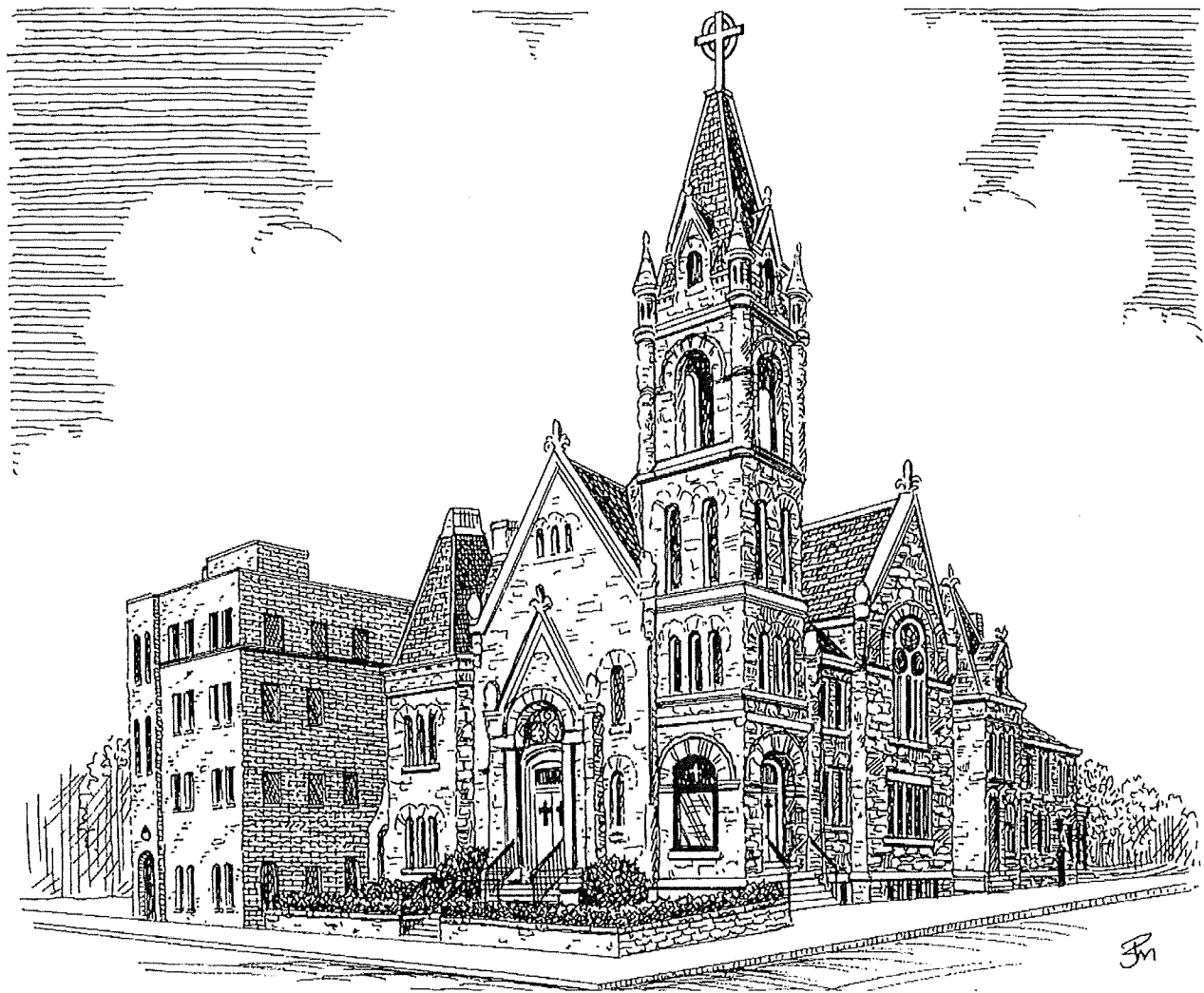


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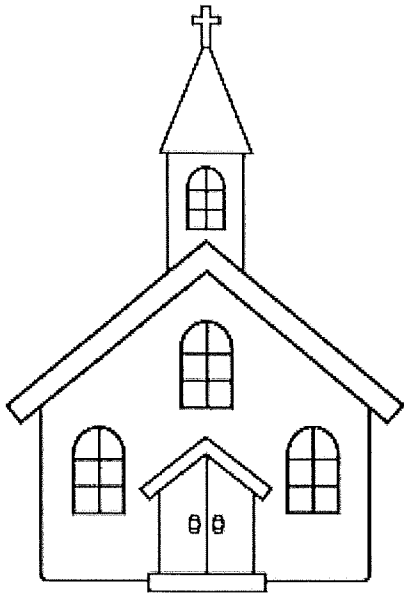
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We have made a commitment to focus on  
the following values and objectives:

### *STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES*

1. Early Learning Center (ELC)
2. Align Ministries to Strategic Focus
3. Engaging Youth
4. Repurpose Staff Including Accountabilities
5. Create a Culture of Engagement

### *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

## *Pastor's Pieces*

*July, 2023*

*"I pray that your love will keep on growing more and more,  
together with true knowledge and perfect judgement. . ."*

*Philippians 1:9 (GNB)*

Greetings to the FELC family,

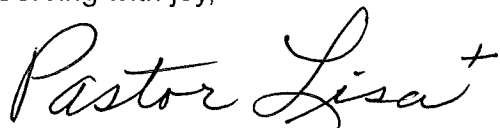
As I become more acclimated to this new position among you, I am more and more pleased to be here as your Interim Pastor. Thank you for your patience as I "settle in", and even though it may be for a short time, I want you to know how much I pray it will be a good time for this congregation.

Many of you know me from various meetings over the years, but I am aware that some do not know me, and I would like to get to know you all better. Feel free to drop by and say, "Hi," if I am in the office, or introduce yourself following worship before you leave. Speaking of the office, I find that I am regularly "in" parts of Wednesdays and Thursdays, and I like to be "around" when the outreach events are happening (at least a portion of the time.) FELC has shown itself to be the hands of Christ in its answer to felt needs in the community. I feel so proud to be part of this congregation!

While we await the Pastor whom God is preparing to serve here, we continue to pray for the North American Lutheran Seminary. I recently received the update that 39 new students were admitted since last August, 13 of which are enrolled in the Master of Divinity program which leads to Ordination to Word and Sacrament; 18 more have enrolled in the new Ordination Under Special Circumstances (OUSC) program. Praise God for stirring the hearts of these students to serve the congregations of this church body. While I am on the subject, let me encourage you to pray for future pastors and leaders, and for Dr. Eric Reisen and all the faculty and staff of NALS, as well as Pastor Jeff Morlock as he travels throughout North America in the NALS recruitment initiative.

July already! Every year seems to speed along faster. I hope your summer plans include regular prayer time, continued Bible study, and time for meditation, for these practices are still the major soul-building exercises between Sundays.

Serving with joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Lisa" followed by a small plus sign.

Pastor Lisa Peterson+

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023- 7:00 PM

***DRAFT COPY- Updated June 20, 10:13 PM***

Present: Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Mike Anderson, Chad McFadden, Misty Grove, Lu Blankenship, Sandie Volz, Alicia Schulz, Gary Lane, Jan Fisher, Pastor Lisa Peterson, Ted Ellis

Absent: Christopher Kaschube, Teri Brenkus

The meeting was called to order by Council President Cindy Russell at 7:00 PM

Devotion and prayer led by Jan Fisher.

***Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:***

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from the May 16 meeting for approval. **MOTION** (Chris C/Sandie) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Executive Committee:***

- The Executive Committee **RECOMMENDS** appointment of James Murphy to the vacant position of Christian Education Committee Chairperson. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

***Property Committee, Mike Anderson:***

- Andy reported the following to the Property Committee:
  - Work on the 3rd floor air conditioners should be completed in the next couple of weeks thus completing the Air Conditioner improvement program.
  - Work has been completed in updating the Receptionist Office and the print room.
  - The elevator people are still waiting for the controller to arrive and as soon as it arrives work will begin on the elevator.
  - Andy is still in the process of getting quotes to paint all the exterior doors and trim including all galvanized metal and gutters.
  - The stained glass windows are now scheduled to be installed at the end of August.
  - The Bell Choir has requested to move to the side of the balcony for their performances, to do so would require removing some seating. The Property Committee voted and passed a motion to remove some seats in the 2nd and 3rd rows on the west side.
  - Due to an incident on a Sunday morning during a worship Service when a person off the street went up to the balcony and kept wandering around instead of sitting down. The Security Team realized how vulnerable the balcony could be if someone was trying to do harm to the congregation.
  - The Property Committee passed a motion for Andy to buy 1 or 2 cameras for the balcony. Andy currently has the money for this. There was some discussion about whether additional cameras were really needed. Resolved after explanation.<sup>3</sup>

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

- Currently, on average, we are spending \$23,258 more per month than we take in. At this rate, by year-end expenses will total \$162,806 more than income. The budget includes General Endowment withdrawals of up to \$203,940, of which we have already withdrawn \$50,000, leaving \$153,940 that can be withdrawn.
- Meanwhile, in addition to all the normal expenses, we have many major projects that need to be done.
- Following is a spreadsheet of these projects along with budget numbers:

PROPERTY PROJECTS	Notes	Balance FELC	Balance ELC
Stained Glass	sanctuary large stained glass windows in progress	\$89,245	
Elevator	not yet started - waiting for parts	\$30,000	\$43,185
Roof	needed repairs - will have to add for needed flashing	\$23,600	
Outside trim	scrape, paint, replace caulk around foundation - rough estimate	\$40,000	
Ladies RR Undercroft	upgrade (checking on adjoining room)	\$4,992	
Undercroft Walls	patch, paint	\$5,276	
AC - 3rd floor	replace roof units	\$18,750	\$46,370
Parking Lot	Replace asphalt - may postpone until next summer	\$20,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$231,863</b>	

<b>BUDGET UPDATE</b>	
Allowed withdrawal from General Endowment to meet budget for 2023	\$203,940
Withdrawals to date	\$50,000
Remainder of allowed withdrawal for 2023	\$153,940
At current rate of income and expenses, by the end of May, we were averaging a monthly deficit of \$23,258 which means we will need to withdraw the \$153,940, leaving a year-end deficit of	\$8,865
<b>GENERAL ENDOWMENT INFO</b>	
Balance as of May 31, 2023	\$3,086,520
Allowed withdrawals for remainder of 2023	\$ 153,940
Balance owed on Loan from General Endowment Fund (paying \$893.42 per month)	\$201,528

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

- Malawi:
  - Pastor Andy, Joy and their team arrived safely and are now home from their very successful trip to Malawi. Pastor Andy wrote a 3 page report about the trip which Jan had copies made and placed in the Narthex. Here are a few of the highlights:
    - The farm plantings are doing well (sweet potatoes, bananas, and blue gum trees)
    - They spent the majority of their time at the Project where the team did their main teaching and program days. The development of the children through their involvement at the center continues to shine.
    - 800 string bags were distributed to children of all ages. Solar calculators were given to high schoolers. Supplies were given to Kanyenyeva Wala. Shoes, scarves and blouses were given to the women and sports equipment and clothing were given to the children.
    - Our 3 college students are all doing well and all helped at the Project. As of last week, finances for 3 more students have been generously donated.

- Pastor Andy and Joy have written a very informative “MOCP Mission Team Manual” that will definitely be an invaluable tool for future Malawi mission folks.
- The Skills Center is complete.
- The Meeting Hall is starting to fail. Needs to be double its size to accommodate everyone and needs repairs.
- They attended 2 different Sunday services. Both were very encouraging! An elder at the first service was a young man who grew up at the Project! Seeds of faith are being planted and are bearing fruit. The pastor at the 2nd service is now on the KM board!
- Peru:
  - Shannon sent us a VOLUNTEERS poster which is encouraging mission-minded people to join them to love and serve in the following events:
  - Immerse Camp
  - Vive Retreat (Women)
  - CORE (discipleship training or anytime in the areas of gardening, woodworking, or general maintenance)
- The Far Side:
  - Pray that more native people will come to Christ and spread the Good News to their own people.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Approval to hold the 2nd annual ‘Malawi Concessions’ at the Cruise-In Car Show on Sat. August 26. We already have plans in place to make it even more profitable this year. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

***Music and Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:***

- Worship attendance for the past month has been a total of 503.
  - In the last month we have had 421 views on FB.
- For the month of July we will be having Pastor Lisa Peterson officiate on July 2, 9, 30.
  - July 16 and 23 Pastor Nate Meiers will be officiating.
  - To expedite payment for these Sundays it has been determined that Becky Pittman can sign off on the check requests. OK’d by Jan Fisher in conversation with Nicole Goddard.
- There will be a fifth Sunday pot-luck on July 30. It will be an All-American cookout theme. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided.
- **MOTION** (Jan/Alicia) to begin a means of gathering donations to support some of our youth and that any future fifth Sunday pot-luck will receive financial donations to be used to support our youth.” Discussion followed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

- **MOTION** (Jan/Alicia) that the Women's Ministry be permitted to hold a bake sale on Sunday, November 12 following worship and designate the proceeds to Zoe’s Learning Center (Kingdom Grace Fellowship) after school program. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Eight people participated in the Luther Fellowship bus outing to Pickwick Place on Monday, June 19. We enjoyed the Crossroads Candle Factory as well as vendors at Pickwick Place, along with outstanding lunch selections.
- The Women’s Bible study does not meet in the summer. In July we will be providing a funeral meal for the family of Eileen Storms, former member of FELC.

***Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:***

- Wednesday Noon Lunch served 40-50 lunches for each of two lunches. Pastor Lisa Peterson conducted a devotional before the meal.
- Senior Boxes, produce and cheeses served 105.

- The National Day of Prayer was held in May marching from Church Requel to the downtown park and gazebo.
- We are putting out First Responder signs June 15 - July 15.
- Soap items were collected for WNL distribution in May and personal hygiene items for June.

### ***Early Learning Center, Misty Grove:***

*Via Becky Pittman:*

- Music begins at 9:15 outside on the front steps of the church every Wednesday morning for the summer. We then head into the sanctuary as a large group and have Chapel together. We are learning about Noah's Ark for the month of June. The school-age kids have been assisting with puppets, the felt board, and skits in order to teach the others the Bible story in a fun, hands on approach.
- The school-agers have also been making decorations for our upcoming VBS!! They are very excited to be included in the process. The ELC teachers have been a huge help and support as they make time in their schedules for these crafts.
- Rachel Justice began her art classes with the kids on Wednesday, June 14th. She started a project with them that coincides with the Gospel lesson for Sunday, June 25th. Their artwork will be on display in the narthex.
- Donuts with Dads was a success on Monday morning, June 19th! Thank you to Angie and Chris C. for organizing, setting up and cleaning up from 7 to 9am. The parents are always very appreciative of the kind, intentional gesture.

*Via Angie Murphy:*

- We currently have 48 campers, 7 Infants, 10 Tiny Tots and 27 Pre-k age children enrolled. We have 13 staff members. All staff have completed their 30 hours of training. In July we will start over and have until June 2025 to complete our next 30 hours of training.
- The NALC Youth gathering and Leadership training is July 1-4 2024, in Texas. If you are interested in going with Becky and Angie, please attend a zoom meeting with Pastor Teresa Peterson on July 23rd. right after church. Look for information weekly up to that date.
- The end of the year party at the YMCA went well with 70 in attendance! Donuts with dads on Monday June 19th was also a big hit!
- Megan and Michelle have created a Boast Board. See it on the 2nd floor by the elevators. You can even add a word of encouragement to it for our staff!
- The Patriotic Program with all the children will be at 4:30 on July 13th in the East parking lot. Please come watch all that they have learned from Mrs. Becky.
- VBS will be July 17, 18 and 19. Thank you to everyone that is helping!
- Facility improvements: The ELC now has air purifiers installed in 5 classrooms, and the Infant room will be painted the week of July 3rd.

***Old Business:*** Cindy reminded us to contact the proper person if we have any issue to clear up. Direct is best.

***New Business:*** none

Notes:

July Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Executive Committee  
July Council Meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 PM

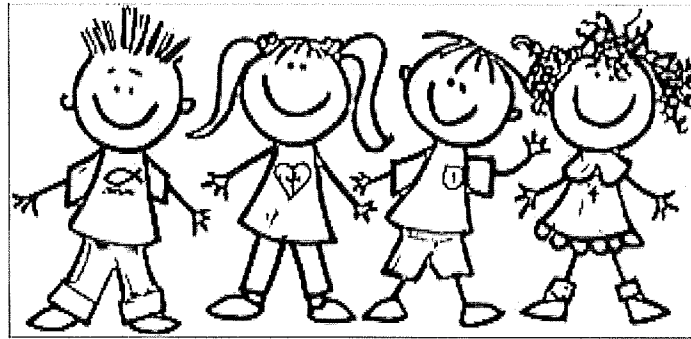
**MOTION** by Chris Cichanowicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Misty Grove, **MOTION passed**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jan Fisher, Acting Secretary for the June 20 meeting, and  
Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary*

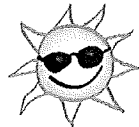




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## Little People BIG News JULY

### Flashback into June



Our first month of Summer Camp has been running smoothly! Summer camp, preschoolers and toddlers all enjoyed a trip to the zoo! Art in Action with Rachel Justice has started! The kids enjoy it, and we love the creativity behind the projects!

### A Peek into July



We will be closed on July 3-7. On July 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Summer Sing Program at 4:30 in the parking lot. There are more trips scheduled for all age groups and they will continue with local trips to parks and the library as well.

VBS will be held on July 17, 18, and 19.

## Within the Fold

*welcome*  
to our church family

Welcome Pastor Lisa Peterson and Dan Peterson!

Pastor Lisa Peterson is now officially our part time Interim Pastor. We, as a congregation, have been blessed to be able to invite her into this role. She will have varied office hours, so if you need an appointment please contact her at [pastor@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:pastor@felc-mansfield.org)

The Malawi Orphan Care Project is extremely grateful to have received the church's first quarter benevolence donations. The money has been deposited into the General Fund and will be sent at the time of the next wire transfer in June. Thank you so very much for changing lives!

*Jan Fisher, MOCP Treasurer*



## PUB THEOLOGY



Our June discussion on *miracles* was wonderful!

We will meet again on Theology discussion on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 PM. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for any location updates!

Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun evening of fellowship!

## Worship and Music Committee



Save the date of Sunday, July 30 as a fifth Sunday pot-luck day. We will enjoy a theme of “summer cook-out” and provide hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grille. A great idea would be for a few people to bring their favorite potato salad and their favorite baked beans and deviled eggs. Everyone

else can just bring your favorite yummy casserole or dish to share. And don't forget the desserts! We will provide ice cream and toppings to add to the guilt!

We are going to take donations at this meal to begin supporting sending some of our Youth to the 2024 NALC YOUTH GATHERING.



## Social Ministry

Please see Gary's report. Plans are being made for Summer.

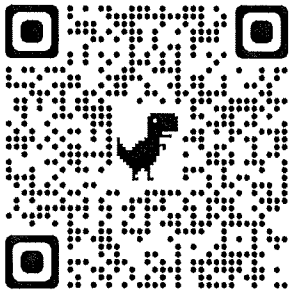
If you have Thrivent products you might want to consider creating a missional project in 2023 to find a use for your two Thrivent Action Team cards. Those cards are a huge outreach blessing, and it's above and beyond your church tithe! Many options are out there: clothes for school kids, personal hygiene supplies for various ages, blanket drive, school supplies in the fall, food for the hungry, the sky's the limit as you plan to help others! If you are searching for an idea for outreach, check with Jan Fisher!

**Gary Lane, Social Ministry Chairperson**

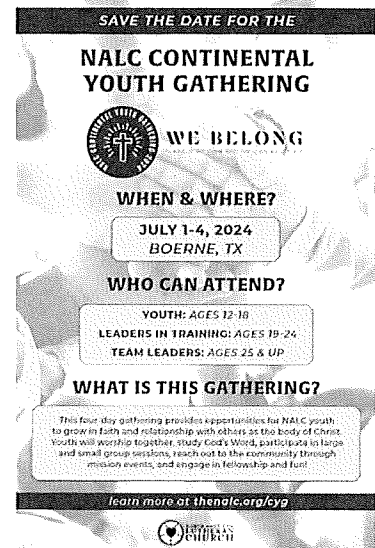
## Youth

*Referring to the NALC Youth Gathering information below, there are many options for adults to volunteer as teachers, chaperones and other helpers. Check the NALC website for more information. You have a year to plan.*

- **Save the Date: July 1st to July 4th 2024** – the NALC National Youth Gathering. The theme will be “We Belong.” The gathering will be held in Boerne, TX. It's not too early to start planning for our youth to attend!



*Please scan the QR code for a clearer view of this flyer.*



## Women's Ministry

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Ministry Bible Study has elected to suspend our meeting during the summer. We will gather again in August or September (TBA).

**Global Missions**





## Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc.

53 Park  
Ave West  
Mansfield, Ohio  
44902  
419-512-9710

June 15, 2023

Dear Faithful Supporter,

Last year we shared that Leonard Robiam had passed his MSCE Examinations, and now we can share that he has completed his first year of university! Precious and Blessings, our two older students, are both doing quite well. Precious has started his teaching practicals and Blessings just scored highly with distinction on his past assessments. 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 these children. Education is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality and it sets the foundation for sustained economic growth.

In 2022 MOCP was financially able to support 75 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 it is a safer environment for them. At Boarding School the girls can concentrate on education rather than worrying about an unwanted pregnancy or marriage.

Now that the students are consistently attending school, they realized that there are some very bright young people coming to the Orphan Project. In the past few years, some qualified for the very prestigious National High School of Malawi. They continue to study at the National High School of Malawi thanks to your support. Three students have moved on to college. And three more young men are ready to enter college this fall. This is life changing on many levels.

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: \$5500.00 covers tuition and some incidental expenses.

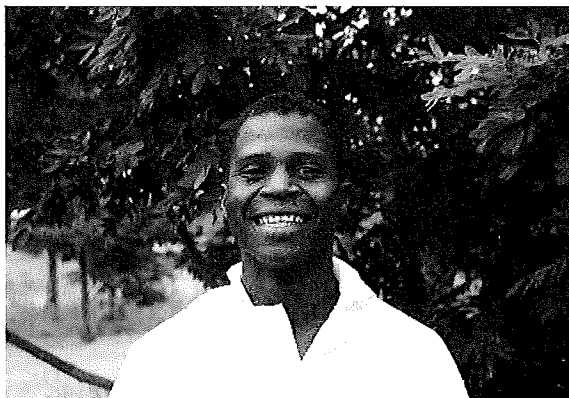
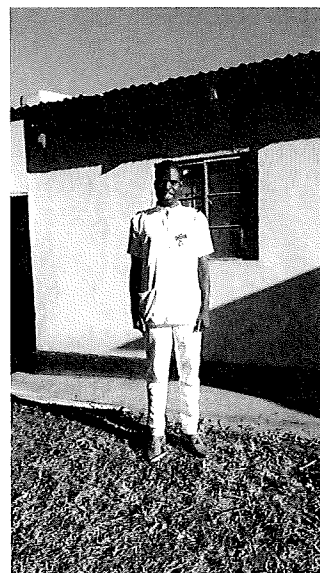
With your help we can send these kids to school. If you would like to support a high school student, boarding

school student, or 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](http://www.4malawi.com)

Please respond by Monday, July 31, 2023 if at all possible so that we can wire funds for the 2023-2024 school year. Very sincerely yours,

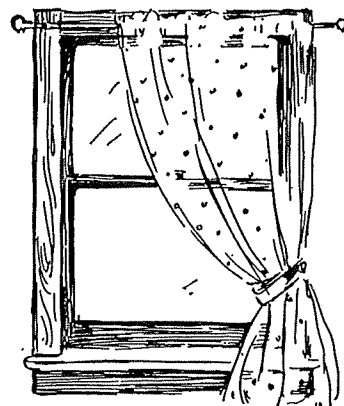
Janice A Fisher, Treasurer

Below please find our three present college students: Precious, Blessings, and Leonard. All doing so well in their studies!



## **Becky's Views.....**

We are very excited to team up with Holy Trinity Lutheran and Kingdom Grace once again for VBS this year! We are "Finding Jesus" on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 till 7 pm here at FELC! If you would like to volunteer, please talk with myself or Angie Murphy. We never turn down extra helping hands!!



I would like to thank so many of you for your willingness to lead the Children's Messages during worship over the last 5 months! This approach has been well received by the kids AND the congregation.

The worship team is enjoying their Thursday evenings off throughout the summer. This year round group of committed volunteers is greatly appreciated and greatly loved.

*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**

### **Free Produce Distribution has begun!**

This is our ninth year of offering free produce to the community! Open to all, and we have revised the hours: 10:30am to 12:30pm, always on the second Tuesday of each month, April through November. Come to our West parking lot at S. Mulberry and Park Avenue West! Our volunteers are there to load your car! Please share this notice with your family and friends!

### **First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West will be offering Senior Boxes on the fourth Tuesday of the month, year around.**

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30# box of non-perishables including 2# of cheese, and a 15# box of pre-packaged produce. This is a year-round distribution, next date for distribution is **Tuesday, July 25, 2023.** Age is a qualification, so please bring your current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Please come to the east side of our building at 53 Park Avenue West, 44902, between 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM to get registered and pick up your Senior Box of non-perishable food. There is NO COST to you for this food.

# COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES AND ARBORS AT MIFFLIN



**Wedgewood Estates at 2:00 PM &  
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 check with the church office.

In July we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. We are grateful to Gary Lane and Larry Lantz for their dedication to this ministry, along with Beth Harruff's dedication to assisting with this ministry via her piano accompaniment as well as her vocal accompaniment!

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.

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## **Intentional Prayer for our Call Committee and for our future Pastor.**



Take it to the Lord first!

As a member of this FELC congregation we want to ask you to be VERY INTENTIONAL in your prayers concerning covering our Call Committee with God's grace, love, and provision as they work toward the call of our future pastor. Further, seek the Holy Spirit's guiding as He puts his hands on the person who will become our pastor. Hold these things in your daily prayers and talks with God. Prayer is very powerful!

Pastor's Prayer Partners, who meet every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Narthex lounge, invite you to join them weekly for a time of intentional prayer. Another option would be to gather at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in the Narthex Lounge for a time of prayer before worship. We all know that we can pray at home, but corporate prayer is powerful! Please join us as a congregation in offering some powerful prayer to Our Lord. God is gracious and merciful and He hears our prayers!

*Thank you from Music and Worship Committee*





# Senior Wednesdays

Join us for fun, food and fellowship  
every Wednesday  
10am-2pm

May-October  
**Lunch will be provided**

Who: anyone age 60+  
Where: 378 Park Ave West  
Mansfield Ohio 44906




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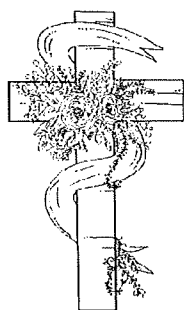
RSVP FOR FOOD COUNT  
Lindsey  
419-610-9461

Activities may include  
Board games, crafts, music  
and much more

This project is funded in part by  
Richland County Senior Services Levy  
administered by the Ohio District 5  
Area Agency on Aging







## Pastoral Acts

Brett Wayne Pauley III    Rite of Baptism    June 18, 2023



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.



### 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 Faith Williams 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 9, 2023***

***July 30, 2023***

***August 6, 2023***

***August 20, 2023***

***September 17, 2023***

***September 24, 2023***

## *Service Ministry*

Volunteers needed and appreciated for the upcoming Second Annual “Malawi Concessions” for the August 26 downtown Classic Cars Cruise-In.

We had such a terrific response in doing this last year for the first time, that we have already made some bigger plans to continue with this very important fund raising opportunity.

We plan to start a bit earlier in the morning by offering a couple of items for a light breakfast. We will once again have hot dogs, coneys, sloppy joes, chips, condiments, home baked cookie treats, pop and bottles of water. Payment will simply be by donation. We plan to set up a number of our long white tables under a canopy, very welcoming to those walking by and a perfect place to rest.

We will be grilling hot dogs outdoors, so perhaps you can help with that? And we will need set help, kitchen help and serving help in preparing sloppy joes, our special condiments and accessories. Please save the date and plan to help. You can find a sign-up sheet on the poster table later in July, or see Jan Fisher or Angie Murphy to volunteer.

All funds that we raise will be put directly to use feeding our Malawi Orphan Care Project supported orphans!



### **Faith Formation Festival and May Mission Conference**



On Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 Lu Blankenship and Jan Fisher represented FELC at the Faith Formation and Mission Conference held at Grace Lutheran Church in Westerville, Oh.



The speakers were all very interesting and informative. Workshops and discussions were held around such topics as Gender Dysphoria, How to get your kids involved in church, Christian Worldview, NALS Seminary, and more. Pastors from various parts of the country lead the workshops. As always, there is a very meaningful worship service to close the gathering.

Our apologies for the tardiness of this article reporting the value of this conference. There is always something new to learn!

# July 2023 Volunteers

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

### ACOLYTES

July	2:	TBD
July	9:	TBD
July	16:	TBD
July	23:	TBD
July	30:	TBD

### ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Todd Heichel

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Executive Committee

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

July	2:	Ken & Debbi Suzuki
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### COMMUNION SERVERS

July	2:	
Wine West:		Greg Thatcher
Wine East:		Gary Simmons
Intinction :		Jane Mako

### GREETER

Jane Mako

### USHERS NAVE

Ken & Debbi Suzuki

Jan Fisher & Lowell Weeks

*Alternate: Joe Rogers*

### LAY READERS

July	2:	Myra Cordrey
July	9:	Pat Heichel
July	16:	Shirley Lane
July	23:	Anita Nehrkorn
July	30:	Chris Kaschube

### PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz

Mary Schwartz

Lowell Weeks

Jan Fisher

### PEW PAD GLEANERS

July	2:	Jodi Mumaw
July	9:	Stacey Crall
July	16:	Ronda Rehm
July	23:	Brenda Eyerly
July	30:	Lana Conry

### SLIDES

July	2:	Isaac McFadden
July	9:	Allison Weeks
July	16:	Teri Brenkus
July	23:	Cindy Russell
July	30:	Peyton McFadden

### LIVESTREAM

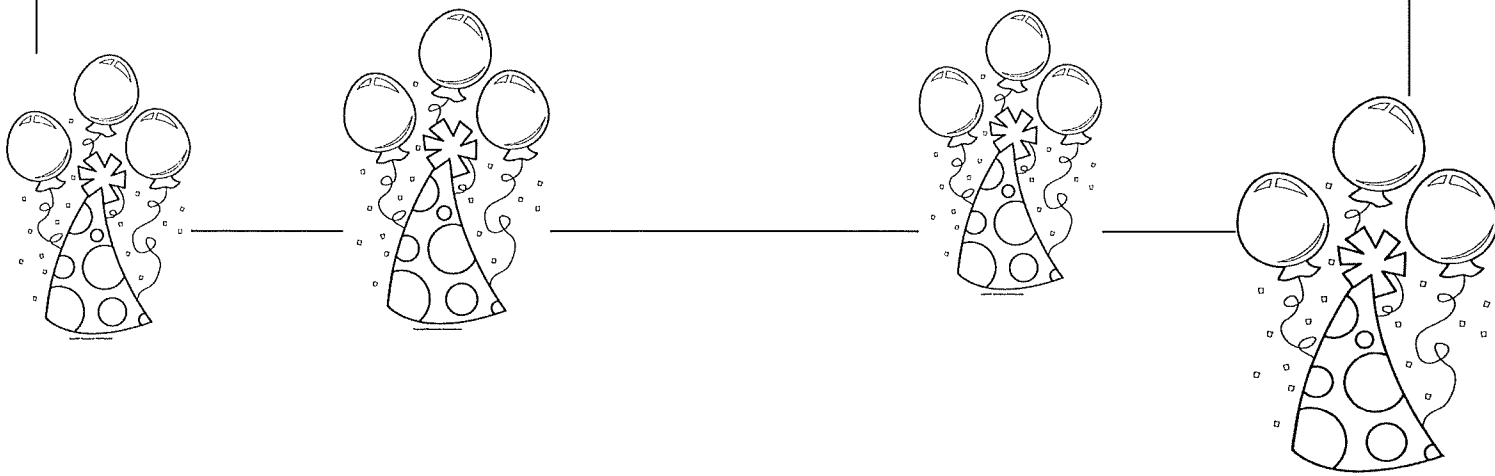
July	2:	Tom Sarbach
July	9:	Todd Heichel
July	16:	Suzanne Rippel
July	23:	Suzanne Rippel
July	30:	Tom Sarbach

### SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

July	4:	Ed Farner
July	11:	Ed Farner
July	18:	Ed Farner
July	25:	Ed Farner
July	30:	Ed Farner

## July Birthdays:

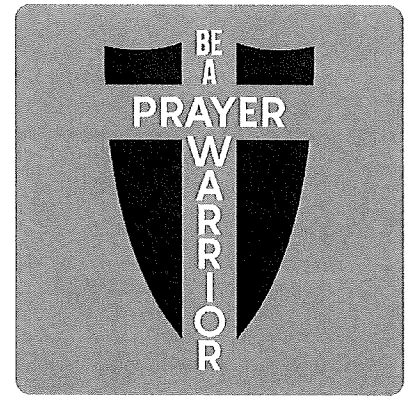
Tammy Hillman	162 LaSalle St Mansfield OH 44906	07/01
Michael Anderson	1110 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8644	07/02
Isaac McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	07/04
Jacob Gleason	400 Davis Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1122	07/07
Barbara Coon	580 Meadowdale Dr Mansfield OH 44907-2871	07/09
Forest Volz	1550 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903-7764	07/10
Gary Simmons	1471 N Lascerne Cir Mansfield OH 44906-2709	07/12
Rebecca Faith	2279 Fleming Falls Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8701	07/20
Shirley Lane	2274 Saratoga Ct Mansfield OH 44904	07/20
Ken Suzuki	1188 Charwood Rd. Mansfield OH 44907	07/26
James Rippel	770 Woodhill Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1542	07/28
Autumn Watts	114 Otterbein Dr Mansfield OH 44904	07/29
Myra Cordrey	7459 Renie Rd Bellville OH 44813	07/30



## 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 pastor 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!**

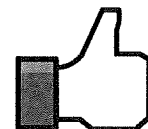
A great and user friendly way to receive DAILY DEVOTIONS written and supplied by NALC is to text: Reading TheWord to 24251. They will respond back with a link and devotions will come to your phone every morning. They can be read and/or audible.

You can also get devotions from our felc-mansfield.org website by selecting the NALC logo button.

NALC.org offers a great devotional option. "TheNALC.org" Check it out!



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felc-mansfield.org.

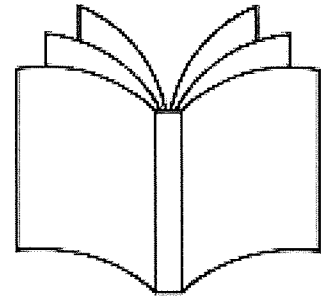


Please refer to **YouTube** to view past sermons.  
And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website  
felc-mansfield.org where you can be directed to online worship via Facebook and YouTube

## **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](mailto: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 are assembled at 8:30 A.M. on Thursdays each week.

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**JULY 2023 Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, July 26, 2023**

**Assembled and mailed: THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2023**

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