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TITHES AND OFFERING

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 February

Beloved in The Lord,

This year, the Season of Epiphany is very short – only 5 Sundays! Then we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord on February 11, just before Ash Wednesday on February 14 (yes, on St. Valentine's Day!). On that day, we remember that we are but dust with the imposition of ashes on our forehead, the sign of the cross in which we were baptized and the mark of the One Who has claimed us, redeemed us, cleansed us, led us all the way, and fitted us for service in His Kingdom. Lent: 40 days (not including Sundays) – the most solemn of our “seasons”. This is the time for reflection; for deepening our relationship with Christ; for observing the ancient and holy disciplines of Lent: Fasting... Prayer and Bible Study... Almsgiving and Service. Fasting: the “giving up” of Lent – forsaking a mealtime to remember the poor and hungry (no, it's not about losing weight). true Lenten fast is no meal during daylight hours, only water. Prayer and Bible Study: they go hand-in-hand, talking to God and listening for His voice as you read His Word. Alms-giving and Service – again, a hand-in hand discipline, to give from your abundance to the church or the Bare Necessities closet or a favorite food program. Disciplines to deepen your Christian walk, your pilgrimage.

I'd like to share a favorite prayer you may want to use in your devotional time:

O Lord, You are love,
and You see all the suffering,
injustice and misery ,
which reign in this world.
Have pity, we implore You,
on the work of Your hands.
Look mercifully on the poor,
the oppressed, and all who are heavy-laden
with error, labour and sorrow.
Fill our hearts with deep compassion
for those who suffer,
and hasten the coming of Your Kingdom
of justice and truth. AMEN

Blessings to all,

Pastor Lis

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated January 16- 8:27 PM

Present: Lu Blankenship, Chris Cichanowicz, Christopher Kaschube, Cindy Russell, James Murphy, Chad McFadden, Jan Fisher

Absent: Pastor Lisa Peterson, Sandie Volz, Alicia Schultz, Misty Grove, Teri Brenkus, Ted Ellis, Gary Lane, Mike Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

A quorum was not present. No business was conducted or votes taken at the meeting.

Devotion and prayer led by Lu Blankenship.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from the November Church Council meeting for approval. **MOTION** (?) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION ?.**

Executive Committee:

- Voted to cancel the December 19, 2023 Church Council meeting.
- There is a gentleman in the community that is interested in organizing the FELC archive room. He sent a detailed list of what he would like to, primarily organizing items into three categories: Photos and albums, Paperwork and records, and Miscellaneous physical items. He would catalog each item, and then label each item to create a user-friendly archive.
- Shared correspondence from the Safety Team.

Pastor's Report, Lisa Peterson:

- Pastoral acts in December:
 - Celebrated Holy Communion: 3
 - Led Worship: 4
 - Community Worship: 1
 - Baptism Counseling: 1
 - Shut-in visits: 3
 - Holy Communion to homebound: 1
 - Decorated Church – 1
 - Staff meetings – 2
 - ELC Christmas Program – 1
 - Office time – 6 days? (not sure)
 - Sick time due to outbreak of shingles
- Pastoral Acts in January:
 - Worship with Holy Communion – 2
 - Worship. - 3
 - Anointing the Sick – 1
 - No baptisms
 - No funerals/Memorial services
 - Other::
 - Hospital visits - 1
 - Catechism classes – 2
 - Staff meetings – 3
 - Telephone consultations – 2
 - Chapel/ Community lunch - 1

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund (GOF): includes ELC

December 2023 Income was \$50,989

December 2023 Expenses were \$101,257

December Income is **less** than expenses by \$50,268

YTD Income is \$646,908.45 which is **more** than budget by \$29,146
 YTD Expenses are \$1,033,782 which is **more** than budget by \$158,091
 YTD Income is **less** than YTD Expenses by \$386,874_

Early Learning Center (ELC):

December 2023 Income was \$22,135
 December 2023 Expenses were \$39,122
 December Income was **less** than expense by \$16,986
 YTD Income was \$379,712 which is **more** than budget by \$35,312
 YTD Expenses were \$357,314 which is **more** than budget by \$19,349
 YTD Income is **more** than YTD Expenses by \$22,399

General Operating Fund (GOF) Excluding ELC:

December 2023 Income was \$28,854
 December 2023 Expenses were \$62,135
 December Income was **less** than expense by \$33,281
 YTD Income was \$267,196 which is **less** than budget by \$6,166
 YTD Expenses were \$676,468 which is **more** than budget by \$138,742
 YTD Income is **less** than YTD Expenses by \$409,272

GOF Recap:	
2022 Carryover	\$55,481.94
Gen Op Fund to Women of FELC Fund	\$0.00
Pass Through Fund to GOF	\$235.00
Gamber Fund to GOF	\$2,500.00
ELC Fund to GOF	\$22,520.00
WFELC Fund to GOF (Postage)	\$79.41
Gen Endow Fund to GOF \$103,940+100,000	\$200,000.00
Maj Cap Imp Endow Fund to GOF \$8,945	\$0.00
Maj Cap Imp Endow Fund for A/C & Elev	\$135,687.32
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF \$14,150	\$0.00
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan pymt	\$10,721.04
Stained Glass Window Fund to GOF	\$11,250.00
2023 YTD Income	\$646,908.45
2023 YTD Expenses	\$1,033,782.19
GOF Balance	\$51,600.97

This carryover will largely go to make the final elevator payment.

- **RECOMMENDATION:** There are a number of funds carrying small balances that are listed individually. Finance has identified those that can be rolled into the General Fund and used to cover related expenses or added to another existing larger fund. Will offer more explanation at the meeting, but Finance is recommending that this be done. **RECOMMENDATION ?.**
- Link to the individual funds to be rolled into the General Fund: [Funds combine.xlsx](#)

Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:

- A very big thank you to all who shared their gifts and talents with the congregation during this wonderful Advent season! God was certainly glorified at every worship service and there were too many to mention sharing their gifts to God's glory! We have the best staff and the best leadership! Again, thank you, First English members and friends, for glorifying God at each and every worship service as well as every other event that we sponsor!
- We were so pleased with the quality of our poinsettias this Christmas that we have decided to use a new plant vendor: Ever-Green Nursery in Plymouth, OH. Along with that we are redesigning our "flower donation reservation" form. You will notice that difference when we ask for support for Easter plants.
- Coin collection has begun for the Antiphonal Organ funding project. At the end of Advent, Nicole Goddard reported that we had thus far accumulated \$9436.00 of the \$18,000.00 needed. What a great feeling and accomplishment.
- Fastnacht (Feb. 13) is again being planned to include a big invitation to our ELC families to join us at 5:00 PM for pancakes, sausage and applesauce. Lu Blankenship has agreed to be chairman for Fastnacht.

- Plans have been made to use season 2 of 'The Chosen' for our study connected to the Lenten soup suppers.
- Heather McFadden is assigning groups to host the weekly soup suppers.
- March of Prayer is happening again this year and we will host Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, March 30 at 7:00 PM.
- The "Glorifying the Cross" project will be launched in January. This project will invite our members and friends to randomly purchase a cross, no larger than 5" x 8" that will be displayed on a framed board in the Narthex. Each cross will have a small name plate affixed under it, giving the name of the donor(s). The crosses will be displayed on Easter Sunday.
- Women's Ministry:
 - Bible Study continues on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM. Barbara Justice is teaching and we are learning a lot! All women are welcome to join in.
 - Arts & Crafts:
 - A group of us made Valentines cards for our shut-ins and our college/military young people.
 - Luther Fellowship:
 - No meeting planned for January. In March we will be hosting Jennifer Miller from the Alzheimer's Association. This informational meeting will be open to everyone.

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

- Senior Boxes for January
 - We will distribute Senior Boxes on Tuesday, January 23.. During our December distribution we gave out 103 boxes and had 29 new applications. The December distribution was done one week earlier than usual due to the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday Noon Lunch continues to serve 40-50 people. The cold weather of January reduced the number to 20-30. Bare necessities given out included pillows and pillow cases for December and mouth wash and deodorant for January.
- A group of about 35 from FELC gathered to sing Christmas carols at senior shut-ins homes and at the Waterford and Wedgewood assisted living centers.

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:

- The total number of pledge cards received for 2024 was 41 with \$177,186.80 pledged.
- The Stewardship Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Council designate the 2024 Lenten offering envelopes to the Antiphonal Organ Fund. **RECOMMENDATION ?**

Evangelism Committee, Alicia Schultz (submitted in December):

- Committee members continue to correspond with guests, as appropriate, and be attentive to regular members and attendees who have been missing multiple Sundays.
- Adult Sunday School finished "Joining Jesus on his Mission" December 17.
- Several persons have indicated an interest in membership at FELC and have been referred to Pastor Lisa who expects to hold classes as needed after the first of the year.
- I will be out of the country until February but all Council members (and others) have been or are hereby deputized to be attentive and welcoming to all visitors!

Early Learning Center Committee, Misty Grove:

- **RECOMMENDATION:** The ELC committee recommends that the ELC staff be given 4 paid holidays: Good Friday, Memorial Day, Labor day and Christmas. **RECOMMENDATION ?**
- Michelle, Megan, and Angie will be attending Childcare Business summit on March 15th and 16th in Toledo, Ohio.
- Angie put a job posting on Indeed on January 4th and had a wonderful response. I had 25 applications, 9 phone interviews and 5 in person interviews. I have invited 2 of them in for a job.
 - Jaelyn Lawson- full time, she graduated from high school with a certificate in Early Childhood and has 4 years' experience. (has a 2-year-old)
 - Heather Smith- full time, she is in online classes in her 4th semester for Early Childhood. (has 3, 7, 9 and 13-year-old children)

- Submitted by Becky Pittman:
 - The ELC is learning the “Fishers of Men” Bible story during chapel for the month of January. Their scripture to memorize is Mark 1:17. Our FELC Children’s Church on Sunday mornings for January is also teaching the same story for consistency and repetition. We are currently making plans to invite the ELC families to Fastnacht on Tuesday, February 13th. The 5:00 start time is intentional as it coincides with the closing of the daycare. Numerous families attended last year with this time change. There will be an optional activity for the families from 5:00 - 5:30 before they go down and eat.

Christian Education Committee, James Murphy:

- The third session of adult Sunday School started January 14. Chris Kaschube will be leading us through a study on the history and development of our Lutheran Divine Service

Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

- **Malawi:**
 - The Chikoti’s still need help financially for their trip to the U.S. in 2024 and transportation while traveling here.
 - Three trips are planned to Malawi this summer. One from Westwood in early June, one from Ken and Penny Ekegren’s team from July 15-27, and another POP-UP team from Westwood in October.
 - Ken is hoping to take as many shoes as possible with his group. These are SPECIAL shoes that cost \$20/pair but last 5 YEARS because they are very sturdy and expandible!
 - They are still in need of a vehicle: an SUV or van is preferable. Cost is anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
 - The irrigation system and maize mill has been completed so they can be more self-sufficient.
- **Peru and Bolivia**
 - The IMMERSE CAMP begins January 7-12 where native people learn English. It has a great focus on Christianity.
 - The Krafts are planning to provide medical first aid kits for their March trip. Nurses, doctors, dentists, and pharmacists are greatly needed.
- **The Far Side**
 - No Report

Old Business:

New Business: Discussion was held about the potential of reducing the number of Church Council positions.

Notes:

February Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Stewardship Committee

February Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 PM

The Congregational Meeting to approve the 2024 Budget is January 21 after worship.

Please submit the 2023 Annual Reports of your Committee for the May Congregational meeting by the end of January to Angie Mullins.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary

Stewardship



This year, the 2024 Lenten Offering will be designated for the Antiphonal Organ relocation project. There will be special Lenten envelopes available for those who choose to donate that way. Online giving is also available.
Thank you!



Worship and Music Committee

ART IN NATURE

A flower, bulb fundraiser.
First English will be selling bulbs, tree rings, saddlebag kits, to raise money for the antiphonal organ. There are 30 items that range from \$8 to \$35.



We will receive 50% of everything we sell.

We have 35 brochures with order forms for anyone that would like to help with this project. Family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

We would like to start the middle of February and end the middle of April. The items will be shipped to us the first of May.

I will be handing out brochures to anyone interested.

Hopefully this will be a fun project and something to interest everyone. Flowers to enjoy this summer.

Myra Cordrey
Worship Committee

Social Ministry



The Bare Necessities Room wants to thank everyone who donated this year! We have been so fortunate to be able to help so many people. We've also been blessed to hand out food baskets to those in need who have come to our door during our open business hours!



Youth

July 1-4, 2024 NALC Continental Youth Gathering, St. John's Lutheran Church, Boerne, TX (near San Antonio). We Belong: "I know my own and my own know me." Registration now open. See updates and information at <https://thenalc.org/cyg>. This four day gathering provides opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. Youth will worship together, study God's Word, participate in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun!



WE BELONG
"I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME"

A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO SHARE CROSSES

During February and up until March 10, 2024, we are inviting everyone to purchase your favorite cross, whether it be made of metal, wood, or even resin or plastic. Dimensions should be no smaller than 2 in. x 4 in. and no larger than 5 in. x 8 in. There is a decorated box on the Narthex poster table where you can pick up your informational form which explains how to donate your cross. Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's are two good places to purchase a variety of crosses. Use your own judgement as to style.

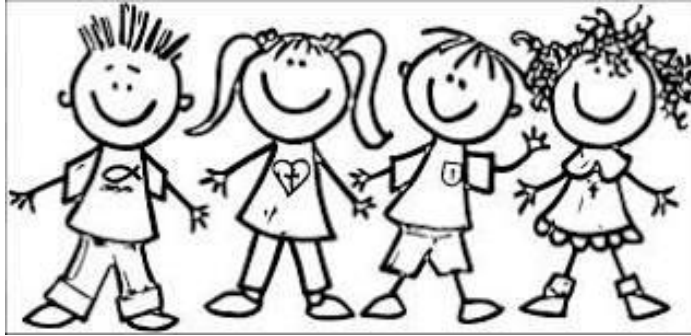


We are going to fabricate a large wooden framed board covered in fabric. If enough people respond we will actually have two framed boards to display. Every cross that is donated to beautify this board will be displayed on the board with a small metal plate affixed below it, denoting the family or person's name. This beautiful cross embellished board will be displayed in our Narthex for all to enjoy. It will be a work in progress as new people join our church, and we plan on having it mounted and on display by Easter, March 31, 2024. There will be a pictorial example on the poster table if you have questions. Questions can also be directed to Jan Fisher, Worship and Music Chairperson.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We had a wonderful first Men's Bible study with 9 participants. We will continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 9 am in the Emmaus Room. All men are welcome to join us!





ELC

Little People **BIG** News February

A Flashback from January

ELC hosted its first ever Game Night and it was a huge success! Families enjoyed interacting with each other and with their families. We have partnered with Buckeye Imagination and will be receiving a traveling exhibit every six weeks.



A Peek into February

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day by having classroom parties as well as having our annual Sweetheart Swirl. This is a fun way for kids to get creative and learn about giving to friends. The kids will also learn about our presidents as President's Day approaches.

We have hired new staff that should be starting! This will be a tremendous help to our program.

Within the Fold



Dear Friends of F.E.L.Church,

Thank you so much for coming to sing to me Christmas songs. I also want to thank Larry Lantz and Gary Lane for bringing me communion and the container of cookies and candy from the women of the church. Thank you so much all the women that made the cookies. I can't attend church anymore, but I really appreciate hearing from you.

In Christ's Love,

Marilyn Dinges

Malawi Orphan Care Project is very thankful for all of the generous donations supporting the feeding program of our precious orphans. We received the fourth quarter benevolence check in the amount of \$1,371.00 and are very grateful for it.

Jan Fisher,

Treasurer

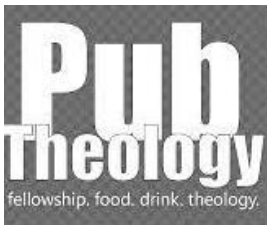
Dear Women of FELC,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift card. I always love hearing from you and hope you had a great Christmas!

Mitchell Pittman

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship cookies are running low, so if you think of it when you are at the grocery store, please pick up a package of any kind of cookies and bring them in next Sunday for the cupboard in the "galley kitchen" off the narthex. Second request is to start saving "Kroger and Walmart" bags so that we are ready for our Free Produce which begins again in April. There is a hamper in the Narthex near the coat racks in which to deposit your bags. Thank you in advance!!



PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology will not meet in February. We will resume meeting in March. Rob Skropits will be joining us to speak about the increase in violence that we have experienced! We will once again be meeting at the Pizza Hut on Lexington-Springmill Rd. Hope to see you all there!

Luther Fellowship

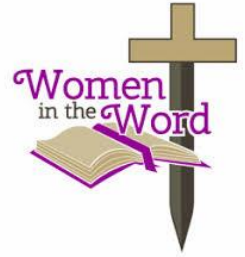
PLANS ARE INCOMPLETE FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.
(IT MIGHT BE TOO COLD AND SNOWY)

Golden Circle



Women's Bible Study

We continue on the second Monday of each month in the Emmaus Room. Next study date: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.



Service Ministry

The Senior Box distribution update:

We gave 90 boxes away on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Please share with your friends and neighbors who qualify.

Jan Fisher and Angie Murphy, coordinators
Gary Lane, Service Ministry chairperson

Women's Book Club



Say Goodbye for Now

by [Catherine Ryan Hyde](#)

From *New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde comes a feel-good story of four outcasts who learn that some bonds are stronger than blood.

On an isolated Texas ranch, Dr. Lucy cares for abandoned animals. The solitude allows her to avoid the people and places that remind her of the past. Not that any of the townsfolk care. In 1959, no one is interested in a woman doctor. Nor are they welcoming Calvin and Justin Bell, a newly arrived African American father and son. When Pete Solomon, a neglected twelve-year-old boy, and Justin bring a wounded wolf-dog hybrid to Dr. Lucy, the outcasts soon find refuge in one another. Lucy never thought she'd make connections again, never mind fall in love. Pete never imagined he'd find friends as loyal as Justin and the dog. But these four people aren't allowed to be friends, much less a family, when the whole town turns violently against them.

With heavy hearts, Dr. Lucy and Pete say goodbye to Calvin and Justin. But through the years they keep hope alive...waiting for the world to catch up with them.

Our group will meet on February 18, 2024 at 2PM. ALL are welcome.

Thanks, Judy Santoro

FASTNACHT PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:00 PM

If you can help with this event, please see Lu (419-564-1469) to volunteer. We need help as follows:

- 3-4 folks to arrive at 4:30 to fix beverages and set up
- 1 person with a strong arm to arrive at 4:30 to mix pancake batter
- 5 people to bring griddles and flip pancakes, beginning at 4:45
- 5-6 people to help with clean-up

Thank you!!



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 February we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. 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.

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



Take it to the Lord first!

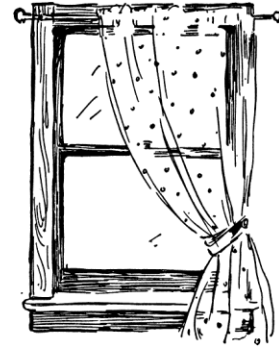
As a member of this FELC congregation we want to ask you to be VERY INTENTIONAL in your prayers concerning covering our Call Committee with God's grace, love, and provision as they work toward the call of our future pastor. Further, seek the Holy Spirit's guiding as He puts his hands on the person who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



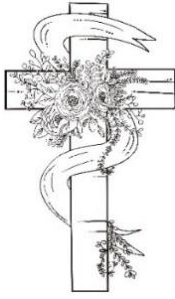
What a blessing it is to be able to now offer Children's Church every Sunday! Elizabeth Volz, Tricia Volz, Angie Murphy, Lu Blankenship and Tyler Crall faithfully rotate in this ministry. Did you know that Chris Mayglothing

prepares the crafts for us every other month? We also have 2 elderly women that *don't even go to our church* that prepare the crafts on the opposite months!! We would love to have more volunteers willing to give their time to this ministry. Please let me know if you are interested.

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

Funeral (Pastor Paul Lintern)

Steven Santoro

January 20, 2024

Baptism

Lawrence David Alexander Basham

January 28, 2024



Steven Santoro

January 11, 2024

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.

February 18 – March 24 – Lent – No flowers

March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

April 7, 2024

April 14, 2024

April 21, 2024

April 28, 2024

February 2024 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

February 4: Gabe McFadden
February 11: Ava Zehe
February 18: Lydia McFadden
February 25: Cory Garn

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTER

Greg Hughes

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Stewardship

GREETER

Ken and Debbi Suzuki

COMMUNION PREPARERS

February 4: Charles & Myra Cordrey

February 11: Beth Harruff & Lana Conry

February 14: Ken & Debbi Suzuki

COMMUNION SERVERS

February 4:
Wine West: Pat Heichel
Wine East: Ed Corley
Intinction : Jan Fisher

February 11 (Transfiguration):
Wine West: Gary Lane
Wine East: Anita Nehrkorn
Intinction : Jane Mako

February 14 (Ash Wednesday):
Wine West: Greg Hughes
Wine East: Gary Simmons
Intinction : Linda Hughes

LAY READERS

February 4: Lu Blankenship
February 11: Myra Cordrey
February 14: Chris Cichanowicz
February 18: Pat Heichel
February 25: Shirley Lane

PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

February 4: Linda Hughes
February 11: Brenda Eyerly
February 14: Gary Andrews
February 18: Lana Conry
February 25: Chris Mayglothling

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

February 4: Teri Brenkus
February 11: Linda Hughes
February 18: Angie Kaschube
February 25: Becky Faith

SLIDES

February 4: Teri Brenkus
February 11: Isaac McFadden
February 14: Cindy Russell (Ash Wednesday)
February 18: Peyton McFadden
February 25: Allison Weeks

LIVESTREAM

February 4: Suzanne Rippel
February 11: Todd Heichel
February 14: Todd Heichel (Ash Wednesday)
February 18: Suzanne Rippel
February 25: Tom Sarbach

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

February 4: Elizabeth Volz
February 11: Lu Blankenship
February 18: Tyler Crall
February 25: Lu Blankenship

USHERS NAVE

Tyler Crall and Mike Anderson
James and Angie Murphy
Alternate: Anita Nehrkorn

FUNERAL MEALS:

Karen Ellis, Barb Cook,
Lu Blankenship, and Ila Kershaw



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Barbara Davis

3975 Hunter Rd
Perrysville OH 44864

February 1

Pat Smith

19 S Linden Rd
Mansfield OH 44906

February 3

Larry Faith

2279 Fleming Falls Rd
Mansfield OH 44903

February 5

Joe Rogers

7453 Renie Road
Bellville OH 44813

February 7

Ila Kershaw

1972 Chelsea Dr
Mansfield OH 44904

February 14

Stacey Crall

222 Marlow Rd
Mansfield OH 44906

February 14

Grace Sarbach

527 Forest St
Mansfield OH 44903

February 16

Jodi Mumaw

88 Hickey St
Greenwich OH 44837

February 21

Todd Heichel

4222 State Rout 42 S
Lexington OH 44904

February 22

Brianna McFadden

1190 Timbercliff Dr
Mansfield OH 44907

February 22

Zachary Rippel

770 Woodhill Rd
Mansfield OH 44907

February 23

Quentin Skropits

3399 Oakstone Dr
Ontario OH 44903

February 25

Doris Krueger

612 B S Trimble
Mansfield OH 44906

February 28



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 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

March 2024 Visitor Newsletter Deadline:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024.

Assembled and mailed: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ARTICLES TO: 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
office: 419.522.0662

<p>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</p> <p>The monthly volunteers are published in the Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</p>	<p>Funeral Meals Sandie Volz 419-688-1787</p>
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2024 Holy Week

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

March 24

10:00 AM Holy Communion (Nave)

Maundy Thursday

March 28

7:00 PM Holy Communion (Nave)

Rev. Dr. Amy Little

Good Friday

March 29

7:00 PM Worship Service (Nave)



Holy Saturday

March 30

7:00 PM Easter Vigil with

Holy Communion (Nave)

Pastor Paul Lintern

Easter Sunday

March 31

Festival Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM (Nave)

Rev. Dr. Amy Little



Please use this form if you would like to give an Easter lily, or daffodil plant, in honor of or in memory of a loved one on Easter Sunday.

The deadline for ordering is **FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024***
(*No orders will be accepted after March 1st because our order must be submitted to the greenhouse soon after.)

You can turn your order and money in to the Church Office either in person or by mail, or you can put it in the offering basket on Sunday.

If you put the order in the offering basket, Please put check & order form in a separate envelope marked for flower order.

The lilies and daffodils will decorate the Church on Easter morning, March 31st. The plants may be removed by the donor after the **10 a.m. worship service** that morning.



FOR FLOWER PURCHASES ONLY
For donations, please use the special Lenten Envelope

2024

Lily Order:

Number of plants _____ (\$10.00 per plant) = \$ _____

Daffodil Order:

Numer of plants _____ (\$10.00 per plant) = \$ _____



“In Memory of _____”

“In Honor of _____”

“Given by _____” Person given by _____

Giver/Envelope # _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **FELC**