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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 Jay's Jottings

November 2024

If you had absolute assurance and trust that you would always have enough, how would your practice of generosity change?

Isn't that a great question? It asks us to review a few things in our life.

1. How much is enough?
2. Who is our source?
3. How do we respond to others, conditionally? Or unconditionally?

This month ends with the day we call "Thanksgiving." It's a wonderful day of food, football (for most) and for those fortunate enough, family. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated as a feast of thanks for the abundance that they had in their lives. And this year, I would invite us to think about Thanksgiving as a day of Abundance. Can we change our mindset from consuming sports, gorging on too much food, and laying around, to one of authentic thankfulness because of the abundance that we have in our lives? Those who discover a life with God, who draw into intimate communion with him through word and prayer, will come to see the world very differently. Rather than a place of scarcity and fear, a life with God opens our eyes to recognize a world of abundance that leads to gratitude.

This month, reflect in your life how you see your life. How do you see the world? Do you focus on those things you wish you had, or that you think will make your life better? Or, can you focus on a posture of gratitude and abundance, seeing all that you do have as a gift from God?

In Matthew 6, Jesus says the following... ³³ ***But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*** As you reflect, focus on your heart, and your relationship with Jesus. Where can it grow in trust and intimacy? Are you seeking to do the work of God's Kingdom first, or your own kingdom. Are you looking for those things that bring Glory to God? Or Glory to you?

These are not fun questions to ask and reflect on, but if we are to grow in our love and discipleship, they are heart questions that must be wrestled with if we are to strive for God's kingdom first, especially as we look to be ambassadors of Jesus on earth.

Thank you for being a part of this worship community. Thank you for what you do in service toward our neighbors and our God. And I look forward to seeing where God is leading FELC in the future as we strive to see Christ proclaimed above all. Because, as we more fully understand the depths that Jesus went to save us, the more overwhelming gratitude we will have for the one who promises us a new life with Him. And that abundant life can only be found through the one who gave himself for us.

God Loves You and So Do I,

Pastor Jay

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2024- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated October 16

Present: Cindy Russell, James Murphy, Chris Cichanowicz, Jan Fisher, Alicia Schulz, Gary Lane, Lu Blankenship, Christopher Kaschube, Mike Anderson, Nicole Goddard, Andy Kershaw

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer and devotion led by Chris Cichanowicz on 'Delight' from 2 Samuel, to inspire us in the crazy times that we are living in around the country and the world.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from September 17 for approval. **MOTION** (Jan/James) to approve the minutes of the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Pastor's Report, Rev. Jay Jackson Jr.:

Ephesians 5: *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

One of the biggest challenges for us today is to continue to walk in love. But that love is what drove Jesus to the cross for us, and that love is what we strive to imitate as ambassadors of God's Kingdom. As leaders at First English, it is our call to model the behaviors and fruit of the spirit, and represent Jesus and His love. People are watching, and how we treat one another is a direct reflection of how we treat Jesus.

With that said, we have two months under our belts as we walk together, pointing people to Jesus. I thank you for the continued gift of your ministry through First English, and I am proud to be a partner in the kingdom with this worship community.

Thank you for the very unnecessary gift (although I'm excited to take Angie out for dinner) for pastor appreciation month. I should be giving you all gifts as you have continued to be generous with your own resources.

We found out today October 15, that the couple that is buying our house should have a contract on their house. So as long as all the inspections and everything else goes to plan, we can begin to look forward in the next month or so.

The primary focus this last month has been the '**8 Days of Generosity**' campaign. Please give me any and all feedback you hear about this. Did we communicate it well enough? Was it explained well enough? What else could we have done? We will turn in the 'Generosity Bonds' on October 27 and November 3 and dedicate them on the 3rd.

I believe the Adult Bible Study class "Kingdom Politics" is being well received. We will do two four week studies (one in November and one during Advent) . I am looking for folks to help teach so I can move around and check out the other Sunday school classes with kids and teens.

Becky and I have interviewed Kayla McFadden and we would like to offer her the Young Adult/Teen/Confirmation coordinator position. It will not look like the initial job description that was laid out in the ad for the position. It will be designed to focus on her talent and gifts and we will look to fund her position through the "new ministries fund" (Nicole to explain – please) Job description to follow.

RECOMMENDATION to proceed with the offer and terms of the Young Adult/Teen/Confirmation Coordinator position to Kayla McFadden. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

I am looking to put together a "theme" for advent and Christmas Eve. Becky, Scott and I will have one shortly. I hope so.

The Transition Team met and had a great conversation. Thank you for this intentional communication avenue. We will meet again....

Thank you to everyone who has spent time getting the budget conversations to take place. I believe we are in good shape to begin conversations for approval at the next Council meeting.

Please discuss and set a date after worship for a Q&A session for folks to ask questions about the budget. I would like to have that at least two weeks before the vote.

While I am in Dallas for this meeting, the next two will be virtual, and the next one in person is in May of 2025. (If I remember – I'm typing this on the plane)

There is more that we continue to do together, but I am enjoying the 'Pizza with the Pastor' evenings. They have been great to get to know folks in a less formal setting.

Thanks for what you do, and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us.

Executive Committee:

- **RECOMMENDATION** to move Church Council meetings to the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning in January 2025. This would help Nicole and the Finance Committee get reports ready, due to timing of when they receive financial reports from other establishments. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Church Council Group 1 (Financial/Property):

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

- Work on replacing the old light fixtures with new LED fixtures is still ongoing.
- Andy has gathered a workforce to meet on October 9th at 9:30 to remove the old fixtures out of storage and place them on Scott Berry's truck to take to Milliron recycling. The amount of money we received was only \$147, as scrap metal.
- New floors in the ELC have been installed.
- New flooring for the east entrance to the office area in Luther Hall will be installed this month.
- Trees need to be removed at the Retreat Center. Andy got a quote from Mark McFadden for \$1500 to drop 5 trees (some in precarious positions over roofs and the propane tank). The Property Committee approved Andy to proceed, hiring Mr. McFadden to do the work out of current budget funding.
- The air conditioning in the Emmaus Room is no longer functional. Andy got a quote from Standard Electric to replace it for \$11,480. This does not include the cost to run electricity for the unit. The Property Committee voted on and approved Andy to proceed with the project. Again, Andy had money to do so out of current budget funding.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Andy has been asked by the safety team for the Church to purchase a Byrna Launcher. Cost is approximately \$400. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED .**
- Andy is getting quotes for replacing carpeting in the Narthex and getting quotes for remodeling the women's bathroom in the undercroft.
- The Property Committee still has to remove the seats in the balcony for the new Bell Choir area. This has to be done before the Christmas season.
- Andy contacted our insurance agent to inquire about the cost of our rates for next year. He was informed at that time that FELC will not be renewed next year, due to the company not being able to cover their total liabilities. This is not due to anything specific to FELC. Andy is contacting agents to inquire about getting quotes from other insurance companies. Our current policy ends December 15.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund (GOF)

September 2024 Income was \$54,172.78

September 2024 Expenses were \$62,605.36

September Income is **less** than expenses by \$8,432.58

YTD Income is \$536,152.06 which is **more** than budget by \$14,423.06

YTD Expenses are \$643,603.96 which is **less** than budget by \$34,870.04

YTD Income is **less** than YTD Expenses by \$107,451.90

Offering Update

September 2024 Offerings were \$22,078.07

Monthly budgeted Offerings is \$27,646.00

Monthly Offerings are averaging \$17,032.19

YTD Offerings total \$204,386, which is less than budget by \$44,427.71

GOF Recap:	
2023 Carryover	\$51,600.97
Women of FELC to GOF (postage)	\$40.75
Pass Through Fund to GOF	\$37.50
Stained Glass Window Fund	\$1,210.00
ELC Fund to GOF	\$0.00
Gen Endow Fund to GOF \$182,958	\$173,629.62
MCI Endow Fund to GOF \$8947+\$22,350 for Elev.	\$22,350.00
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF \$19,594	\$0.00
Account Clean up from GOF	(\$120.54)
2024 YTD Income	\$536,152.06
2024 YTD Expenses	\$643,603.96
GOF Balance	\$141,296.40

- There was \$600 given for disaster relief. Finance suggests a note in bulletin advising folks to contribute as follows:
 - Checks to be made payable to NALC Disaster Response.
NALC Disaster Response
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis MN 55486
- A check was written to Dayspring from the James Dickson fund in the amount of \$3752.18.
- Third Quarter Benevolence checks totaling \$5930 were written to NALC, Krafts, Sorges, Malawi Orphan Care, NALC Seminary, and NALC Disaster Response.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Finance Committee recommends adding two new check signers. We are down a couple signers, and these two are money counters, so they will be able to sign checks when they are here to count money and won't have to make an additional trip to the church. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:

- LOVE Inc. has been dissolved. They were due to be part of our 4th quarter Stewardship.

Church Council Group 2 (Internal/External Ministries):

Evangelism Committee, Alicia Schulz: No Report

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

- We continue to serve approximately 50 people each week for Wednesday Noon Lunch. We are planning on serving a Thanksgiving meal on the second WNL serving in November.
- Senior Boxes are well attended. We gave out 160 boxes of produce in September.
- We are attentive to the NALC's efforts for Disaster Relief and plan to get involved in some way
- The Crop Walk effort on October 13 was largely by email.
- We discussed next year's budget. It will increase a little due to inflation-increasing food prices.

Global Missions Committee:

- Peru and Bolivia:
 - Nick and Shannon celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on October 1.
 - 26 years in the mission field
 - They need 100 people to commit \$20 or more a month to help support the mission work in Peru and Bolivia.
 - Top 3 Things in Need of Prayer and Financial Support
 - Their partners in Bolivia go to 13 different villages
 - Teach in schools several times a week
 - Teach children's outreach on Sundays
 - Provide snacks and class activities
 - Travel is hard and costly
 - Prayers for La Casa Emunah in Bolivia
 - It's a house of refuge in the Altiplano where kids in poverty receive tutoring and Bible messages
 - The cost is \$150 weekly.

- A snack is provided
 - Women's ministry and discipleship is stressed
- The Potter's House in Peru
 - Desire to hire an administrator, a housekeeper, and a gardener/farmhand in hopes that the Potter's House can sustain itself and the Krafts can grow more funds for outreach.
- MALAWI
 - Reminder: Anyone interested in joining a team going to Malawi in 2025 must let Pastor Andy Jones know by November 1. (ajones@popstjoe.com)
 - MOCP UPDATE
 - 850 = Average number of children fed 6 days/week
 - 77 = Number of high school students
 - 8 = Number of boarding school students
 - University students: Hastings and Dickson are in their 2nd year of college; Leonard has begun his 3rd year and Blessings has started his last and 4th year of nursing training. Precious graduated on October 13.
 - Kenyenyeva Wala
 - A team of sowers made 113 elementary school uniforms.
 - Status of the Farm
 - Plowed and ready to plant
 - Have seedlings to grow more trees in readiness for the rainy season
 - Skills Building
 - The electrical contractor has begun his work to help boost power for the entire building.
 - Volunteers and Committee
 - All received 50 kg bag of maize in July
 - The Maize Mill
 - Strictly Kenyenyeva committee operated!
 - Feeding Hall
 - Been renovated. Now has a new floor and plastered walls.
 - Painting and putting up doors and windows still remains.

Church Council Group 3 (Education):

Christian Education Committee, James Murphy: No Report

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis: No Report

Other Church Council Committees:

Music & Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:

- Our Antiphonal Organ special concert was a great success! We received donations in the amount of \$3951 which puts us in a really good position. The committee is very thankful to everyone who shared their musical talents on October 6.
- This special concert has prompted some thoughts on opening our sanctuary to some new musical events.
- On October 20 we will be recognizing all the pastors who so willingly presided with us while we were without a permanent pastor. We will be giving each one of them a specially written "Proclamation" of thanks.
- Reformation will be celebrated with Holy Communion on Sunday October 27. Wear red!
- All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 3. We will celebrate Holy Communion as well as dedicating our annual pledges.
- As per our September Council meeting, we will be celebrating Women's Thankoffering on Sunday, November 17. Our recent custom of holding a bake sale will take place on that date, with proceeds going to

Zoe's Learning Center at Kingdom Grace Fellowship. The special offering that day will also be dedicated to Zoe's.

- The Worship Committee is making every effort to 'clean up' how we handle communion. A new plan has been put into place and Beth Harruff is in charge of 'training' the ushers on the new procedure.
- Cindy Russell has taken on the responsibility of overseeing our ushers and making sure they are scheduled.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

- October 21, Luther Fellowship is planning a lunch bus trip to The Barn in Smithville, OH. This is open to anyone desiring to join in. Sign up sheet is on the poster table.
- Women's Bible Study met on Monday, October 14 with six members present. Barbara Justice is teaching this group.
- Our November 17 Thankoffering service has been reported in the September minutes.

Early Learning Center Committee, Chris Cichanowicz & Angie Murphy:

- Local businesses downtown offer our center a safe trick or treat on October 23rd from 9-11:30. Some include The Professional Building, Brennans, Roots, Nation Park Bank, Mechanics Bank, and the courthouse.
- On November 7th, Jaylin, Andrea, Megan and Angie will attend the state regional meeting on Longview Rd. to learn all the new rules for Step Up to Quality.
- On November 11th we will be in front of our building enjoying the Veterans' parade from 10-11.
- On November 19th Megan and Angie will attend a State meeting at the State House for new state rules.
- November 21st is our annual Parent Thanksgiving Feast from 11-1. Everyone is welcome to join and engage with ELC parents.
- November 28th and 29th we are closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Personnel Committee, Teri Brenkus: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Notes:

November Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Social Ministry Committee
The November Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION (Chris C./James) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted

Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary

Women's Ministry Thank Offering in November



Annually we celebrate Thank Offering on a Sunday in November. This year the celebration will take place on November 17, 2024. We will be holding a bake sale in the Narthex as well as focusing on Women's Ministry during the worship service. The proceeds from the bake sale as well as the special offering taken that day will be dedicated to Zoe's Learning Center after school program at Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church on Reba Avenue. Please prayerfully consider how that you can support this endeavor.

Christmas is just around the corner. The ladies of the church will be packing shut-in Christmas goody boxes on Monday, December 9 at 1:00 (before Bible Study). Ladies, please pencil in baking cookies or making candy for our shut-ins. They really do love getting these treats! (More details to follow in bulletins.)



Thanksgiving Community Service



FELC is combining with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church to celebrate community Thanksgiving on Tuesday evening November 26 at 7:00 PM. We will be hosting at our church, please plan to attend. The offering for the evening will be non perishable groceries to be given to Salvation Army for their food pantry. This is a community service open to everyone.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology will be at Pizza Hut in Ontario at 6PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024! Come out and enjoy fellowship and lively conversation on a topic to be determined.



Service Ministry

Free Produce to our Community on October 8, 2024

Thank you to our 20 volunteers who helped distribute fresh produce this month. We served 6300# of produce to 192 guests. We are blessed to continue this service to our community when there is so much food insecurity.

The Senior Box distribution update:

This ministry continues to grow and serve our senior community! Our next Senior Box Distribution will be Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 10:30am.



November Bible Study Update



“Loving Our Neighbor!” (A four week study - November 3-24)

Loving our neighbors is not only about speaking encouraging words. Our words must be followed up with action. Do you remember the words of your parents, “Actions speak louder than words”? For us to truly express love and value for others, we must seek ways to serve them when they have a need, with genuine care and concern in our hearts. Maybe service looks like helping with small projects around the house for someone who recently had surgery. It could be going grocery shopping for someone who has recently lost their job and is in the middle of a transition.

*It might be spending quality time in conversation with one another, listening without judgment and speaking life-giving words of encouragement. Does that sound familiar? – **Week 4 “Loving Our Neighbor”***

Join Pastor Jay as he walks us through the important idea of Loving Our Neighbor.

Matthew 22: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[c] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’^[d] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

If Jesus is commanding us to love our neighbor, then why do we struggle with it? Who is my neighbor? Why do I pick and choose who I help? These questions and more will be addressed as part of our growing discipleship that seeks to be like Jesus.

ADVENT

Advent is coming! (See what I did there?)

As part of our Advent/Christmas celebration this year, we will be focusing on proclaiming the Kingdom of God. There are amazing aspects of God’s Kingdom that can be reflected in our own lives if we are bold enough to proclaim them throughout our words and deeds. This Advent season, please join us as we proclaim Gods Kingdom. The four weeks of Advent will be

Advent 1 – December 1, 2024 - Proclaim Hope
Advent 2 – December 8, 2024 - Proclaim Peace
Advent 3 – December 15, 2024 - Proclaim Joy
Advent 4 – December 22, 2024 - Proclaim Love
Xmas Eve – December 24, 2024 - My Heart Proclaims!



On Christmas Eve, we will tie it all together with a message on proclaiming Jesus from our hearts. Please invite friends or family that you know to be a part of our “Proclaim” series during the month of December.

ELC

Little People BIG News

Flashback into October



The following downtown businesses participated in our downtown trick or treat: Park professionals, Brennen's, Roots, Park National Bank, Chicago Title, Richland County Engineers, and Richland County Court House. We would like to thank them for always supporting and partnering with us.

A peek into November

ELC has a very fun filled month ahead of us.

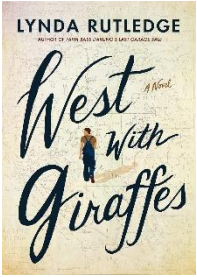
- *6th ~ Toni, Jaylin and Andrea's classes going to South Park
- *11th ~ Veteran's Day Parade
- *13th ~ Dress like a scarecrow
- *14th ~ Picture Day
- *21st ~ Parent Feast 11- 1. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!
- *28th-29th ~ Closed



BOOK CLUB NEWS!

We met on Sunday October 13, 2024 to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Selby Van Pelt. It was a lively discussion and a great conversation on being lonely and family. Dessert was good, too! For the November meeting (November 10, 2024) We will be discussing *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. All are welcome to join.

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge



An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

“Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes...”

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

All are WELCOME to join us. Any questions contact Judy Santoro.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season on Friday, November 29th from 4-6pm and on Saturday November 30th from 9am-12pm.

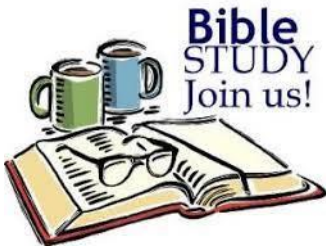
Contact Angie Murphy or Lu if you would like to help!



Luther Fellowship

**LUTHER FELLOWSHIP IS NOW OPEN TO ANYONE WHO IS RETIRED,
REGARDLESS OF AGE!**

The group activities will be planned for every other month from now on. The next meeting will be the Monday, December 16 at 2:00 PM. The ELC will sing for us and we will enjoy some Christmas fellowship

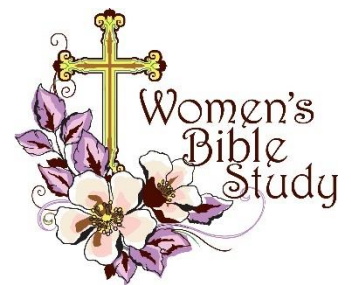


Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Monday mornings at 9 am in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Ministry Bible Study will meet on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. We will continue with our book *Seamless* and begin studying the Gospels. All women are invited and please bring along a friend!



PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

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, November 12, 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 LOWER INCOME FOLKS WHO HAVE A REAL NEED**, 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!



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 October we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, October 16, 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.

Within the Fold

THANK YOU



Dear FELC Family,

I am so “Happy” to be able to write this “Thank you” note, to all of you, for your prayers and cards, both get well and Birthday wishes. The signed poster with the snail brought a smile to my face when I opened it up, for at the time that is just how I felt.

God Blessings to you all! Sandie Volz.

A huge thank you to all who helped to make the Antiphonal Organ Fundraising Concert a huge success! All of the musicians who played at the concert, Brianna McFadden for building the programs, those who provided cookies and refreshments, greeters, our wonderful staff who helped to get things in order behind the scenes, and anyone I may have overlooked.

Thank you to you all!!! Scott Berry



Memorial Donations

Memorial Donations Received in October

Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund

In memory of Norma Jean Cushing

Given by: Linda Rohrer, Tim McCarrick, Daniel & Joyce Kachenmeister, Mark & Cynthia Bosko

Women of FELC Fund

In memory of Norma Jean Cushing

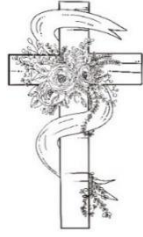
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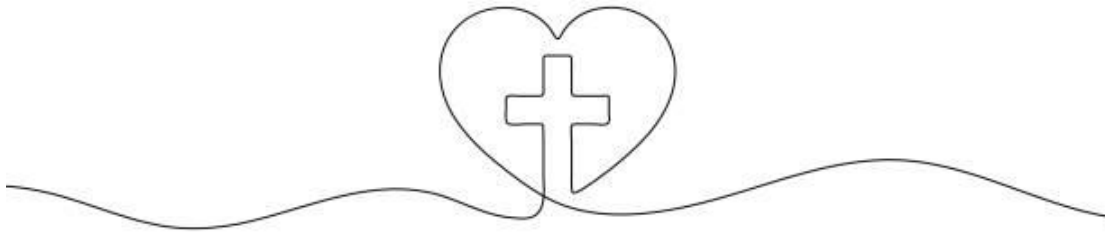
October 20, 2024

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.



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Jay Jackson officiated at the funeral service for Norma Jean Cushing on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Werner-Gompf Funeral Services. Interment followed at Mansfield Cemetery



ALTAR FLOWERS



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.

- ❖ *November 3, 2024*
- ❖ *November 24, 2024*
- ❖ *November 26, 2024 (Thanksgiving Service)*
- ❖ *December 1, 2024*
- ❖ *December 8, 2024*
- ❖ *December 15, 2024*
- ❖ *December 22, 2024*
- ❖ *December 29, 2024*

November 2024 Volunteers

Sunday 10AM Worship (Nave)

ACOLYTES

November 3: TBD
November 10: TBD
November 17: TBD
November 24: TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTER

Alicia Schulz

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Social Ministry

GREETER

Ted & Karen Ellis

COMMUNION PREPARERS

November 3: Mike & Jane Anderson

November 24: Ken & Debbi Suzuki

COMMUNION SERVERS

November 3:
Wine West: Pat Heichel
Wine East: Rachelle Zehe
Intinction : Pat Smith

November 24:
Wine West: Tricia Volz
Wine East: Elizabeth Freeman
Intinction : Linda Hughes

LAY READERS

November 3: Joe Rogers
November 10: Chris Cichanowicz
November 17: Stacey Crall
November 24: Todd Heichel

PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

November 3: Stacey Crall
November 10: Linda Hughes
November 17: Brenda Eyerly
November 24: Lana Conry

SLIDES

November 3: Isaac McFadden
November 10: Allison Weeks
November 17: Teri Brenkus
November 24: Cindy Russell

LIVESTREAM

November 3: Suzanne Rippel
November 10: Todd Heichel
November 17: Tom Sarbach
November 24: Todd Heichel

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

November 3: Angie Murphy
November 10: Lu Blankenship
November 17: Tricia Volz
November 24: Tyler Crall

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST:

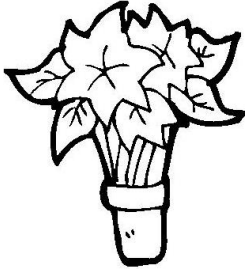
November 3: Stacey Crall
November 10: Elizabeth Freeman
November 17: Karen Ellis
November 24: Rachelle Zehe

USHERS NAVE

Gregg Thatcher & Rich Riei
Hayden Skropits & Elizabeth Freeman
Alternate: Tricia Volz

FUNERAL MEALS:

Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz,
Beth Harruff



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 1, 2024**

Cost per plant is \$10.00

*** (No orders will be accepted after December 1st 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.

On December 24th, 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).

*****THIS FORM IS FOR FLOWER PURCHASES ONLY*****

For donations without a flower purchase, please use the giving envelope. If you want a special, "In honor of..." or "In memory of..." included in the Christmas bulletin, please put a note inside with your donation!



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Poinsettia Order:

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

"In Memory of _____"

"In Honor of _____"

"Given by _____" (Person ordering _____ Envelope # _____)

Colors for the flowers are what the greenhouse has given us. However, please be advised that this is dependent on what is available at the time of our order and possibly will be changed to what they have in stock!

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 heads 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 proclamations.

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

December 2024 Visitor Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, November 25, 2024.

Assembled and mailed: Wednesday, November 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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<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</p>
<p>Acolytes Heather McFadden</p>	<p>Attendance Sheets</p>
<p>Altar Workers and Safety Team Scott and Jodi Mumaw</p>	<p>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>
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