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NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



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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

April, 2024

*“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”
- Psalm 95:1-2*

Easter! I love that we have a whole SEASON of Easter – a week of weeks – 7 weeks – to rejoice in the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Of course, every Sunday of the year (the first day of the week) is a celebration of His resurrection, but this season brings with it a special emphasis on the great mystery of our faith: “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again”, as we say together in one of the prefaces to Holy Communion.

Among the reasons to love the Season of Easter are the great hymns of the season: “Christ has Arisen, Alleluia!”; “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”; “This Joyful Eastertide”; and, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”. To name a few. So, why is it that the attendance at worship traditionally falls off after Easter Sunday? Those of us in leadership positions in the church have often pondered that very question. We love it when the whole congregation gathers together. We call it “a good Sunday.” Of course, EVERY Sunday is good. Every day that The Lord gives us is good. Every chance to worship and praise Him is very good!

In the back of our property is a woods. As the days begin to warm and the ground lets fresh shoots of grass and other green appear, there is more activity, too. Dan and I love to watch the birds, the deer, even squirrels and bunnies enjoy the bounty that God provides. (We might not enjoy so much when they munch our tulips and young tomato plants, though.) But we didn’t see them so much until it warmed.

God sees us, of course, wherever we are. He knows our “going out and our coming in”, as the psalmist says (*Psalm 121:8*). God’s love for you will never falter or fail. Through every season of the year and every season of your life, He loves you with an unfailing love. It’s that love that we celebrated in the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It’s that love that we recognized in Christ’s obedience in His going to the cross and bearing our sins. It’s THAT love that raised Jesus to life on the third day and holds forth the promise of our resurrection as we walk in faith. It is that love that we acknowledge and celebrate every Sunday in Chistian Worship. The love that will not let us go is also the love that stirs us to come together and not neglect this fellowship.

See you on Sunday!
Serving with joy,

Pastor Lisa+

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS

Tuesday, March 19, 2024- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated March 19

Present: Cindy Russell, Ted Ellis, Mike Anderson, Christopher Kaschube, Lu Blankenship, Sandie Volz, Chris Cichanowicz, Gary Lane

Absent: Teri Brenkus, Chad McFadden, Jan Fisher (by phone), Pastor Lisa Peterson, James Murphy, Alicia Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Devotion and prayer led by Ted Ellis.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from February 20 for approval. **MOTION** (Lu/Chris C.) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Executive Committee:

- **RECOMMENDATION** to increase the number of holidays for church staff from 4 to 6 to remain consistent with ELC staff. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

- The Property Committee did not meet in March.
- The only thing to report is Andy Kershaw and James Murphy have been busy replacing the old light fixtures with the new LED light fixtures that we have already purchased in the ELC and other parts of Luther Hall. We would all like to thank them for their efforts as their dedication has saved us 50 % on this upgrade.

Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

- Peru and Bolivia:
 - We had a 3 hour Zoom Board meeting on February 15. Most of it dealt with finances. A \$20,000 donation was given to the Krafts for their retirement, but they put aside only \$10,000 for that. \$9000 they donated for finishing touches for their building and grounds and \$1000 for GMI Bolivia.
 - Casa Imuna, a project in Bolivia, is now going under the leadership of GMI. Nick and Shannon will train the new Bolivian missionary candidates in their spiritual and leadership growth.
 - The Krafts have been granted a 6 week furlough to visit the new supportive churches in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, and California.
- Malawi:
 - A reminder that the entire Chikoti family will be traveling from Monroeville to Mansfield on August 1st and will be here all day on August 2. Any ideas of what we should do with them on Friday would be appreciated. They leave for Millersport on Saturday.
- The Far Side:
 - A reminder that the Sorges will be moving to Sri Lanka in May and have requested our prayers for a safe and uneventful transition there.

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

- Some of the Youth Committee members and myself feel that it is time to hire a youth director. This position was approved by the Council a few years ago. It was removed from the budget a year or so later, since no candidate was found. It was removed with the understanding that it would be funded with the

New Missions and Ministries Fund, and then included in the budget after the first year. Some of the responsibilities this position would be:

- Schedule consistent youth group events for Sr. High and Jr. High groups.
- Schedule consistent family events for elementary age youth.
- Begin a young adult Sunday School (ages 18-24).
- Start something similar to Pub Theology for young adults.
- Coordinate Children's Church
- Invite ELC families to church and youth events

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane: No report

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz: No report

Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:

- Facility Fee Schedule
 - **RECOMMENDATION** For active members, weddings, funerals or anything that provides some type of ministry or benefits the church would be totally covered by the church. For personal events such as bridal or baby showers, birthday parties etc, the cost of the custodian would be paid by the member of the congregation.
 - Active members would be the same criteria for an active voting member.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

- All plans are in place for Holy Week, a huge job for our precious Becky Pittman. Give God the Glory that He has given her gifts that she so willingly shares with our congregation.
- Remember that we will be joined with other Mansfield churches for March of Prayer on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM at our Easter Vigil.
- The Glorifying the Cross Project is going well; Andy and Dave, Myra and Charlie are beginning to create the beautiful board of crosses with family names affixed under each cross. The congregation is invited to join in supplying their favorite beautifying cross for this ongoing project. We hope to have a number of crosses displayed sometime during Holy Week.
- Following Holy Week, our next special service will be Pentecost where we have one Confirmation which will be celebrated by Pastor Lisa Peterson. The confirmand is Miss Lily Garn. **RECOMMENDATION** to approve the Confirmation. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**
- We have a new source for geraniums to use in the celebration of Pentecost. It is Ever Green Nursery in Shiloh/Plymouth area.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

- Women's Bible Study continues on the second Monday of the month at 1:00.
- Luther Fellowship continues with monthly group meetings, April is not planned at this point.

Early Learning Center Committee (submitted by Becky Pittman & Angie Murphy)

- The FELC/ELC Youth Sunday is on April 14th. The daycare will be singing with our children and our FELC youth will be leading the worship. The theme will be "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." A treasure hunt will immediately follow worship out on the playground-weather permitting.
- In the next couple of months ODJFS will be transitioning from 1-5-star rating to a Bronze, Silver, Gold rating. Keep a lookout for more information.
- Summer trips are planned, and we are at full capacity. We have a waiting list started.
- No change in enrollment or staff.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund (GOF): includes ELC

February 2024 Income was \$61,291.69

February 2024 Expenses were \$55,581.39

February Income is **more** than expenses by \$5,710.30

YTD Income is \$113,925.30 which is **less** than budget by \$2,023.70

YTD Expenses are \$119,078.43 which is **less** than budget by \$28,863.57

YTD Income is **less** than YTD Expenses by \$5,153.13

Early Learning Center (ELC):

February 2024 Income was \$28,384.26

February 2024 Expenses were \$27,475.03

February Income was *more* than expense by \$909.23

YTD Income was \$58,020.89 which is *less* than budget by \$1,979.11

YTD Expense were \$51,013.41 which is *less* than budget by \$8,710.59

YTD Income is *more* than YTD Expenses by \$7,007.48

GOF Recap:	2023 Carryover	\$51,600.97
Gen Op Fund to Women of FELC Fund		\$0.00
Pass Through Fund to GOF		\$0.00
Gamber Fund to GOF		\$0.00
ELC Fund to GOF		\$0.00
WFELC Fund to GOF (Postage)		\$0.00
Gen Endow Fund to GOF \$142,958		\$0.00
Maj Cap Imp Endow Fund to GOF \$8947		\$0.00
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF \$19,594		\$0.00
Account Clean up from GOF		(\$120.44)
2024 YTD Income		\$113,925.30
2024 YTD Expenses		\$119,078.43
GOF Balance		\$46,327.40

Old Business: None

New Business: MOTION (Cindy/Sandie) to hold the May Congregational Meeting on May 19th. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Notes:

April Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Personnel Committee
April Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION (Sandie/Gary) to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. MOTION APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary



Worship and Music Committee

So grateful to all who opened their hearts to Jesus and attended Holy Week services. We had many guests and families in attendance!

Next we will celebrate Pentecost with the confirmation of Lily Garn!



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

We continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus with our Senior Box distribution, Wednesday Community lunch, handing out numerous food bags through the week, and our Bare Necessities Room. We thank everyone for all they do in supporting these ministries.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

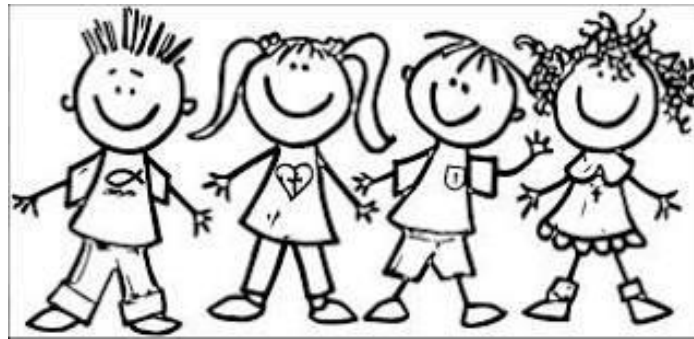
Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Saturday mornings at 9 am in the Emmaus Room. All men are welcome to join us!



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

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!



ELC

Little People BIG News

April

Our ELC has been undergoing some renovations and as you drop your children off, you will notice how beautiful our new floors look!

Future Dates to keep in mind:

We are closed April 8th and April 26th!

April 14th will be ELC Sunday with a treasure hunt!

May 8th will be "Muffins with Mom!"

May 17th is the ELC end of the year party

May 22nd will be our Pre-K graduation

Within the Fold

THANK YOU!

Dear Women's Ministry Team,

Dear Friends, thank you for the lovely cards you've made and sent to me. The cards are beautiful and I enjoy receiving mail.

Thank you very much!

Most sincerely,

Gail Elder



PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology will be at Pizza Hut in Ontario at 6PM on Tuesday, April 9th.

Golden Circle

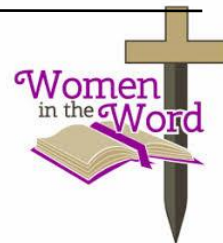


Luther Fellowship

Keep your ears open as this information will be coming out soon!

Women's Bible Study

We continue on the second Monday of each month in the Emmaus Room. Next study date: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.



Arts and Crafts

Arts and Crafts will meet on April 15th at 5:45 p.m. We will be making bookmarks to be sent via the June mission team going to Malawi. The bookmarks will be given to the teens and volunteer women at the project.



Service Ministry



The Senior Box distribution update:

This ministry continues to grow. For our March 26th distribution, we handed out 140 boxes with 15 new sign-ups and again ran out by 11:30 a.m.

Please share with your friends and neighbors who qualify. The next distribution date is April 23, 2024.

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

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION STARTS THIS MONTH

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West at S. Mulberry Street. (WEST PARKING LOT) FREE PRODUCE ON SECOND TUESDAY OF MONTH, APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER.

Our next Free Produce Distribution will be Tuesday, APRIL 9, 2024 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME! We receive over 8000#’s of fresh produce. This is open to everyone, please bring your State ID, your Driver’s license, OR proof of residence. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER A DRIVE THROUGH DISTRIBUTION. OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL LOAD THE PRODUCE INTO YOUR TRUNK OR THE BACK OF YOUR VEHICLE. SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH @ 419.522.0662.

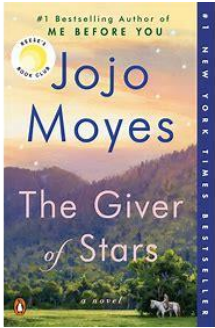
PLEASE BE CERTAIN YOUR CAR TRUNK IS EMPTY AS A HELP IN GETTING YOU LOADED BY OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Book Club

The Giver of Stars

By: Jojo Moyes



The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them—and to the men they love—becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.

Come join the Book Club on April 14, 2024 at 2PM as we discuss this fun and interesting read.

FELC Family of Crosses

You'll notice that we've begun hanging the family crosses on the bulletin board in the entrance way. This is an ongoing project - so continue to turn in your crosses to Chris Mayglothling, or leave in the box in the Narthex. We would love to have a cross to represent you and/or your family! See Chris with any questions.



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 April we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, April 17, 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!

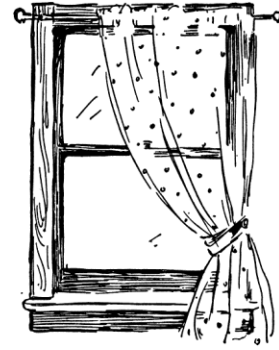
As a member of this FELC congregation we want to ask you to be VERY INTENTIONAL in your prayers concerning covering our Call Committee with God's grace, love, and provision as they work toward the call of our future pastor. Further, seek the Holy Spirit's guiding as He puts his hands on the person who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



Thanks
for your
support

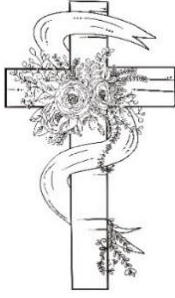
SO MANY of you served in so many DIFFERENT ways throughout Holy Week to help bring God the glory during our worship services. There are too many of you to list and I would probably leave someone out. You know who you are. THANK YOU!! I would also like to thank Pastor Lisa Peterson, Pastor Amy Little and Pastor Paul Lintern for their leadership, love, encouragement and care during this special season of the church. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Save the date! Youth Sunday is on April 14th! Our FELC kids will be leading the worship and the ELC kids will be singing for us during the service! This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to church.



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

None



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.

April 7, 2024

April 21, 2024

April 28, 2024

June 2, 2024

June 9, 2024

June 16, 2024

April 2024 Volunteers

Sunday 10AM Worship (Nave)

ACOLYTES

April 7: TBD
April 14: TBD
April 21: TBD
April 28: TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTER

Chris Kaschube

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Personnel Committee

GREETER

John & Pat Fraifogl

COMMUNION PREPARERS

April 7: Sandie Volz & Vicki Kern

COMMUNION SERVERS

April 7:
Wine West: Judy Santoro
Wine East: Rachelle Zehe
Intinction: Pat Smith

LAY READERS

April 7: Stacey Crall
April 14: Todd Heichel
April 21: Amy Skropits
April 28: Sandie Volz

PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

April 7: Stacey Crall
April 14: Linda Hughes
April 21: Brenda eyerly
April 28: Lana Conry

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

April 7: Myra Cordrey
April 14: Chris Mayglothling
April 21: Rachelle Zehe
April 28: Judy Santoro

SLIDES

April 7: Teri Brenkus
April 14: Justin Crall
April 21: Allison Weeks
April 28: Cindy Russell

LIVESTREAM

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 7: Angie Murphy
April 14: Youth Sunday (no children's church)
April 21: Tyler Crall
April 28: Lu Blankenship

USHERS NAVE

Greg Hughes & Pat Smith
Lana Conry & Chad McFadden
Alternate: Tim Ludwig

FUNERAL MEALS:

Pat Heichel, Linda Hughes
Lana Conry, Mary Schwartz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



James Murphy	1120 Laver Rd Mansfield, OH 44905	April 2
David Williams	855 Vanderbilt Dr Lexington, OH 44904	April 3
Rachel Shupp	744 Pulver List Rd Mansfield, OH 44905	April 4
Clancy Lauthers	35 Woodside Blvd Lexington, OH 44904	April 5
Brad Wolfe	24 Grove Ave Shelby, OH 44875	April 5
Norma Jean Cushing	Oak Grove Manor 1670 Crider Rd Mansfield, OH 44903	April 8
Shirley Shupp	1128 Crestwood Dr Mansfield, OH 44905	April 8
Louise Dickson	455 Logan Rd. #35 Mansfield, OH 44903	April 16
Virginia Shasky	3440 Stein Rd Shelby, OH 44875	April 19
Malachi McFadden	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield, OH 44907	April 19
David Carew	1080 Briarwood Rd Mansfield, OH 44907	April 27
Marily Calver	360 Westgate Dr Mansfield, OH 44906	April 28
Grady Heichel	4222 State Route 42 S Lexington, OH 44904	April 29



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

April 2024 Visitor Newsletter Deadline:

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024.

Assembled and mailed: FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 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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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>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts The monthly volunteers are published in the Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</p>	<p>Funeral Meals Sandie Volz</p>
<p>Acolytes Heather McFadden</p>	<p>Attendance Sheets</p>
<p>Altar Workers and Safety Team Scott and Jodi Mumaw</p>	<p>Ushers and Safety Team Charles and Myra Cordrey</p>
<p>Greeters Alicia Schulz</p>	<p>Slides, Sound Board, Sunday School Breakfast, Children's Church, Livestream Becky Pittman</p>
<p>Assistant Ministers & Lay Readers Cindy Russell</p>	<p>Communion Lana Conry</p>

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GERANIUMS

The Festival of Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19, 2024. This festival is the climax of the “Great Fifty Days” of the Easter Season, and we will decorate the chancel with bright red geraniums, symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

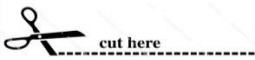
This year we will be offering the 1-gallon pot.
Deadline for ordering is **SUNDAY, MAY 12th**
(*No orders will be accepted after May 12th because our order must be submitted to the greenhouse soon after.)

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.

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

This will help prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the bulletin listing.

The geraniums will decorate the chancel for our Pentecost service on Sunday, May 19, 2024 and then can be planted at home as a continual reminder throughout the summer of the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life.



2024 Geranium Order:

Number of 1-gallon plants _____ (\$5.00 per plant) = \$ _____

_____ I will take my geranium(s) on Sunday, May 19th.

_____ Please plant my geranium(s) in the church yard.

“In Memory of _____”

“ _____ ”

“In Honor of _____”

“ _____ ”

“Given by _____”

(Person ordering _____ Giver/ Envelope # _____)