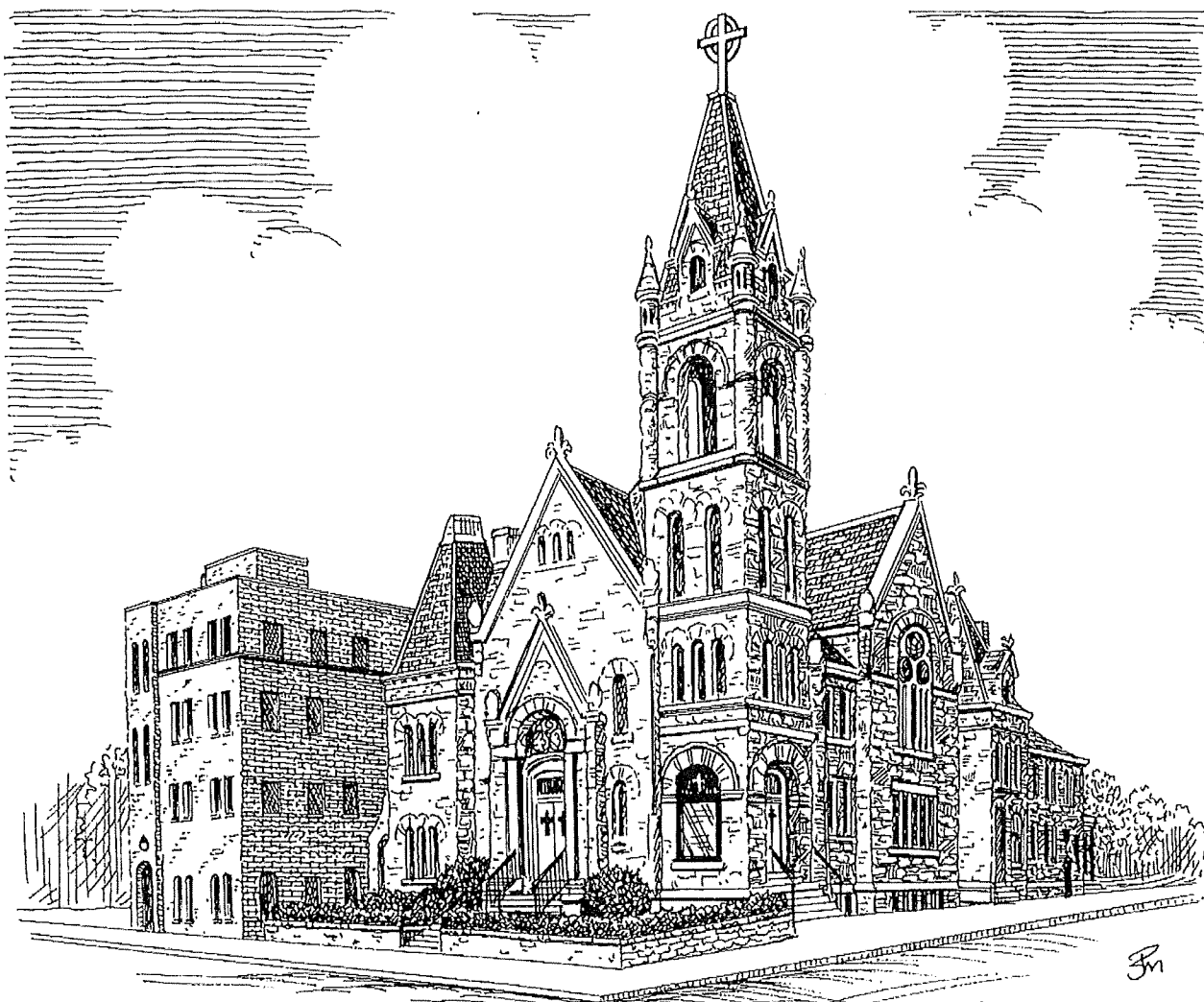


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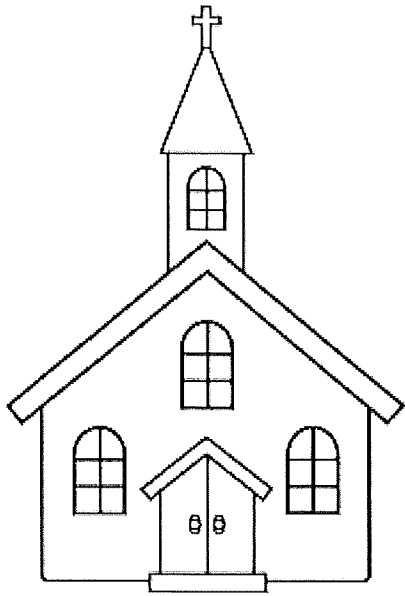
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We have made a commitment to focus on  
the following values and objectives:

### *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 for November*

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:22

Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica at a time when that congregation was facing many challenges. As the capital of the province and a bustling seaport city, the new believers were surrounded by a mostly pagan culture. In addition, they had faced changes in leadership that may have been unsettling, having sent Paul off, welcomed Timothy back and then lost him again. Mostly converts from paganism (plus a few believing Jews), they probably felt a little shaky in their new-found faith. Paul wrote to encourage them in their trials, to give instruction in godly living, to urge some not to neglect daily work, and to give assurance regarding the future of believers who die before the return of Christ.

Living in the northern hemisphere, at this time of year change is all around us. The summer flowers are mostly gone; the fall harvest is coming to a climax; the changing tree colors yields to the next change: their fall (thus the name of this season). I have always enjoyed the cooler autumn weather and especially the way God uses His paintbrush so lavishly in our clime!

Change can be hard for any of us. At First English, there have been changes that have challenged us as we await a new full-time pastor. We pray that God is preparing a special person to serve us, as well as preparing us to welcome him or her into our fellowship. I am so grateful that so many of you have expressed appreciation for my gifts and presence among you. "Thank you" just doesn't seem strong enough for me to convey my feelings. I am also deeply moved by your encouragement of one another in the various ministries of FELC. We are surrounded, as was the church at Thessalonica, by a mostly pagan culture. Many times, we may be tempted to lose heart or to agree with the cultural voices rather than oppose them. As God gives us strength, let us not lose trust in God's love, care, plan, and provision. Let's act out our faith with kindness, generosity, joy, patience, and above all, love for one another. In this way, those looking on will see there is something special about "those people at First English Lutheran".

Serving with joy,

*Pastor Lisa +*

Pastor Lisa Peterson

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2023- 7:00 PM

***DRAFT COPY- Updated October 18***

Present: Cindy Russell, Lu Blankenship, Jan Fisher, Alicia Schultz, Chris Cichanowicz, Sandie Volz, Misty Grove, Ted Ellis, Mike Anderson, Gary Lane, Christopher Kaschube, Teri Brenkus

Absent: James Murphy, Chad McFadden, Pastor Lisa Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Council President Cindy Russell at 7:01 PM

Devotion and prayer led by Chris Cichanowicz.

***Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:***

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from the September 16 meeting for approval. **MOTION** (Jan/Alicia) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Executive Committee:***

- We will be meeting with Pastor Lisa in the next few weeks to discuss the future of her ministry here at FELC.
- A note of thanks was read from Becky Pittman.
- FELC has received the contract from Muller Pipe Organ Company for the antiphonal relocation project. Cindy Russell and Christopher Kaschube will review and sign the contract for FELC.

***Interim Pastor's Report:***

- Pastoral Acts (two months):
  - Celebration of Holy Communion- 2x at FELC, 3x at Nursing Homes
  - Non-Communion Worship – 4x
  - Prayer/Devotions at Community Lunch – 2x
  - Memorial Service (Burial) – 1
  - Devotions for Staff – 5x
  - Prayer – Pub Theology – 1x
  - Hospital visits – 2x
  - Confirmation class – 2x
  - Home Visit -1
  - LDR Bucket Build event – Sept. 30
  - Met with Stewardship Chr./committee – 2x

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

- Serving as our pastor on October 15 will be Pastor Nate Meiers, and for November 19 we will welcome Pastor Michael Koch as guest pastor.
- WWJD bracelets were passed out and shared with the congregation on Sunday, September 17. We have many more to share and plans being made to give them away at future times.
- We have been invited to join a community Thanksgiving worship service being held at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 PM. We have invited Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church to join us for this worship service.
- The Antiphonal Organ refurbishing project was passed by the congregation. We have already begun discussing the fund raising projects that might help us raise the \$25,000 that we will need for payment. We tentatively plan to hold a Mystery Dinner in April 2024, having members invite friends and offering mystery item auctions much like we did a number of years ago. We have several additional ideas that will be rolled out at a later date, one being a concert.
- We had been tasked with reviewing the Wedding Policy brochure for the church. We all reviewed the data and turned in our recommendations to the church office.
- Judy Santoro is heading up our 'German' themed pot luck on Sunday, Oct. 29. Brats and hot dogs will be provided; some members are bringing German dishes and everyone else is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

- Scott received responses from eleven people interested in adding vocal music to some of our worship services. Once those people meet with Scott he will have an idea about what can be offered: quartets, duets, ensembles?
- November 5 will be Pledge Sunday as well as All Saints Sunday. Prior to this date there will be some Stewardship emphasis shared during worship.
- Women's Thankoffering will be celebrated on Sunday, November 12. We will also be holding a bake sale on that day, the donations being designated for Zoe's Learning Center at Kingdom Grace Fellowship.
  - **MOTION** (Jan/Alicia) The monetary offering from the Women's Thankoffering be designated to go to Zoe's Learning Center at Kingdom Grace Fellowship. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:***

- Stewardship has set Sunday November 5th, as Pledge Sunday.
  - We will send a letter to the Congregation from Pastor Lisa, along with a pledge card, Time and Ability form, giving them the ability to share their time and talents along with their financial support one week prior. These will be available on Sunday October 22, to be picked up by those attending the service that Sunday and mailed to those not picking them up the following Monday.
  - The pledge card and Time and Ability form will be returned on Sunday November 5th, presented by the congregation prior to the collection of the offering by walking their pledge card and form to the altar.
  - A thank you letter/reminder from the Stewardship committee will be sent to the congregation in November after Pledge Sunday.

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

- Malawi
  - The maize building is completed and operational. The women are thrilled.
  - This is your LAST chance to join a mission team to Malawi in 2024. Pastor Andy needs your response within the next two weeks if you are interested.
  - The Chikoti family would love to visit the U.S. and participate in the Manna for Malawi fundraisers and also show their appreciation for all the individuals who have supported the Kanyenyeva Ministries for the past 19 years. They would also like to give more "light" concerning the girls' rescue center project. No definite plans have been made yet.
- Peru and Bolivia
  - Will receive an update on the October 22 Zoom meeting.
- The Far Side
  - Continued prayers for the translators to effectively finish the translation of the New Testament.

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

- The Property Committee did not meet in October. I had a conversation with Andy Kershaw before he had to go to the Hospital. Our continued prayers go out to Andy for a speedy recovery.
  - He told me at that time there was nothing coming up that needed our immediate attention.
  - On current projects Andy told me the stained glass project is complete. The elevator project, if it isn't done by now, will be done in days. The scaffolding on the east side will remain in place until the painting can be completed on the metal fascia and trim.
  - Our thanks go out to Andy for all these projects being completed to this extent under his steady guidance.

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

- Come join us for a fun 'Trunk-or-Treat' on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:30 in the chapel side parking lot! Decorate your trunks and pass out candy to all of the ELC little ones! This is a great opportunity to meet the kids and their families and begin to build intentional relationships.
- Another "building intentional relationships" opportunity is volunteering at the Early Learning Center Thanksgiving Feast on November 16th! Please let Angie Murphy know if you would like to help serve food or clean up. You are also welcome to just come visit with families during the meal. You will get to hear the kids sing many "thankful" songs at 11:00am!

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

**General Operating Fund (GOF):** includes ELC

September 2023 Income was \$51,228.95

September 2023 Expenses were \$125,971.81

September Income is **less** than expenses by \$74,742.86

YTD Income is \$499,543.26 which is **more** than budget by \$37,762.26

YTD Expenses are \$751,070.47 which is **more** than budget by \$101,165.65

YTD Income is **less** than YTD Expenses by \$251,527.21

### Early Learning Center (ELC):

September 2023 Income was \$33,838.23

September 2023 Expenses were \$25,107.26

September Income was **more** than expense by \$8,730.97

YTD Income was \$304,161.90 which is **more** than budget by \$45,861.90

YTD Expense were \$260,460.93 which is **more** than budget by \$6,984.93

YTD Income is **more** than YTD Expenses by \$43,700.97

*\*Please note the ELC is also using the ELC Fund for expenses (see fund activity report for balance)*

#### **GOF Recap:**

2022 Carryover	\$55,481.94
Gen Op Fund to Women of FELC Fund	\$0.00
Pass Through Fund to GOF	\$0.00
Gamber Fund to GOF	\$2,500.00
ELC Fund to GOF	\$3,520.00
WFELC Fund to GOF (Easter/Altar Flowers)	\$0.00
Gen Endow Fund to GOF \$103,940+100,000	\$100,000.00
Maj Cap Imp Endow Fund to GOF \$8,945	\$0.00
Maj Cap Imp Endow Fund for A/C & Elev	\$81,935.32
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF \$14,150	\$0.00
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan pymt	\$8,040.78
2023 YTD Income	\$499,543.26
2023 YTD Expenses	\$751,070.47
GOF Balance	(\$49.17)

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

- Evangelism continues to be attentive and responsive to guests, absent members, and shut-ins with correspondence as appropriate.
- Jan's report below includes information on the October produce distribution numbers.
  - My intention to distribute info and invitations to the produce customers like last month was thwarted by an unexpected hospital stay.
  - We will be issuing invitations to tomorrow's Wednesday noon lunch guests to join us for the Reformation Service on 10/29 and to then stay for the meal. Do we expect anyone to take us up on that? Highly unlikely but that's God's part to play. Our intention is for the invitation itself to convey to them and to Him our desire to connect with our guests and eventually, perhaps, to form some kind of relationship.
- It is still an unmet goal to see FELC members breaking bread and building relationships with our Wednesday noon lunch crowd. Why is this so hard? There is food everywhere. They don't need ours. They need our Jesus.
- So glad to know that there are several persons interested in becoming members. The tentative plan is to have a new membership class after the first of the year.
- The next Sunday School class will utilize Greg Finke's book and video about "Joining Jesus on His Mission". Could not be more on point to our "Pointing People to Jesus through Intentional Relationships" focus. Do we sometimes wish we had not come up with that and that we could just relax and enjoy the relationships we have?
- Produce Distribution
  - Tuesday, October 10 we had another nearly top day, serving 8700# of fresh produce to 264 guests and 70 new families were registered. This equates to serving 655 people within those families. It's our second highest day on record. As I have told the crew "the parking lot never even emptied out". Amazing!

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

- 62 at Wednesday Noon Lunch
- The CROP Walk was successful. There were 12 walkers total, and 5 of those walkers were from FELC. We think FELC was the top giver with over \$600.
- Senior Boxes served 100 people last month.

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

- Women's Bible Study is in full swing again, with 8 to 10 ladies involved. We meet on the second Monday of each month, 1:00 in Emmaus Room. Kay Williams and Barbara Justice have been leading this group. All women are welcome and encouraged to join.
- The Luther Fellowship group took a church bus trip to Pine Tree Barn on Monday, October 16, 2023. Following lunch at Pine Tree Barn we drove down the road to briefly visit the Twinsberry Tree Farm.

- The Arts and Crafts group made Fall designed cards for our shut-ins. We mail a card out once a month to our list of around 16 to 18 shut ins. Chris Mayglothling handles this monthly mailing. We gratefully say Thank You to Chris!

***Teri Brenkus, Personnel Committee:***

- The revised Employee Handbook is nearly complete. Just a few more items need to be addressed before it is presented to Council.
- The staff is pitching in to help cover some additional duties while Andy is recovering. Andy works from home as he is able, and takes phone calls from staff when they need assistance.

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

- April 15 will be the registration deadline for youth interested in going to the national NALC youth event next summer. Tricia Volz is advertising to our youth for this event and the annual Quake event.

***Old Business:*** None

***New Business:*** None

Notes:

November Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Social Ministry Committee

November Council Meeting is Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM

FELC Council/Staff Christmas Party at the Liederkranz- December 7, Time TBA

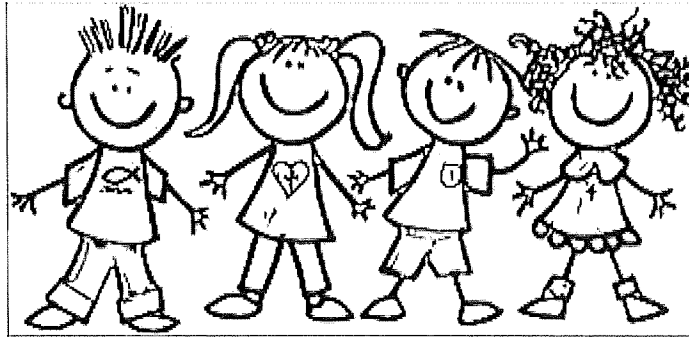
**MOTION** to adjourn (Sandie/Teri). **MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:58 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary*





ELC

## Little People **BIG** News November

### Flashback into October



Our Halloween parties were fun and included downtown trick-or-treating to local businesses who signed up to participate. We would like to thank those that participated in trunk-or-treat. It was a beautiful day for it! Our preschoolers were invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Buckeye Imagination Museum! They had a blast exploring the new playground that just opened sponsored by the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club.

### A Peek into November



Our conferences will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6. Parents will be able to discuss their child's progress with teachers as well as go over the results of the LENA grow program. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will welcome our ELC families to enjoy a meal with their children. This will also include a small program with Mrs. Becky. ELC will be closed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Within the Fold

### Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry

In October, the Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund received \$0.00 in donations.

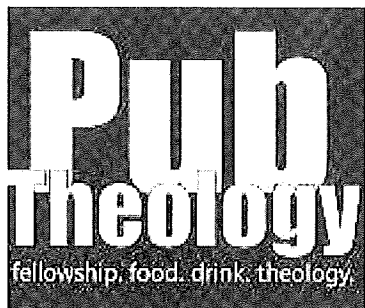


Dear First English family,

Thank you so very much for the lovely flowers presented on “Pastor Appreciation Sunday.” I was delighted and very much surprised, because I had not noted such an “occasion” on the calendar. You are so thoughtful and caring. They have continued adorning our kitchen and giving me a reason to smile and remember you every time I walk past.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Lisa +

### PUB THEOLOGY



There will be no Pub Theology during the months of November and December. We look forward to getting together again in January at the Pizza Hut on Lexington-Springmill Rd!

### *Global Missions*

\*See Council Minutes

## Finance Committee

\*See Council Minutes

## Stewardship Committee

### Flood Bucket Build Event

We are happy to announce we were able to fill 11 buckets with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Card for the Flood Bucket Event on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We thank those of you who donated items to this very much needed project. The national warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio was empty and Saturday morning, we filled a total of 286 buckets. The registration fee and other added money donated to the NALC Disaster Response Fund amounted to \$486.00. Mary Bates, the director, was **overjoyed** with the response of items donated and the many volunteers that made the job go smoothly and quickly; we were done by 10:00 am.

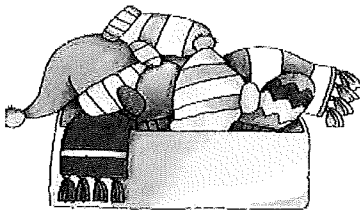
Stewardship Committee  
Sandra Volz chairman

## Christian Education update for Fall

\*See Council Minute Notes

## Social Ministry

The need in the community continued to be seen through the month of October. Our Wednesday lunch, produce distribution, and senior boxes continues to grow, with food continually running out within 1-2 hours of us starting the distributions.



Winter and cold weather is coming! The Bare Necessities Room can use some blankets, gloves, hats, and socks! So when you are cleaning out your closets, think of donating any of these items so those in our community can stay warm this winter!

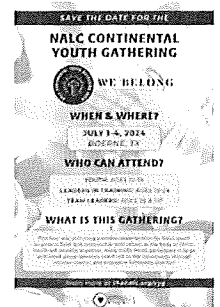
## Youth

*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.*



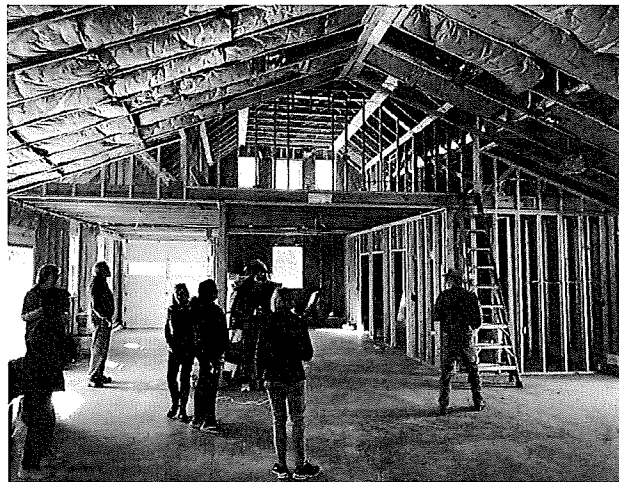
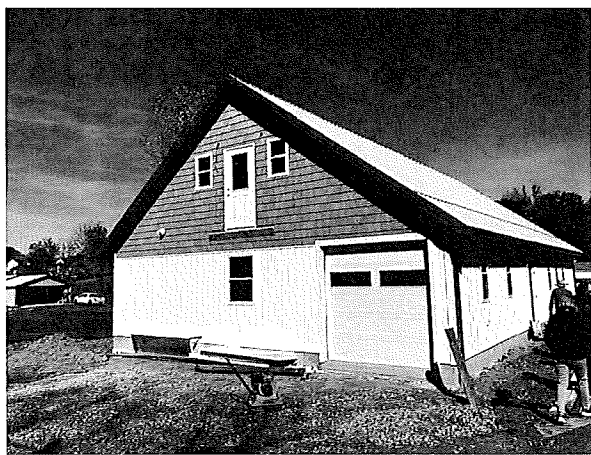
# A DAY AT CALDWELL, OHIO DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER OCTOBER 23, 2023



Disaster Response Center Warehouse in center. Pavilion on left side.



Director Mary Bates speaks to volunteers about the growth of this NALC ministry.



Volunteer Center under construction. It will house retreats and worship space with a kitchen and bed-



Mary & Ken Bates guided our work. Eight volunteers finished packing 144 flood buckets, as well as health kits and school kits.





### Women's Ministry

Women's Thank Offering will be celebrated on Sunday, November 12, 2023. The special offering that day will be designated to the partnering support of Zoe's Learning Center at Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church on Reba Avenue.

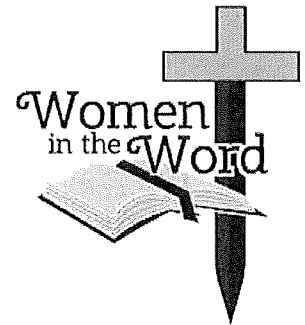
Women's Ministry is holding our Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, November 12. Bake goods tables will be set up in the Narthex. All women are encouraged to bake your favorite recipes to donate on that day. Simply bring your donations to church a little early that day so that we can display them and take donations. Suggestions are: pies (with Thanksgiving just around the corner), cookies packaged in half dozens or dozens, homemade candy (fudge is always a hit), various kinds of breads (pumpkin, zucchini, sourdough, etc.) or any other homemade goodie you can think of. All financial proceeds from the bake sale will be designated for our support and partnership of Zoe's Learning Center, an outreach of Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church on Reba Avenue. Questions can be directed to Jan Fisher.



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### Women's Bible Study

We continue to meet on the second Monday of each month, gathering in the Emmaus Room at 1:00 PM. All women are welcome to join at any time as we continue the study entitled "Seamless" written by Angie Smith. This is one way to enhance your spiritual walk with the Lord.

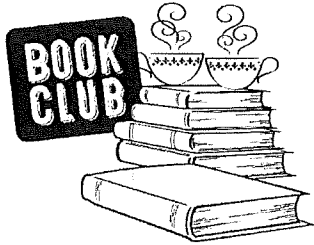


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### Arts & Crafts Night

We will gather on Monday evening, November 13 at 5:45 to make table decorations for the December 7 Council and Staff Christmas party. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the poster table in the Narthex. This is important so that we have adequate supplies. Questions? see Jan Fisher or Chris Mayglothling

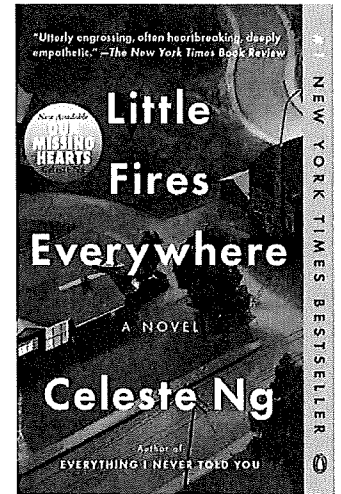




## Women's Book Club

The book club this month is reading Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

*Little Fires Everywhere* is a novel by Celeste Ng that tells the interconnected stories of the Richardson family and the Warrants, a single mother and daughter who rent a house from them. The novel is set in 1997 in Shaker Heights, a planned suburban community where the Richardsons live a privileged life. The arrival of Mia and Pearl Warren triggers conflicts within the family and the larger community over issues of race, class, art, and identity. The novel begins and ends with the Richardson house on fire, and Izzy, the youngest Richardson child, missing. The book club will be meeting again on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. All are welcome to join us.



The group is open to all. Looking forward to great conversations and discussions.

Thanks,  
Judy Santoro

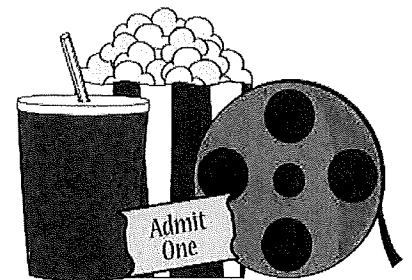
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## Luther Fellowship

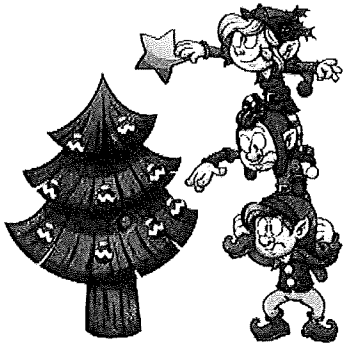
On Monday, October 16 fourteen of the Luther Fellowship group enjoyed a fall drive to Pine Tree Barn for lunch. Following lunch, we drove down the road to the Twinsberry Tree Farm where Scott Berry shared some “tree farm” highlights about their long standing family business of raising beautiful varieties evergreens.

Luther Fellowship will meet on Monday, November 20 at 2:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. We will enjoy a movie (yet to be determined), popcorn and snacks.

Questions, contact Jan Fisher at 419-589-2820

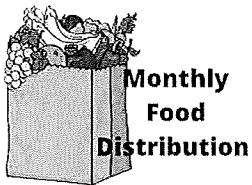


## COME HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!



We are hoping to get more people involved in the decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas, the most Holy time of our church year! We will gather at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, to decorate the entire church. It does take a lot of volunteers. This is a great way to fellowship with other FELC members and friends. Come when you can, leave when you need to! All are welcome!

### Free Produce Distribution



family and friends!

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, November 28, 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 November we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, November 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!

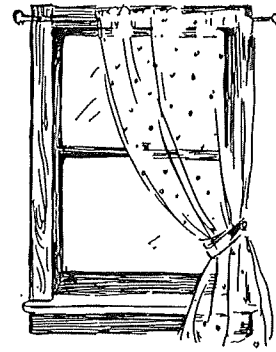
Pastor's Prayer Partners, who meet every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Narthex lounge, invite you to join them weekly for a time of intentional prayer. Another option would be to gather at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in the Narthex Lounge for a time of prayer before worship. We all know that we can pray 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*



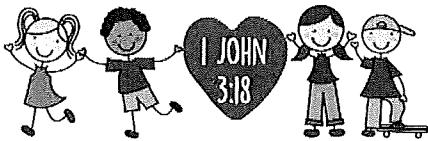
## Becky's Views.....



If the bell choir has one more “ding-a-ling” join, we will officially outgrow our current space!! I love directing this group! You are more than welcome to play with us. (I promise I won’t move you down front! I know, I know....)



### WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



I am so pleased that we are now able to offer Children’s Church every Sunday during our 10am worship service! Thank you to the several volunteers that are making this happen. We would LOVE to have MORE help with this ministry! Please let me know if you are interested.

Come and hear the ELC kids sing several “thankful” songs at the beginning of their Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. If you would like to volunteer at this event, please speak with Angie. She would be happy to put you to work! She appreciates the help.



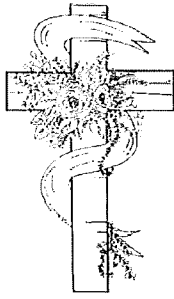
### Thanksgiving Service

Holy Trinity Lutheran has graciously invited our congregation to their Thanksgiving worship on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. We are blessed by this ongoing relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Save the dates! Our ELC Christmas program is on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15, and our FELC youth program is on December 10<sup>th</sup> during the 10am worship service.

*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**



## Pastoral Acts

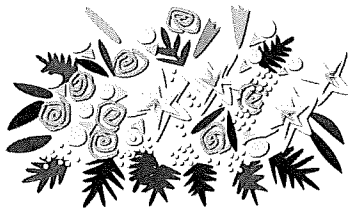
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**Ed Cichanowicz**  
**Paul Theaker**  
**David Yockey**  
(Kay Williams brother)

**October 24, 2023**  
**September 30, 2023**  
**September 23, 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

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 Mullins 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.

***December 3, 2023***  
***December 10, 2023***  
***December 17, 2023***  
***December 24, 2023***  
***December 31, 2023***

## *Service Ministry*

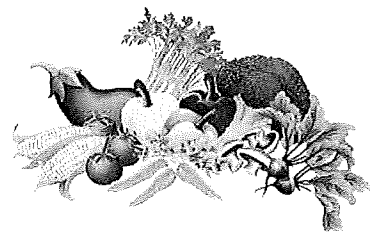
**SENIOR BOXES** will be distributed on Tues. November 28th, 11:30 to 1:30 in the East parking lot.

On Tuesday, October 24 we served 110 people this month's Senior Boxes plus 15# box of produce and 2# box of cheese. To our amazement we had 33 new applications! And we ran out of boxes before noon! The recipients are 60 + and low income qualifying, so they are very appreciative of this food. We do this monthly year around. New registrants need to bring their ID and proof of income. Once registered, it's just a means of checking in each month. This is a very worthy and valuable program to our community! We are blessed to be able to offer it.



## **FREE PRODUCE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Tuesday, October 10 we served 264 guests the wonderful fresh produce provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. We also registered 70 new families, which is amazing since we have now been doing this for nine years! Our final distribution for 2023 will be Tuesday, November 14. We receive over 8000# of fresh produce each month and our guests are very grateful. There are no qualifying restrictions. We can always use a few more volunteers! Check with Jan Fisher if you have time to help.



# *November 2023 Volunteers*

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

### **ACOLYTES**

November 5: Lydia McFadden  
November 12: Gabriel McFadden  
November 19: Lily Garn  
November 26: Cory Garn

### **ALTAR WORKERS**

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

### **ASSISTING MINISTER**

Greg Hughes

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Social Ministry Committee

### **GREETER**

Anita Nehrkorn

### **COMMUNION PREPARERS**

November 5: Sandie Volz & Lana Conry  
November 26: Ken & Debbi Suzuki

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

November 5:  
Wine West: Elizabeth Volz  
Wine East: Tricia Volz  
Intinction : Alicia Schulz  
  
November 26 :  
Wine West : Gregg Thatcher  
Wine East : Jen Rogers  
Intinction : Linda Hughes

### **LAY READERS**

November 5: Shirley Lane  
November 12: Anita Nehrkorn  
November 19: Chris Kaschube  
November 26: Joe Rogers

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Chris Cichanowicz  
Mary Schwartz  
Lowell Weeks  
Jan Fisher

### **PEW PAD GLEANERS**

November 5: Linda Hughes  
November 12: Gary Andrews  
November 19: Jodi Mumaw  
November 26: Stacey Crall

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

November 5: Chris Cichanowicz  
November 12: Tricia Volz  
November 19: Stacey Crall  
November 26: Karen Ellis

### **SLIDES**

November 5: Teri Brenkus  
November 12: Allison Weeks  
November 19: Isaac McFadden  
November 26: Cindy Russell

### **LIVESTREAM**

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

### **SOUND BOARD OPERATORS**

November 5: Ed Farner  
November 12: Ed Farner  
November 19: Ed Farner  
November 26: Ed Farner

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

November 5: Angie Murphy  
November 12: Tyler Crall  
November 19: Tricia Volz  
November 26: Lu Blankenship

### **USHERS NAVE**

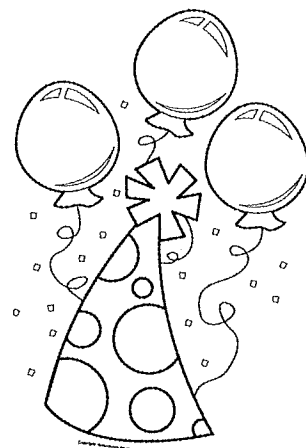
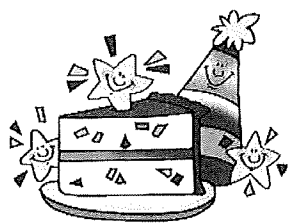
Jeff Davis and Annette Doklovic  
Hayden Skropits & Elizabeth Volz  
Alternate: Tricia Volz

### **FUNERAL MEALS:**

Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz,  
and Beth Harruff

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## *November Birthdays:*



Garnett Stafford

230 Valley High Dr.  
Lexington OH 44904

November 2

Mary Ellen Hedges

Mansfield Place  
1841 Middle Bellville Rd  
Apt. 122  
Mansfield OH 44904

November 4

Beverly Graham

540 Sunset Blvd  
Mansfield OH 44907

November 7

Josh Hamrick

170 Boston Ave  
Mansfield OH 44906

November 14

Hannah Skropits

3399 Oakstone Dr  
Ontario OH 44903

November 21

Edward Farner

1360 W Circle Dr  
Mansfield OH 44905

November 22

Justin Grove

861 Andover Rd  
Mansfield OH 44907

November 23

Scott Berry

8300 Aylsworth Rd  
Shreve OH 44676

November 23

Abigail Hoecker

264 ½ Fairlawn Ave  
Mansfield OH 44903

November 26

Mitchell Pittman

490 Rudy Rd  
Mansfield OH 44903

November 26

Ray Ellison

The Waterford Apt 141  
1296 S Trimble Rd  
Mansfield OH 44906

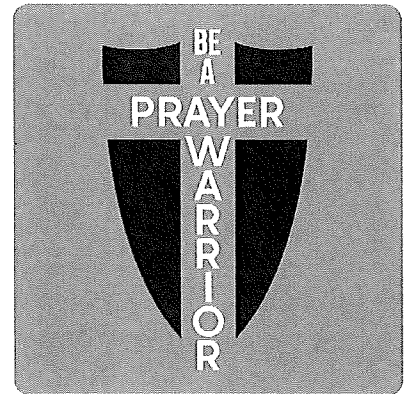
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## Prayer Requests

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 Angie Mullins (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.

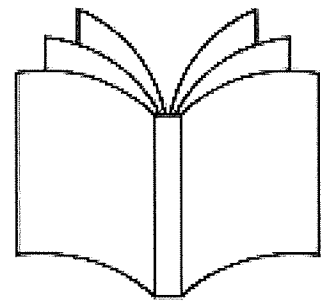


**Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.**

**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!



**Find us on Facebook:** First English Lutheran Church



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

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

## **BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE!**

**Need to get information in the bulletin for a meeting or an announcement?**  
**Send details to Angie Mullins 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)**

**November 2023 Visitor Newsletter Deadline: TUESDAY, October 24, 2023**

**Assembled and mailed: FRIDAY, October 27, 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**

### FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH E-MAIL AND WEB SITE

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**Find us on Facebook at First English Lutheran Church.**

**During this interim time if you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office: 419.522.0662**

<p><b>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</b></p> <p><b>The monthly volunteers are published in the Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</b></p>	<p>Funeral Meals <b>Judy Santoro</b> <b>571.991.2951</b></p>
<p>Acolytes <b>Heather McFadden</b> <b>419.295.6467</b></p>	<p>Pew Pad Gleaners</p>
<p>Altar Workers <b>Scott and Jodi Mumaw</b> <b>Scott -419.564.2358</b> <b>Jodi -419.564.2391</b></p>	<p>Ushers and Safety Team <b>Charles and Myra Cordrey</b> <b>Charles – 419.632.4477</b> <b>Myra -419.632.4121</b></p>
<p>Greeters <b>Jan Fisher</b> <b>419.589.2820</b></p>	<p>Power Point, Sound Board, Sunday School Breakfast, Children's Church <b>Becky Pittman</b> <b>419.989.8585</b></p>
<p>Assistant Ministers &amp; Lay Readers</p>	<p>Communion <b>Lana Conry</b> <b>419.512.9913</b></p>



**\*\*\*KEEP ALERT\*\*\***

Did you know? – Ohio is #5 among the states for human trafficking: abduction or seduction of young girls (and boys!) into prostitution and human slavery. A big reason is the nearness of Canada: once abducted, victims can be taken out of the country.

Many victims are first contacted through the media: online “chatting” can turn into in-person meetings. Also, victims can be “watched” by perpetrators in public places, and young teens even in groups may be abducted.

Besides trafficking suspicion, suspicion of abuse should also be on our radar.

REPORT ANY suspicious activity as soon as possible.

HERE IS THE 24/7 TELEPHONE:

**DIAL 2-1-1**



**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR DEDICATED  
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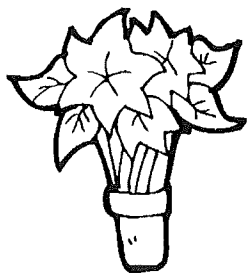
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**(Revised July 2023)**  
**Non-Profit Org.**



POINSETTIAS are a tradition at First English Lutheran Church; an opportunity to honor a loved one and at the same time beautify the Chancel on Christmas Eve.

Deadline for ordering is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**

Cost per plant is \$10.00

**\* (No orders will be accepted after December 3rd because our order must be submitted to the greenhouse soon after.) \***

Turn your order and money in **directly to the Church Office** either in person or by mail or put your order in the offering plate.

**If you put the order in the offering plate, please put check & order form in a separate envelope marked for flower order.**

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, the plants may be removed by the donor after the Christmas Eve Service (the plants should remain at the church during the days leading up to Christmas Eve).

**INSTEAD OF RECEIVING A PLANT**, you may make a donation to one of the listed funds.



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**2023**

**Poinsettia Order:**

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 per plant) = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Flower color: Red\_\_\_\_\_ Pink\_\_\_\_\_ White\_\_\_\_\_

**Donation (no plant):**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Stained-Glass Windows

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Major Capital Improvement Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Current Expenses

“In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_”

“In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_”

“Given by \_\_\_\_\_” (Person ordering \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_)

