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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 for August, 2023

*"It is required of stewards that they be found faithful."*

- 1 Corinthians 4:2

In my short time here as your Pastor, I want to praise the faithful and admonish any who may have become complacent or lazy in their walk of faith. What did you expect when you came to Christ? Did you expect praise or honor or to have a life of ease? I hope you know, today, that being a Christian is not easy. The world stands firmly against us, the devil himself ready to assail us with falsehoods, with fear (one of his historically successful tactics), and with temptations to sin (and in these he is very clever – read Genesis 3). Walking with Christ faithfully brings a joy the world will never know or understand unless and until the Holy Spirit pricks their conscience, stirs their soul, and opens their heart to receive Christ.

All good gifts are from God's gracious hand. And knowing this stirs our hearts to gratitude, our mouths to praise, and our spirits to find ways to express His love in our lives.

All are blessed by God, but not all know to give thanks to Him. Remember when 10 lepers were made clean by Jesus and only one(!) returned to give Him thanks and to praise God? Those of us who bear the Good News need to feel in our hearts that we are that one --- giving thanks and praising God.

At FELC, we have a trust. We have been given a beautiful building in which to worship our Lord and Savior, and it and all its parts are ours to care for, so that it will be here for generations to come, serving the community. We have been given each other to "bear one another's burdens", to share in joys and stand alongside in adversity. Here in this place we witness; we are fed through Word and Sacrament; and we find ways to show our gratitude. How great is your joy? Is it expressed through generous gifts of all you have: time, talents and treasure? Want to increase the expression of your joy for the gifts God has given you? Some ways to consider: 1) Grow your participation in worship; 2) Grow your prayer life and your spiritual preparedness by reading more of Scripture; 3) Grow in your financial expression by any amount the Lord lays on your heart (\$1 more a month, \$1 more a week; 1% or 5%; \$5 more than your past habit at every birthday, anniversary, or significant milestone; or a larger amount or %age according to your circumstances. And, watch how the Lord will bless you as well as this congregation!

Scripture says (Malachi 3:10): *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* We are blessed to be a blessing. Praise be to God!

*Serving with joy,*

*Pastor Lisa*

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2023- 7:00 PM

***DRAFT COPY- Updated July 18, 9:20 PM***

Present: Cindy Russell, Alicia Schultz, Pastor Lisa Peterson, Gary Lane, Sandie Volz, Misty Grove, Lu Blankenship, Nicole Goddard (guest), James Murphy, Christopher Kaschube, Chris Cichanowicz, Jan Fisher

Absent: Mike Anderson, Ted Ellis, Chad McFadden, Teri Brenkus

The meeting was called to order by Council President Cindy Russell at 7:05 PM

Devotion and prayer led by Christopher Kaschube.

***Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:***

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from the June 20 meeting for approval. **MOTION** (Misty/Sandie) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Executive Committee:*** Nothing to report.

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

- The Property Committee did not meet in July. There was nothing urgent to address until next month.

***Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:***

- Youth plans for the remainder of 2023:
  - Will not go to the ARK encounter.
  - Will go to Scott and Ashley's farm for a camp out, swimming and some helping hands on the farm. This will happen either the weekend of August 5 or 12.
  - September: Infield Date to be determined.
  - October: Crop Walk
  - November: Lock in
  - December: Christmas caroling
- Information on the NALC gathering in Texas from July 1-4, 2024:
  - There will be a youth family meeting after the potluck on July 30 to update youth health forms and other paperwork. Will pass on plans for the rest of 2023 and any additional data for the NALC gathering next year also.
  - Will have some fundraisers to help pay for some additional adults to attend the Texas gathering. This money will be put in the Gambier fund since it is already created for things like this rather than setting up an additional fund.
  - Some issues we came up with that will need to be addressed.
    - How much will we pay for the youth, the young adults and the adults? This will depend on how much the fundraising collects. We hope to pay for most of the cost thru the Youth fund, the fundraising going into the Gambier fund and by charges to the attendees.
    - What data will we need to provide to the airlines for youth without driver licenses and/or without parents.

- Are the reservations cancellable?

***Evangelism Committee, Alicia Schultz:***

- Jan reports that with the help of 26 faithful volunteers, the free produce distribution on July 11 provided 262 persons with beautiful, fresh produce.
- Jan and I sat with Faith Williams a few hours this month going over and cleaning up the membership records. This, among other purposes, will help in the development of a new church member directory.
- We have not contracted with Pastor Lisa regarding adult Sunday School classes this fall, so it is up to us to make arrangements for a class. Justin and Misty Grove so graciously and capably took responsibility for this last Spring. I'm hoping they again, or other council or church members may have ideas of what they would like to study or want to take some responsibility for classes. I invite anyone who has ideas or interest to let me know.
- We should perhaps be thinking of a way to celebrate the new stained glass windows when they are installed. This is a big deal. Perhaps a community-wide event would be possible/appropriate.

***Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:*** Nothing to report

***Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:***

- We met on June 27, spending most of our meeting time reviewing the fine points of the antiphonal organ, moving to the sanctuary and having Scott Berry demonstrate to us various aspects of the antiphonal organ and its importance. Scott gave a presentation to the Finance Committee at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 10. A recommendation to proceed with the repair of the antiphonal organ will be brought to the July 18, Council meeting.
- Our Pastoral leadership for worship in August will be: August 6, 20, and 27 Pastor Lisa Peterson; August 13, Todd Heichel.
- Congregational Life is hosting the 5th Sunday Pot-luck on Sunday, July 30, 2023. The theme is "An All American Cookout" and hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We plan to grill out. Requests for potato salad, baked beans, and deviled eggs will be put out on a sign-up sheet, everything else will be donations of side dishes and desserts. We will also feature ice cream and toppings for additional dessert. Kay Williams and Diana Kelly are heading up this meal.
- Worship attendance has been very positive this summer, averaging 95 to 100. Praise God for that. We always welcome everyone and have had several visitors.

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

- Plans are being made to begin a women's book club in September. Judy Santoro will lead this new group.
- Sixteen people will join Luther Fellowship folks at the 2:30 PM live presentation of *Grease* at the Renaissance Theater on Sunday, July 30.
- Women's Bible Study will begin again on Monday, September 11, at 1:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. We continue with our study entitled "Seamless" written by Angie Smith.

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

- Malawi:
  - We are still collecting special donations for Malawi education:
    - High school, boarding school and college.
      - Please write which one you prefer on your check if you have a preference and would be willing to contribute to this life-changing cause.



- Please set aside August 26 on your calendar to attend the Mansfield Car Show and stop in for refreshments in our ELC parking lot. Donations to help provide food for our MOCP orphans will be gratefully appreciated.
- The Far Side:
  - Again, the Sorges are asking our prayers for more Islanders to be willing to do comprehension test reading of translated Scripture drafts with them.
  - There is no gathered group of believers in the Islands yet because of fear of persecution and shaming.
  - More young people are downloading the Islander Scripture App onto their phones. Pray that many will be transformed by the Holy Spirit to guide their reading and become believers.
- Next week the Sorges will be in Germany with others who are translating Scripture. Prayers for safe travel there. They return to their Far Side home in mid-August.
- Peru and Bolivia: No update.

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

- Finance would like to take a few minutes to look at financials Year to Date June 30, 2023 (half way through the year). Lu will provide copies of the General Operating Fund Report, the Consolidated Fund Activity Report, and the Endowment Funds Report.
  - At this point, we are averaging income of roughly \$52,000 per month while we are averaging expenditures of \$62,000 per month. At the half-way point of 2023, the General Operating Fund Balance was \$15,643. To date, we have taken a \$50,000 withdrawal from the General Endowment Fund. The budget included a normal withdrawal of \$103,940 (5% of a 4-year average of the value). To balance the budget, an additional draw of \$100,000 is allowed if needed. For a number of years now, we have withdrawn the 5% allowed plus an additional withdrawal. Our goal should be to pass a balanced budget without an additional withdrawal.
  - Our income for the second quarter was \$59,129, which means that we paid out Benevolence totaling \$5,913 in July. (\$591 to NALC Seminary, \$1,478 to NALC, \$591 each to NC Ohio Mission District and NALC Disaster Relief, and \$887 each to MOCP Food, Krafts, Sorges).
  - Bear in mind that we need to be prepared to pay a full-time pastor. Currently, the Programmatic Staff Salaries expenses are \$7,645 under budget. Supply Pastor expenses total \$3,471.
  - Property Expenses are \$43,576 over budget. Added to that are necessary projects totaling \$216,871. Another \$25,000 is needed to repair the Ladies Restroom off the Undercroft and the parking lot.
  - The balance of the Major Capital Improvements Endowment Fund is \$260,016. We are allowed a withdrawal of 5% of a 5-year average, which is \$8,945 for this year.
  - At the same time, we have a list of major projects that are already under way and/or necessary in terms of maintaining our facility. This list totals \$216,871; and, if we add updating the Undercroft Ladies Restroom and resurfacing the parking lot, the total goes to \$286,871.
- Because the organ project is a 'want' and not a 'need', this is what Finance Committee voted to recommend to Council:
  - **RECOMMEND** to the congregation approve taking \$25,000 from the Major Capital Improvements Endowment Fund to match the \$25,000 donation already received and then engage in fundraising activities to raise the needed \$40,000 through grants, concerts, and member donations as necessary. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED..**

Formal quote for the project: [Antiphonal Relocation Price Quote - July 2023](#)

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

- No meeting was held in July due to the July 4th holiday. Also the first WNL was canceled.
- Senior Box Lunches continued to serve approximately 100.
- First Responder Signs in support of our community were posted from June 15 through July 15.
- Vacation Bible School is in session from July 17-19. The theme is "Finding Jesus ". It is a combination of efforts by Kingdom Grace, Holy Trinity and FELC, using our facilities.

***Early Learning Center Committee, Misty Grove***

Submitted by Angie Murphy:

- The ELC staff and children have been keeping busy with all their summer trips to parks, the zoo, and pools.
- There has been no changes in staff or enrollment this past month.
- We received a check for \$1000 from YWCA. This check is for maintaining our star rating. A 2-day conference at Kalahari in April is a nice training we could attend with these funds. Staff will need 30 hours from July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2025. **RECOMMENDATION** to put \$1000 in the ELC Fund to be used to pay for classes needed to maintain the star rating. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Submitted by Becky Pittman:

- Wow! The kids sang wonderfully at the Summer Sing on July 13th, and we had a fantastic parent turn out! A big thank you to Chris Cichanowicz, Jan Fisher, James Murphy, Alicia Schulz and Stacey Crall for attending the daycare program. Building intentional relationships!
- Rachel Justice will be working on another art project with the kids, and it will be on display in the narthex on Sunday, July 30th. The art will be based on the Gospel reading for that particular day - The Parable of the Hidden Treasure.
- We are excited that nearly 20 kids from the ELC are attending VBS! Providing a light supper right at 5:00 (closing) works well for the families.

***Pastor Lisa Peterson:*** Is making a large effort to make herself available for various distribution ministries, pub theology, some committee meetings, participating in select ELC activities, and our Vacation Bible School. She recently presided over a funeral and baptism, and there is an upcoming baptism scheduled. Pastor will also be teaching catechism classes.

***Old Business:***

***New Business:*** A question was asked about who is functioning as the head of staff while we are functioning without a full time pastor. The Personnel Committee should be contacted regarding staff.

Notes:

August Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Finance Committee  
August Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 PM

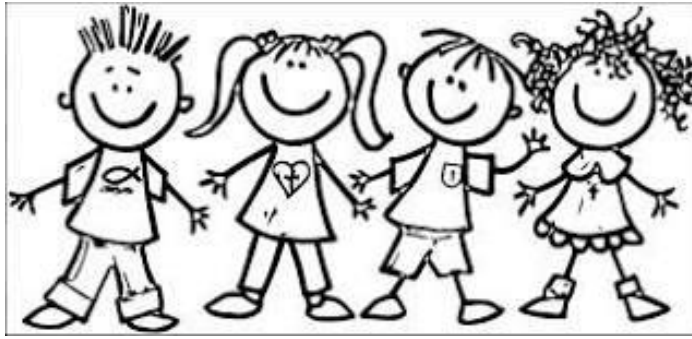
**MOTION** by (James/Chris C.) **MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary*





ELC

## **Little People! BIG News!**



*August*

Our Summer Sing Program was a success! Our kids sang songs with Mrs. Becky in the parking lot for their parents.

During our closure in July, the infant room was painted. Later in the month, the infant room had their lattice wall installed.

Our summer has been moving along. We are planning for the school year!

We will be closed on September 1 and September 4 for a teacher in-service and Labor Day.



### Within the Fold

Malawi Orphan Care Project is very thankful for the second quarter benevolence check recently received. Thank you all so much for your support of MOCP'S feeding program, caring for over 800 precious orphans six days per week.

Thank you for the prayer shawl and the many prayers sent my way! Almost 100% now, just trying to catch up with life. Thank you ladies for your thoughtfulness and time you use for this ministry! God bless you all! -Vicki Kern

Thank you, Barbara Justice, for the gorgeous piece of artwork you created for our VBS! The Noah's Ark depiction is made to scale, and is done just beautifully. Thank you for using your God given talent to bring Him glory!

I will give thanks  
to the Lord  
with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your  
wonderful deeds.

Psalms 9:1



### PUB THEOLOGY

Our July discussion on *angels* was wonderful!

We will meet again on Theology discussion on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:00 PM. Our new location spot is Pizza Hut on Lexington-Springmill Road! Please refer to the weekly bulletin should any details change. We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun evening of fellowship!



### Social Ministry

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

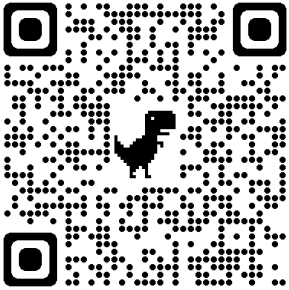
If you have Thrivent products you might want to consider creating a missional project in 2023 to find a use for your two Thrivent Action Team cards. Those cards are a huge outreach blessing, and it's above and beyond your church tithe! Many options are out there: clothes for school kids, personal hygiene 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.*



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## Stewardship

Stewardship is not just a financial response to God's love, and it covers so much than money. It is about how we use the talents God has given us each day. The role of a Christina is to give of ourselves for the sake of Christ. Give our "Time and Talent" freely when we are able. He has entrusted to our care these treasures, not only at home, but with our neighbors and our church family as well.

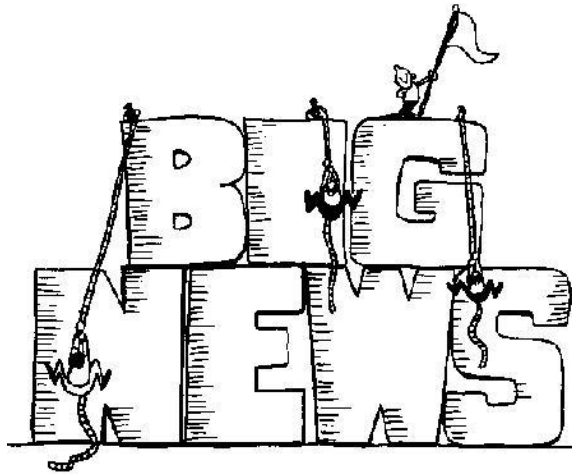
This time of year, we have many opportunities to share our talents by volunteering to help out in many places here at FELC. Remember the Time and Talent sheet that you did, or did not, fill out. There is still time to give God some of the time that he has given you 24/7. The church has a need for many volunteers to help with the Produce Distribution as little as one hour or four hours, whatever you are able to do. You can help set up the tables, package the produce, carry it to the cars of those receiving it, or tear down the tables and put them away. It can take as little as 1-2 hours. This is done the second Tuesday of each month, year-round. Please see Jan Fisher or Angie Murphy if you have questions on how you can help with this ministry,

We also have a Wednesday Noon Lunch program the first and third Wednesday of each month, which is always looking for a helping hand! Talk with Cindy Russell to see how you can help! These are just a few ways we can share our talents and make the load a little bit lighter for those that volunteer every month faithfully.

P.S. Don't forget, God does not take a vacation and he still has obligations to pay his various bills so remember to mail in your monthly offering when YOU go on vacation and share the joy of excitement in doing so.

Sincerely,  
Sandie Volz, Stewardship Chairperson





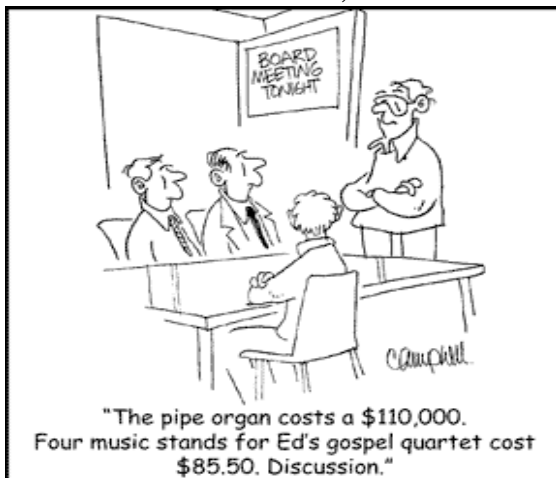
### **Antiphonal Organ Relocation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Balcony Area**

In the coming months, there will be discussion about the possible project of relocating the Antiphonal Organ from its current space in the attic, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor balcony area. We are already blessed with an extremely generous donation of \$25,000, that has already been given towards the project! The primary reason for pursuing this project, is for improved longevity of the Antiphonal Division of the organ. It is currently located in a small room up in the attic that sees extremely high temperatures. The high temperatures, over time, will cause accelerated deterioration of critical components in the organ, mainly any and all things leather. Wood can be affected too though, and failure in wood parts could also be a problem. The high temperatures in the Antiphonal Organ will, at some point, cause it to become unplayable. The leather components will over time become brittle, and eventually fail.

Tuning, though it has nothing to do with longevity of the organ, is also a constant battle. This again, is due to the high temperatures in the division. The Antiphonal Division is out of tune more than it is in tune. This issue would be largely resolved with relocation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It would then be at the same footing that the main organ is, which would be wonderfully advantageous.

While these are the largest issues that the Antiphonal Organ faces, there are also numerous other musical improvements that would be realized with this project as well. In the coming weeks, there will be a document made available in the narthex that will in more detail outline the issues already mentioned here, but it will also speak to the numerous additional musical benefits that this project would achieve.

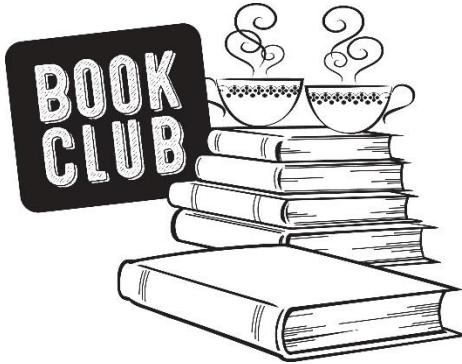
*Written by Scott Berry, FELC Organist*



## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will re-convene on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. We will continue the Bible study entitled, *Seamless* which will be led by Barbara Justice.

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## Women's Book Club

Plans are being made to begin a monthly women's book club on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Judy Santoro will lead this new group! To join the group, or if you have any questions, please contact Judy at [jdsantoro@mindspring.com](mailto:jdsantoro@mindspring.com) or by cell phone at (571) 991-295. Our first novel will be *This*

*Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

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## Luther Fellowship

Sixteen of us enjoyed the live presentation of *Grease* at the Renaissance Theater on Sunday, July 30! Please refer to the weekly bulletin for our August Luther Fellowship event!

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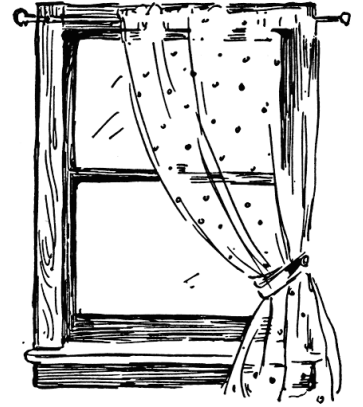
## Free Produce Distribution has begun!

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, August 22, 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.





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

It has been a BUSY but WONDERFUL summer here at FELC and the ELC!

The daycare sang beautifully at their "Summer Sing" in July! The kids have also blessed our Wednesday lunch community with their singing twice this summer. (We are hoping for one more time in August!) It has been very well received. The kids will be singing those same songs (plus a few extra) for the residents at Wedgewood Estates on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

WOW! VBS GREW in numbers as the week went on! It is truly a blessing to work so closely with Holy Trinity Lutheran and Kingdom Grace. The kids had a blast learning about some "watery" Bible stories. We are already planning on adding a fourth night onto the schedule for next year!

I will be on vacation beginning Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to Scott Berry and the entire worship team for leading the worship while I am taking a break!

*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 &  
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 August we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, August 15, 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




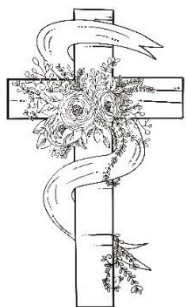
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Activities may include  
Board games, crafts, music  
and much more

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





## Pastoral Acts

**Eileen Storms**

**Memorial Service**

**July 15, 2023**

**Samuel Berry**

**Rite of Baptism**

**August 6, 2023**



Rosemary McKeen | June 23, 2023

Terry Wolfgang | June 23, 2023

Jeff Glenn | July 20, 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



Altar Flowers

Jesus our Risen Savior.

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.

**September 17, 2023**

**September 24, 2023**

**October 1, 2023**

**October 8, 2023**

**October 15, 2023**

**October 27, 2023**

**October 29, 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. Please 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!

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Our distribution of Senior Boxes continues to grow within the community. Today, Tuesday, July 25, 2023 we served 81 guests, and we actually ran out of product. We are sorry when that happens but with perishables it can happen on occasion. We are thankful to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank for this federally funded program which is free to 60+ seniors who are low income qualified. Blessed to be a blessing!



# August 2023 Volunteers

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

### ACOLYTES

August	6:	TBD
August	13:	TBD
August	20:	TBD
August	27:	TBD

### ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Chris Kaschube

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Finance Committee

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

August	6:	Charles & Myra Cordrey
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### COMMUNION SERVERS

August	6:	
Wine West:		Chris Cichanowicz
Wine East:		Lu Blankenship
Intinction :		Sandie Volz

### GREETER

Stacey Crall

### USHERS NAVE

Greg Hughes & Pat Smith  
Lana Conry & Justin Grove  
*Alternate: Tim Ludwig*

### LAY READERS

August 6:	Joe Rogers
August 13:	Alicia Schulz
August 20:	Chris Cichanowicz
August 27:	Stacey Crall

### PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz  
Mary Schwartz  
Lowell Weeks  
Jan Fisher

### PEW PAD GLEANERS

August	6:	Linda Hughes
August	13:	Jodi Mumaw
August	20:	Stacey Crall
August	27:	Gary Andrews

### SLIDES

August 6:	Teri Brenkus
August 13:	Cindy Russell
August 20:	Allison Weeks
August 27:	Isaac McFadden

### LIVESTREAM

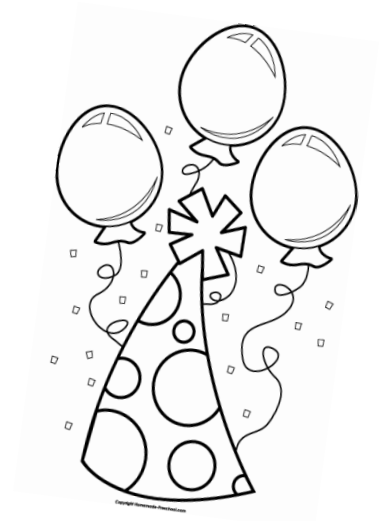
August	6:	Suzanne Rippel
August	13:	Suzanne Rippel
August	20:	Tom Sarbach
August	27:	Todd Heichel

### SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

August	6:	Ed Farner
August	13:	Ed Farner
August	20:	Ed Farner
August	27:	Ed Farner

## 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
Stephen Calver	6312 Maplewood Rd Apt G201 Mayfield Hts OH 44124-6818	August 22
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





## 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: [ReadingTheWord 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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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](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.

**Nicole Goddard, Finance Director, may be reached by calling the church office at 419-522-0662 or email her at [NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org)**

**AUGUST 2023 Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, August 22, 2023**

**Assembled and mailed: TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ARTICLES TO: [parishsecretary@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:parishsecretary@felc-mansfield.org) or leave in the mail slot marked Visitor Editor. You may also contact the church office at (419) 522-0662

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During this interim time if you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church

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