alongside you for the glory of God!

Faith Williams

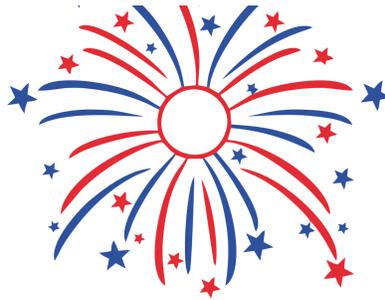


VBS will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 4th in the undercroft (changed from a month ago.) This is for children ages 4 to 12, and children 3 and under with an adult. We are looking forward to teaming up with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church from 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

AUGUST



Our Patriotic Program was a great success! Our kids sang patriotic songs with Mrs. Becky in the parking lot. Their parents really enjoyed it.

During our closed time in July, new touchless sinks were installed. Stop in and check them out!

VBS will be held on Tuesday, August 2, Wednesday, August 3, and Thursday, August 4. We are accepting registrations now. See Angie Murphy or Becky Pittman.

Our summer has been moving along. We are running into staffing issues. If you know someone interested in working in childcare, please send them our way!

We will be closed on September 2 and September 5 for a teacher in-service and celebration of Labor Day.

Angie Murphy

Director

Within the Fold



There was a \$2.00 Wednesday Noon Lunch Donation in July.

A note from Pastor Tim Hubert:

Thank you, dear friends!

Thank you for your friendship, thank you for the many hugs and gifts on my last Sunday as your Interim Pastor. And thank you for working so hard to heal and become, by the Holy Spirit, the awesome FELC that you are today!

Blessings all!

Pr Tim+

Bravo to our music directors, Scott Berry and Becky Pittman for their presentation of John Phillip Sousa's march "Stars and Stripes Forever" on July 3! We have the best "church music" in Mansfield! **Jane R Mako**

Has anyone ever wondered how the front lawn of our church is always mowed, edged, and trimmed? For years we have had a faithful volunteer who enjoys doing this project. She comes weekly with a joyful heart. Let us all thank Chris Cichanowicz for loving her church so much.

Charlie and Myra Cordrey.

These from our graduates:

Dear Women's Ministry, Thank you so much for the blanket (quilt made by quilting group) and the gift card. I love it! **Kylie Caseman** (recent High School graduate)

Dear Women of FELC, Thank you for the graduation card, gift card, and blanket (quilt made by quilting group). I really appreciate it. **Tyler Crall** (recent High School graduate)

Natalie Dudte, great granddaughter of Shirley Shupp, will be doing missionary work in Taiwan very soon. Please keep Natalie in your prayers as she does the Lord's work.

Elijah's House Update

The meal for Elijah's House in July had to be cancelled due to illness. We will be taking a meal to them in August. 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? Check with Cindy Russell or Becky Pittman for particulars on making the delivery.

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.

Worship and Music Committee

How exciting to welcome Pastor Miguel Acosta on Sunday, July 24, 2022. Worship Committee is anxious to work closely with Pastor Miguel!

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson

SOCIAL MINISTRY

PLEASE TAKE IN YOUR "FIRST RESPONDER" YARD SIGNS AND STORE THEM SAFELY AT YOUR HOME SO THAT WE HAVE THEM READY FOR FUTURE POSTINGS.

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.

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

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

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

We had a great afternoon of fellowship and pot-luck lunch on Monday, July 18, at Mary Schwartz's home. For August we plan to invite Pastor Miguel to join us in the Emmaus Room at 11:30 so that we can get to know him. We will pepper him with questions and share about ourselves; then at 12:30 we will enjoy pizza together. All you 80+ folks, please plan to join us!

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

Congo Life

By the time you read this our July 30 Pot-luck will be a wonderful memory! Stay tuned for future "events".....

Cindy Hill
Congregational Life Chairperson

Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc.

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Heart of the City Cruise-In

On **Saturday, August 27, 2022, 12:00 to 8:00 PM**, Downtown Mansfield is sponsoring a classic cars cruise-in right along Park Avenue West. It is a great outdoor event attended by many, many people. The **Malawi Orphan Care Project** is planning to sell hot dogs, coneys, hamburgers, walking tacos, chips, and drinks as a fund raiser in support of feeding and educating our precious orphans. Please plan to join us in support of this fund raiser. We will need many volunteers and you will be most welcome to help set up, serve, be a runner, clean up or whatever you feel called to do. For details or questions please see Chris Cichanowicz and/or Jan Fisher, MOCP board members.

PUB THEOLOGY

We will meet on Tuesday, AUGUST 9, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Black Dog Tavern in Bellville, OH. We will all enjoy each other's fellowship as we relax and share thoughts.
(Topic to be announced.)

The July gathering was at O'Charley's on Lex-Springmill Rd. Would you believe we grew to 24 people that night? I think we all wanted to learn more about Pastor Miguel as he joined us.

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 Miguel 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 perspectives on the topics. Give it a try!

Ted Ellis and Andy Kershaw

Global Mission



A brief report from the very recent Malawi mission team!

Five members of the July 11 mission team have made their trip and returned excited and renewed! A lot of teaching was done while they were there. Four different days they took each group of 20 teens to an all day educational workshop. This is huge over there. The opportunities are just not profuse!

Along with that, there were some male “fix-it jobs” performed by Gary Underwood, team member from Monroeville, OH. Those things are always highly appreciated.

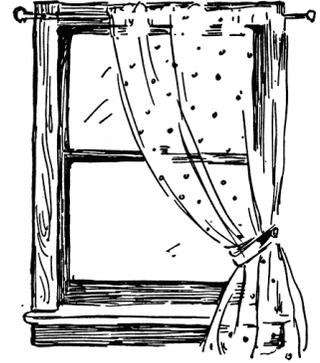
I cannot even tell you how many soccer balls and jump ropes were taken, but how exciting to give these to our precious orphans. They do not have rooms full of toys and athletic equipment like our kids have here.

I have experienced some very joyful video clips on Facebook which convey the joy and appreciation that the orphans experience when they have a team visiting. I hope to give more details in the next newsletter! Praise God, they said everything was quite successful!

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

Becky's Views.....



We are excited to welcome Pastor Miguel to FELC! I am sure as he begins his call here at First English, he will quickly discover what a loving, encouraging and Holy Spirit driven congregation we have here at the church.

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VBS is quickly approaching! We are thrilled to be working side by side with Holy Trinity Lutheran and Kingdom Grace this year. Each church will be leading one night on Tuesday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 4th from 5 till 7. A light supper is provided each evening.

I will be on vacation from Sunday, August 14th through Saturday, August 20th.

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**

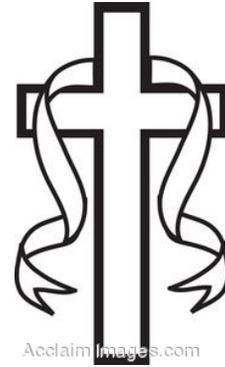
Wedgewood Estates at 2:00 PM and Arbors at Mifflin at 3:30 PM.

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 August we will offer communion on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

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.

MEMORIALS



Memorial Donations received

There were no memorial donations received during the month of July.



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.

August 7, 2022

August 21, 2022

September 11, 2022

September 18, 2022

September 25, 2022

Evangelism for Today's World

Our Produce Distribution on Tuesday, July 12 was super successful! We gave away nearly 6000# of produce to 183 guests. There are always new families in need of this produce, and this month we had 42 new families. According to the statistics that I report that means we gave produce out to help sustain 475 people this month. That is a wonderful thing. I'm very grateful to the 24 volunteers who braved the hot sun! Thank you to them. And we welcomed Pastor Miguel Acosta who joined us offering welcome to our guests and prayer.

Blessed to be a blessing! Our next produce will be Tues. August 9.

Please see Jan's council report for further evangelism details.

FREE PRODUCE AND SENIOR FOOD BOXES.....

The August Produce Distribution will be second Tuesday, August 9, 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.

SENIOR BOXES OF NON-PERISHABLES.

We distributed 51 Senior Boxes on Tuesday, July 26 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on the east side of our building. There is a low income qualifier and many people qualify for this non-perishable food. Please pass the word that it's easy to get registered: bring ID and proof of income. This is important in these days of food insecurity. And many thanks to Pastor Miguel, Larry Faith, Gary Lane, and Larry Lantz for being the guys back in the garage, meeting the people and giving them this non-perishable food!

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!

August Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Be intentional any time you see a face that you don't know — just introduce yourself! We are all part of the same family of God! And have you noticed how we love to fellowship in the Narthex after worship? Wonderful!

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson



August 2022 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

August 7: TBD
August 14: TBD
August 21: TBD
August 28: TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Alicia Schulz

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Finance Committee

COMMUNION PREPARERS

August 7: Ken & Debi Suzuki

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 7:
Wine West: Tricia Volz
Wine East: Anita Nehr Korn
Intinction: Jane Mako

GREETER

Shirley Shupp

LAY READERS

August 7: Angie Kaschube
August 14: Alicia Schulz
August 21: Chris Cichanowicz
August 28: Stacey Crall

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

August 7: Liz Sprang
August 14: Cindy Hill
August 21: Jodi Mumaw
August 28: Lana Conry

PROPRESENTER

August 7: Peyton McFadden
August 14: Isaac McFadden
August 21: Teri Brenkus
August 28: Allison Weeks

SLING STUDIO

August 7: Suzanne Rippel
August 14: Todd Heichel
August 21: Tom Sarbach
August 28: Todd Heichel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

None

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

August 7: Ed Farner
August 14: Ed Farner
August 21: Ed Farner
August 28: Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Greg Hughes & Pat Smith
Lana Conry & Justin Grove

Prayer Requests

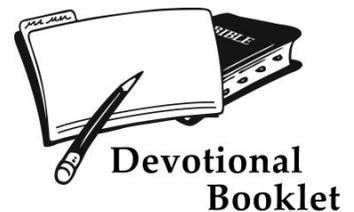
To be put on the printed prayer listing: If you would like the church family to know of your joy or concern, please notify the pastors or call Faith Williams (419.522.0662) in the church office to be added to the list. Please call again when it is appropriate to have that prayer request deleted.

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 **August** 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 Faith Williams at parishsecretary@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**

**SEPTEMBER Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, August 16, 2022
Assembled and mailed: THURSDAY, August 25, 2022.**

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ARTICLES TO: newslettereditor53@yahoo.com or leave in
the mail slot marked Visitor Editor. Volunteer editor Jan Fisher can be reached at
419.589.2820.

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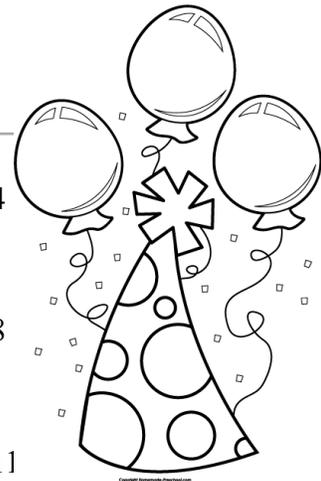
*Emergency cell phone number if the pastor cannot be
contacted at church:*

Pastor Miguel Acosta

330-265-7329

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Ronda Rehm	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	August 4
Frank Gall	27 W 2nd St Mansfield OH 44902	August 8
Adam Rehm	1090 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1623	August 11
Beverly McKeehen	455 Logan Rd Apt 49 Mansfield OH 44907	August 11
Chad McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	August 12
Louis Beal	93 Harvard Ave Mansfield OH 44906-2818	August 18
Gordon Moxley	1126 Cobblefield Dr. Ontario OH 44903	August 19
Ted Ellis	3467 State Rte 546 Lexington OH 44904-9765	August 19
Lois Brown	944 Woodville Rd. Apt. 211 Mansfield OH 44907	August 23
Janice Beddard	725 Glendale Blvd Mansfield OH 44907-2277	August 26
Kay Williams	855 Vanderbilt Dr. Lexington OH 44904	August 27
Rachel Caseman	2355 Mount Zion Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8761	August 29
Karen Ellis	3467 State Rte 546 Lexington OH 44904-9765	August 31



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