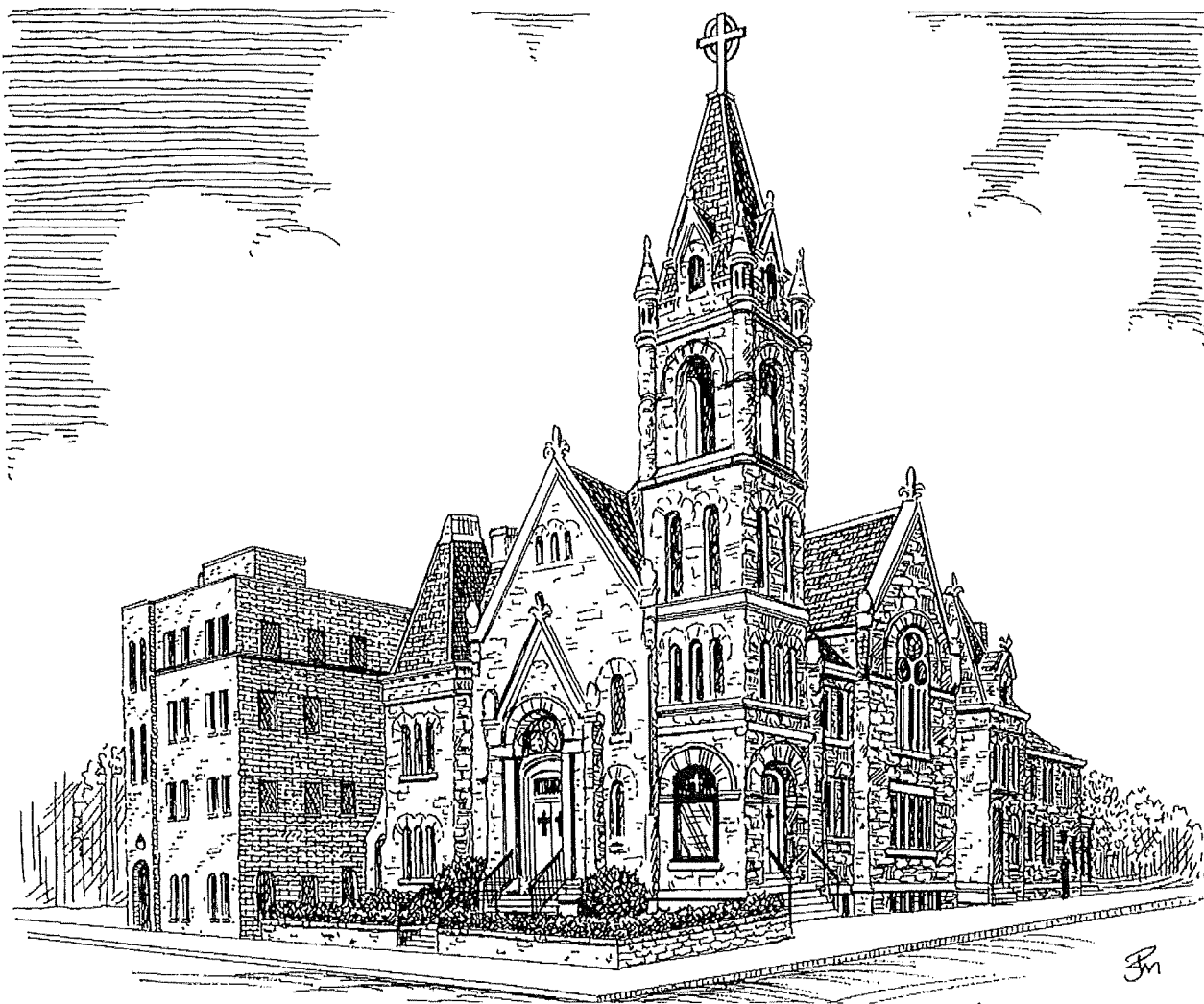


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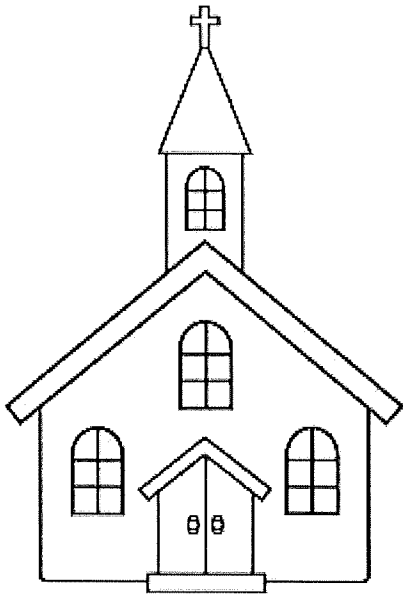
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TITHES AND OFFERING

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

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Risen Savior and Lord!

I love this time of year. Truly. While Fall is my favorite time of year, Spring is a really close second. Of course, the awesome pastoral “churchy” reason would be that Easter is in the spring, and it comes with new life after death, as the world begins to come out of her hibernation and life begins to return. So many great analogies and images.

But it is also baseball season. Today, (March 27) as I write this, it is “opening day” in baseball. And what I love about opening day is that every team has an optimism for the season. No wins or losses, just an anticipation for a new season with a new hope and opening day is more about the joy of baseball returning than the expectations of a successful season.

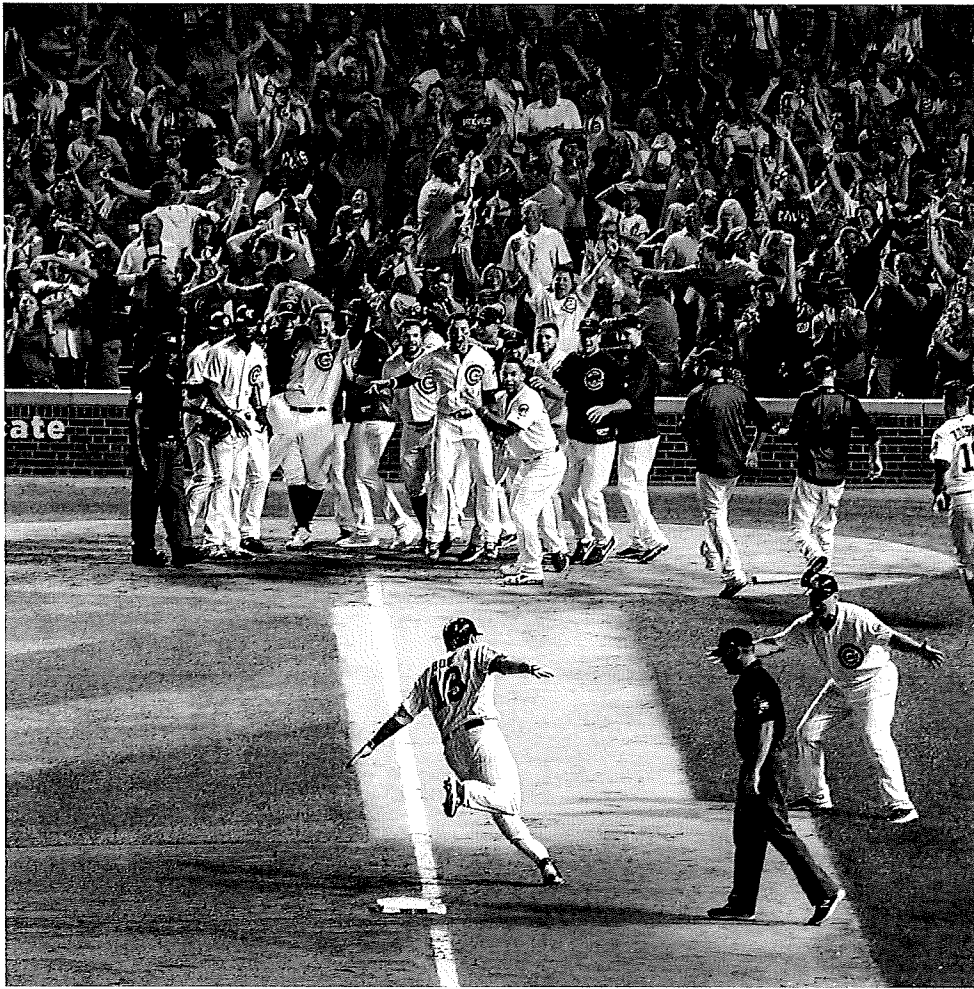
But the players have practiced and put in the time, so they are waiting for a reward. Their reward comes in the form of contracts and batting averages and RBI and wins and losses, but they practice to get better and better and the training they put in, is for the future results. As followers of Christ, we too have practicing to do. I’ve enjoyed walking through these “spiritual practices” during lent. We have been walking through practicing scripture, practicing prayer, practicing solitude and practicing generosity, and the big one, practicing sabbath.

These practices do help us abide with God and connect us more deeply with Jesus, and that is a huge benefit for our life today, but they are also preparing us for the future. The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, in **1 Timothy 4:**

*⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather **train yourself for godliness**; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

Spiritual practices keep us connected to God and help align our lives with Jesus and that is important here on earth, but also as it is in heaven. We are called to be a holy people. Set apart for the purposes of God, and training for that game to be played on that field is more important than anything else we do. (Yes, more important) Because as we continue to train, we will ultimately receive the greatest gift, the joy of living forever with God.

There is an image out there that reminds us of why we train, and it is connected to baseball.



I first came across this image in an article. A gentleman has been collecting images of “walkoff” homeruns because a “walkoff” ends the game. And when the game ends there’s a big celebration at home plate, and this is such an amazing image of heaven. Each one of us rounding third and being welcomed by all of those who have been a part of the team in one amazing celebration! This is one of the best images I could ever imagine. This is what the training is for. This is what our call to be Holy is about. This is heaven. (I also think we will play baseball in heaven because it’s the best sport out there.)

Anyway, thank you for what you do for the kingdom. It matters. You matter. And as we come together as a team for the Kingdom of God, know that each of you has a role to play. But please practice. Please stay in communion with one another and with Jesus. Today’s world needs our faith and witness more than ever. I look forward to spending Holy Week with you at FELC, and I can’t wait to proclaim those amazing words.... “Christ has Risen....”

God Loves You and So Do I,

Pastor Jay

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS
Tuesday, March 25, 2025- 7:00 PM
DRAFT COPY- March 25

Present: Lu Blankenship, Alicia Schulz, Jan Fisher, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Christopher Kaschube, Pastor Jay Jackson, James Murphy

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

Prayer and devotion led by Pastor Jay.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

- Electronically presented the FELC Church Council minutes from February 25 and March 13 for approval. **MOTION** (Jan/Jay) to approve the minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Pastor's Report, Jay Jackson:

Well...another month and another opportunity to give thanks for you and your support as a congregation. Thanks for the continued use of the retreat center. The saga continues in our Maryland house, but we seem to be moving forward. The best estimate right now is that the house will be completed in May. We will continue to look for a house in the area, but there are still not many available. If you are praying for us specifically, thank you. (4 beds, 2 baths, basement) Please know that your generous nature and love is sustaining us through this time.

I have been able to see folks in the hospital once I am informed. The biggest hurdle to any new ministry is getting plugged in. I am reliant on folks letting me know if someone is in the hospital or needs a visit. The challenge is that when a congregation is close together like this one, there is an assumption that everyone knows who is sick or needs help. But those of us who are new (outsiders even) are not plugged in, so we must rely on folks to let us know.

Please let me know if you hear of someone. Even the little things, I want to be in the loop. Even if 12 of you tell me about the same person, I would rather be told 12 times, then everyone assumes I have been told and then I don't hear anything. I hope that makes sense.

The Lenten "Eat and Teach" series has been great. I didn't have any expectations walking into this, so I hope that folks are receiving it and the fellowship time has been great. I would like to do this again next year.

I had the joy of sharing the message on WMAN the first two Sundays in March. This may help to get me immersed in the community.

My first (your 7*) March of Prayer was amazing. I would like to recommend that we do this again next year, but don't include the Vigil as our prayer service. Keep the Vigil the same, and add another March of Prayer service. Just a thought. If we are the only one in town that does an Easter Vigil (besides the catholic church) do we share that with the community and invite them to celebrate Easter with us? (Thinking out loud)

There are billboards going up soon. What are your thoughts on "First @ 53 Park Ave W"?

8 days of Generosity is beginning at the end of the month and running through the first week of April. Just another time to focus on the generosity in our lives and what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for our worship community as we see new and returning faces and engage with them when they are here. It makes a difference.

God Loves You and So Do I,

Pastor Jay

Executive Committee:

- Regarding the discussion last month about council not needing to vote on money making projects etc, as team leaders and committee chairs, please be aware of what other teams have going on so we don't have too many projects happening at once, as this was an issue in the past.
- Be aware of door security, lock the doors, and shut lights off before, during, and after meetings/events that your committee may be having here. Please consider appointing a specific person to be responsible for this at each event or activity.
- Annual reports for your committee are due. If you have not turned yours in, please do so ASAP.

Church Council Group 1 (Financial/Property):

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

- The Property Committee did not meet in March but Andy is busy as usual addressing the needs of the church, especially overseeing the remodeling of the downstairs bathrooms.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund (GOF): *includes ELC*

February 2025 Income was \$55,704.39

February 2025 Expenses were \$77,817.54

February Expenses were **more** than income by \$22,113.15

YTD Income was **more** than Budget by \$16,552.72

YTD Expenses were **less** than Budget by \$13,371.84

General Operating Fund (Early Learning Center):

February 2025 Income was \$38,138.48

February 2025 Expenses were \$34,421.56

February Expenses were **less** than income by \$3,716.92

YTD Income was **more** than Budget by \$9,616.82

YTD Expenses were **less** than Budget by \$3,751.86

General Operating Fund (First English Lutheran Church):

February 2025 Income was \$17,565.91 (offering income \$17,272.06/special income \$293.85)

February 2025 Expenses were \$43,395.98

February Expenses were **more** than income by \$25,830.07

Other Funds:

ELC Fund Expenses for Feb. \$1,638.00 YTD: \$4,141.64

MOCP Fund Special Offering Disb. for Feb. \$0 YTD: \$395.00

FELC Maintenance Fund Expenses for Feb. \$0 YTD: \$984.20

Major Capital Improvement Fund Expenses for Feb. \$0 YTD: \$35,349.15

M&W Pittman Fund Expenses for Feb. \$320.99 YTD: \$374.49

Endowment Fund Expenses for Feb. \$0 YTD: \$10,496.46

GOF Recap:	2024 Carryover	\$46,227.21
Pass Through Fund to GOF		\$62.50
Gen Endow Fund to GOF (allowed \$139,744 + \$90,000)		\$0.00
MCI Endow Fund to GOF (allowed \$14,831)		\$0.00
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF (allowed \$20,925)		\$0.00
NMM Fund to GOF (allowed all Young Adult Expenses)		\$3,000.00
Gambier Fund to GOF (allowed all Christian Education Expenses)		\$1,426.00
2025 YTD Income		\$133,218.72
2025 YTD Expenses		\$155,500.16
General Operating Fund Balance as of 2-28-2025		\$28,434.27

Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz: No report

Church Council Group 2 (Internal/External Ministries):

Evangelism Committee, Alicia Schulz: No report
Social Ministry Committee, Anita Nehrkorn:

- Wednesday Noon Lunch – March 45
- Senior Boxes – February 107
- Discussion on Easter Drive thru at the Park April 12 11:00am-1:00pm. Monday, April 7th we will put together the bags at FELC 1:00pm. Volunteers appreciated to stamp the bags with our logo, including coloring books, crayons, candy, bracelets, little Jesus'.
- Thank you for your confidence in my temporary appointment as head of this committee due to Gary Lane's need to step back.
- 120 Senior Boxes were distributed on March 25.

Global Missions Committee:

- Malawi
 - Joy Jones was here at church on March 23. She, Pastor Andy, and their team are finalizing plans for their trip to Malawi beginning on May 18. Their team's focus will be spending most of their time with the children: meals, VBS, crafts, and recording stories of how MOCP has impacted their lives.
 - Hopefully, their fundraiser to help provide craft supplies, inflatable solar lanterns, flannel cloth, clothing, and sports equipment has been successful.
 - If you would like to be a part of the Stay and Pray team, send the Joneses an email to ohjones@hotmail.com or prayerteam104@gmail.com by May 11 with that request.
- Peru and Bolivia
 - The Krafts, after 26 years in the mission field, are looking into retirement possibilities.
 - They are still going strong and have completed very successfully their annual camps: the CORE program, the VIVA retreat for women, and 2 IMMERSE teaching sessions. Eight students from Peru, Bolivia, and the Peruvian jungle just completed the requirements for the CORE program.
- Sri Lanka
 - The Sorges continue to ask for prayers for patience with themselves and continued energy to keep learning how to live in Sri Lanka.
 - Barb has been dealing with health issues. She has been seriously sick after 3 of their last 4 trips. Thankfully, she is now on the road to recovery. Their mission work here has not been easy, but they know to rely on GOD'S timing!

Please keep all of these missionaries in your prayers.

Church Council Group 3 (Education):

Christian Education Committee, James Murphy: No report

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

- On February 9, youth and 4 adults played Bingo at Wedgewood with the residents.
- On March 5, youth and 3 chaperones attended a lock in at the church. Some birthdays were celebrated. The group enjoyed playing Sardines, Nerf gun wars and watched a movie. The youth also completed signs and symbols around the church with a photo scavenger hunt. They found the Luther coat of arms. Ask them where it is.

Young Adult Ministries, Kayla McFadden:

- February 28th was Young Adult movie night. We had 10 people in attendance. Chad and Heather McFadden hosted.
- On March 4th I attended Pancakes and Jazz. YAs were encouraged to attend
- March 5th we did not have Bible study due to Ash Wednesday service. YAs were encouraged to attend
- On March 12th Bible Study we had 7 people. Moved to starting at 7:30 pm instead of 7 pm
- March 12th Encouraged young adults to attend Eat & Teach, two individuals attended
- March 15th Had a zoom meeting with Pastor Theresa Peters from the NALC and other young adults for the June mission trip. We have 4 young adults attending this trip from our congregation. Passports and background checks are finished and flights are purchased. We will be starting fundraising soon. Would the letter below be approved to send out to the congregation?

- March 19th Eat & Teach- four young adults attended
- March 19th Bible study we had 9 people in attendance
- Intentionally invested in the lives of the young adults
- Managed social media pages
- I am heading up prayer partners. Organizing pairs of people that will support and encourage each other with prayer, scripture, and intentional conversations and relationships.
- We will be moving Bible study day to Thursday evening

Other Church Council Committees/Reports:

Music & Worship Committee, Jan Fisher:

- Ash Wednesday was discussed, saying that we all felt it went well. Maybe in another year we might add a noon time service in chapel or sanctuary.
- Wednesday Eat and Teach: well attended on the first and second week, with a count of 62.
- 'Pancakes and Jazz' went really well. Donations of \$365 came in. Over 80 people there we think. Many thanks to Damian Boyd and his wonderful band. Hoping to expand this next year.
- We participated in the March of Prayer on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM. It was well attended and appreciated by those in attendance. I liked how Pastor Jay designed it. The special music was well appreciated and lovely.
- Becky told us that ELC Spring Sing will be Sunday April 27, 2025. Youth and ELC will be leading the service. We will have IMAGE Choir on Sunday May 4.
- Palm Sunday, April 13, will be 1st communion for any youth in 2nd or 3rd grade.
- During Holy Week we will celebrate the Great Triduum, culminating with Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday worship.
- We will honor graduates on Sunday, June 1, and we will honor the Confirmation of four young people on Sunday, June 8.
- Scott has met with Mueller's as well as Kahl's Electric regarding the work on the Antiphonal Organ. The process will begin soon. Andy Kershaw met with Richland Renovation about preparing the physical area where the organ will be placed.
- Pastor has a few ideas in mind for increasing and training Assisting Ministers.
- We will have a 5th Sunday Potluck on March 30 following worship. We will provide meat loaf and the congregation will be invited to bring side dishes and desserts.
- Cindy Russell has communicated with those who assist with communion, reminding them the end row of communion cups are designated with grape juice for anyone who does not want wine. The communion trays have also been clearly marked for the grape juice.

SAFETY TEAM:

- They have also been covering the Wednesday PM "Eat and Teach" events. We are grateful to have that coverage.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher: No report

Early Learning Center Committee, Chris Cichanowicz, Angie Murphy, Becky Pittman:

From Becky:

- The ELC preschool classes went to Primrose Retirement Community on March 18th. The kids colored pictures with the residents and sang songs about Jesus. This intergenerational program will continue on the third Tuesday of each month at 11am moving forward.
- Our annual "Spring Sing" is on Sunday, April 27th at 10am in the sanctuary. All of the ELC families are invited to attend. The classes will be singing during the worship service.
- The school-age kids are learning how to play the recorder and boomwhackers. They are also learning the books of the Old Testament via song. They have been invited to participate in the 'Spring Sing'.

From Angie:

- 18 staff members
- 53 kids
- 18 school-agers
- 6 staff members completed 10 hours of classes in Science of Reading and will receive \$500.00 from the DCY (state).
- We received a grant for \$1800.00 from Richland County Foundation to purchase 12 kayaks for summer.
- Summer camp is now full with 42 kids. We can take 8 more, but they will not be able to attend the long-distance trips.
- We will be offering Kindergarten in the fall of 2025. This will be private pay only. More information to come.

- On Thursday, March 27th, fundraiser items will be available for pick-up from noon to 4:30pm.
- We will be closed on Friday, April 18th. (Good Friday)
- Our Spring Sling and egg hunt will be on Sunday, April 27th.
- On Friday, April 25th, the ELC staff will participate in the active shooter training.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with props throughout the months of May and June for our upcoming Biblical play at The Renaissance Theater on Monday, July 7th. More specific information will be provided soon.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The Annual Congregational meeting: May 18 after worship
- Quarterly financial review, council reorganization update/questions: May 4 after worship
- Church leadership retreat/confirmand support, June 7
- New billboard and flyers for the ELC
- Considering an 'Eat & Teach' summer series
- Richland County Fairgrounds is looking for sponsorship for their summer Christian music concert August 5.
- Mansfield City Schools is looking for sponsorship to begin their 'Lifewise' program.
 - We will further explore supporting this program
- April Devotional/Coffee Fellowship: Personnel Committee
- The next Council Meeting is Wednesday 23 at 7:00 PM.
 - Devotions by Pastor Jay

MOTION (James/Alicia) to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube, FELC Church Council Secretary

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:00 AM

Procession with Palms

First Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 PM

Holy Communion and stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 7:00 PM

Jesus on the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil Lighting the fire outdoors followed by candlelight and Holy Communion

HE IS RISEN! Celebration of Easter, April 20, 2025 10:00 AM

Holy Communion

We will celebrate Easter with a continental breakfast open to everyone, 9:00 TO 9:45 AM.

April 27, 2025 Spring Sing with the ELC and youth

May 4, 2025 Image Choir from Mansfield Christian School will lead worship

May 11, 2025 Mother's Day

May 25, 2025 Honoring High School graduates

June 8, 2025 Celebration of Confirmation. We have four Confirmands.



A Note from Our Young Adult Group!

Hi Friends and Family,

Exciting news!! We are sending a team from our young adult community on a mission trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada! This mission trip has been put together by Rev. Theresa Peters, the Director of Youth & Family Ministry for the NALC, and any young adult from a NALC congregation was welcome to apply. The team will be Kayla McFadden, Elisa McFadden, Faith Kaschube, and Callie Kaschube. Upon arriving in the city, we will be joining 12 other young adults that will be a part of this mission.



We will serve the community of inner city Winnipeg for a week. We will spend time in devotion and prayer, time getting to know the other team members, some time site seeing and then we will get to work. We will lead worship, help clean the streets by picking up trash and drug paraphernalia, pass out food to homeless individuals, volunteer at a food kitchen, and spend time at local schools that assist many refugees.

We are asking for your support as we venture north! What we ask from you: first and foremost, we ask for your prayer support as we travel and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that we would be a living testimony of the amazing God we serve, that others may know Him too. Pray for the seeds that will be planted. Pray for the relationships already formed or about to be formed to be strengthened. Please pray for guidance and wisdom.

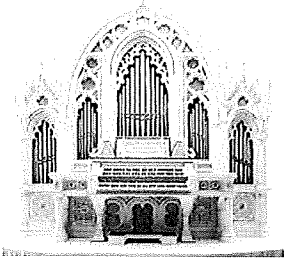
Second, we are looking to raise money to help cover our expenses. We are looking to raise \$3,000 to cover travel for the whole group. If you feel led to donate to this mission, we ask that you please contact Kayla McFadden at Nextgen@felc-mansfield.org or 419-564-6910. If writing a check, you can write it out to First English Lutheran Church and notate that it is for the mission trip. Also feel free to contact any of the other ladies that will be traveling.

This trip will not only impact lives in the community we will be working in, but will also influence our lives as we seek to serve the Lord. Your prayers and financial support will go a long way in allowing this team to focus on the work before them.

May God be glorified!

With deepest gratitude,
Kayla, Elisa, Faith, & Callie





An update regarding the Antiphonal Organ Relocation Project:

Things are progressing with the Relocation of the Antiphonal Organ. Right now, it's mostly in the form of emails going back and forth, but we're moving along! The work our electricians need to do can be done at any time that fits their schedule. They primarily are tasked with moving / installing electrical service to operate the blower that supplies the wind to the organ. Richland Renovation will be creating the tonal opening and framing for the expression

shutters for the organ in its new location. Once these two things are completed, Muller Pipe Organ will be ready to move the organ. Once on site, the work is expected to take approximately 2-3 weeks. Right now, they are anticipating the work will be happening in late spring - early summer. We expect some of this work to begin very soon!

Thanks!

Scott

Social Ministry

On Tuesday, March 25 we distributed 120 Senior Boxes of non-perishables and produce. Thank you to the many volunteers who so willingly come to help with this important distribution to our community! Blessing others on many levels!

Cleaning the Church

Attention, Ladies of the Church, During the month of March six or seven of us have been meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 to perform deep cleaning tasks around the church. Could you spare a few hours on Monday mornings to continue these tasks? There are many to choose from and they are not difficult. What a blessing to serve our Lord in this manner. Questions, contact Lu Blankenship or Jan Fisher



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

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 Bible Study will meet on the second Monday, April 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. It's never too late to join this group. All ladies are welcome.



ELC

Little People BIG News



Flashback into March

ELC is excited to announce that we received an \$1800.00 grant to purchase 12 kayaks for the summer. Summer camp is now full with 42 children and the option of taking 8 more that just won't be able to attend the long distance trips. Six of the ELC staff completed 10 hours of classes in Science of Reading and will receive \$500.00 from DCY.

A peek into April

ELC School agers are continuing to learn how to play the recorder and boomwhackers. They are also learning the books of the Old Testament via song. ELC will be closed April

18th for Good Friday. Our annual spring sing will be on April 27th at 10am in the sanctuary and will then be following up with an egg hunt for the ELC and their families. The ELC welcomes everyone to join. We would like

to also announce that ELC will be offering Kindergarten in the fall of 2025. This will be private pay one. More information to come!





City of Mansfield Parks & Recreation Dept PRESENTS!



EASTER Drive Thru



Richland County
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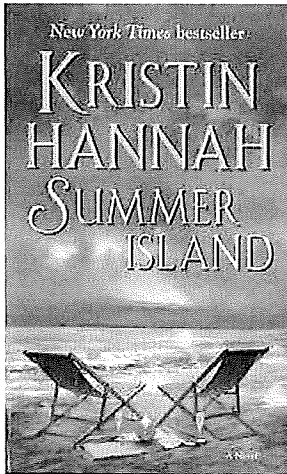
APRIL 12, 2025 @ 11am

LOWER SOUTH PARK, Mansfield

****Public entrance is at the traffic light at Pinecrest Ave. and
Park Avenue West****

BOOK CLUB NEWS!

For this month we are reading *Summer Island* by Kristin Hannah.



Thirty-four year old Ruby Bridge is a not-too-successful comedienne who uses her mother, a nationally-syndicated "moral and spiritual counselor" as the main fodder for her cynical, rather bitter humor. Her mother Nora, long divorced from Ruby's father, is a woman whose past is just about to catch up with her—in the form of blackmail by a former lover.

After an accident (an attempted suicide?) Ruby returns to care for her stricken mother—bitterly resenting the fact that once again her mother's life has colonized hers. When she is approached by a publisher to write a biography of her mother, Ruby is desperate for the princely sum offered. Yet her research into her mother's past reveals a woman very different from the one Ruby expected. And what began as "mommy dearest" ends as a love story—not only between mother and daughter but involving two very different men who play a key role in linking the past to the present.

Our next meeting is April 13, 2025, at 2:30 PM at my house.

Thank you so much for all your support!
Judy Santoro

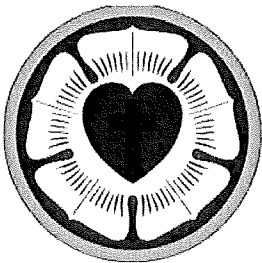
Help Wanted

Dave Carew has currently experienced some health issues. In lieu of that, council has decided to hire a part-time cleaning position to assist Dave with his weekly tasks. Would anyone in the congregation be interested in this position? If so, contact Andy Kershaw or call the church office.



NALC Disaster Preparedness Training

We will be hosting this event here at First English Lutheran Church on April 25-26. The cost of registration is \$10.00 and covers the certificate, manual, ID badge, lunch, and t-shirt. We will also be doing a "STUFF the TRUCK." The form is attached with more information, and you can call the church office (419) 522-0662, if you have further questions! Thanks!



NALC DISASTER RESPONSE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE TRAINING

NALC Disaster Response Task Force is providing disaster preparedness training at Level One Basic and Level Two Specialized. These educational workshops will provide training to volunteers in each participating congregation, preparing each to form disaster volunteer teams. Each Mission District assists in the formation of teams and the preparedness training. Recognized credentials will be provided.

Disaster Volunteer training includes components on:

Level One (unskilled disaster response for debris removal and basic information on FEMA regulations)

Level Two (specialized trainings) including:

- Case Management – how to identify and track client needs and the assistance they receive – BECOME A VOLUNTEER CASE MANAGER!
- Donations Management – how to coordinate and organize donated materials
- Volunteer Management – how to identify the skills of each volunteer and address risk management issues – FORM A DISASTER VOLUNTEER TEAM & HELP REBUILD HOMES!
- Spiritual Christian Care – how to identify and document qualified volunteers to provide spiritual care – PROVIDE SPIRITUAL CARE TO THOSE HURTING AND IN NEED!
- Congregational Facility Preparedness – prepare congregations before disaster strikes – WRITE A DISASTER PLAN FOR CHURCH FACILITIES!
The disaster plan should address: Natural disasters such as fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. Man-made disasters such as plant explosions, terrorist bombings, train derailments, etc. Active shooter protection as per state and local laws and programs, Medical emergencies, and Local Emergency resources such as County EMA and local law enforcement agencies
- Family Preparedness – prepare families before disaster strikes, construct family preparedness kits – GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT!

For more information, please contact any member of the NALC Disaster Task Force or Mary Bates, Disaster Coordinator/Trainer at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@thenalc.org

NALC Disaster Task Force
Disaster Preparedness Training
"Learn your strengths in disaster response"

Registration for Friday Active Shooter Training and Saturday Level One & Two Training

First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Ave West Mansfield, Ohio 44902

_____ **Friday April 25, 2025 (3pm-6pm) Active Shooter Training**

Light Breakfast Starting at 8:30am

_____ **Level One: Saturday April 26, 2025 (9am-12pm) What the NALC does when disaster strikes**

(Please check training details on back page for Level two)

_____ **Level Two: Saturday April 26, 2025 (12:30pm-3pm) Specialization:**

Please choose just one of the following Volunteer Case Management _____

Donations Management _____ Volunteer Team Coordination _____

Spiritual Christian Care _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Church/Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Describe any involvement you have had with disaster response:

Deadline to Register: Friday April 18th

Fee: \$10.00

Training includes:

Certificate, Manual, ID Badge, Lunch

T-Shirt (*Size*) _____

Please send a check or money order and registration form to:

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Ave West.

Mansfield, OH 44902

419-522-0662 (please call with any questions)

For more information contact Mary Bates, Disaster Coordinator/Trainer: 740-509-1132

or email disasterresponse@thenalc.org

NALC Disaster Response

STUFF the TRUCK!



Please bring your prayers and support to:

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Ave West
Mansfield, OH 44902

April 25th - 26th

Suggested Donations[☺]

- ✝ Bibles
- ✝ Quilts & Blankets
- ✝ Flood Buckets
- ✝ School Kits
- ✝ Healthcare Kits
- ✝ Gift Cards

Monetary Donations

Financial donations designated for
NALC Disaster Response*
should be made payable and mailed to:

North American Lutheran Church
2113 Harwood 4703 Road, Suite 309, PMB 409
Bedford, TX 76021-4703

*Please Indicate "NALC Disaster Response"
on the memo line of your check

For more information contact:

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response
740-509-1132 -or-
disasterresponse@thenalc.org

[☺] See the "Kit Packing List" for more information

COMMUNION AT ARBORS AT MIFFLIN Arbors at Mifflin at 3:30 PM.



In April we will offer communion at Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. 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

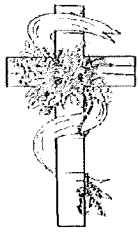
We so appreciate your kindness to the families who brought meals to our home on my first week after my surgery. What a blessing it was to eat so well and not worry about feeding my family. It is a blessing to have my church family care for me.

With my deepest thank you!
Pat Heichel and family



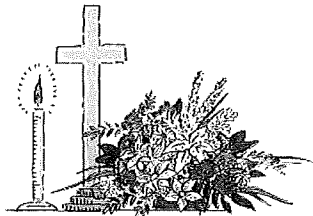
Frank Gall March 2, 2025

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

None



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.

- April 20, 2025 (EASTER SUNDAY)
- May 4, 2025
- May 18, 2025
- June 1, 2025
- June 8, 2025
- June 15, 2025
- June 22, 2025
- June 29, 2025



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



James Murphy	April 2
David Williams	April 3
Rachel Shupp	April 4
Clarence Lauthers	April 5
Brad Wolfe	April 5
Shirley Shupp	April 8
Louise Dickson	April 16
Malachi McFadden	April 19
Judy Gleason	April 21
Gabriel McFadden	April 23
Sherrie Woodruff	April 26
David Carew	April 27
Marilyn Calver	April 28
Grady Heichel	April 29
Jean Worley	April 30



April 2025 Volunteers

Sunday 10AM Worship (Nave)

ACOLYTES

April	6:	TBD
April	13:	TBD
April	20:	TBD
April	27:	TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTER

Alicia Schulz – April 6

Chris Kaschube

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Personnel

GREETER

John & Pat Fraifogel

COMMUNION PREPARERS

April 6: Sandie Volz & Vicki Kern

April 13: Ken & Debbi Suzuki

April 17: Mike & Jane Anderson

April 19: Ted & Karen Ellis

April 20: Charles & Myra Cordrey

COMMUNION SERVERS

April 6:

Wine West: Jodi Mumaw

Wine East: Judy Santoro

Intinction : Alicia Schulz

April 13: (Palm Sunday)

Wine West: Tricia Volz

Wine East: Chris Mayglothling

Intinction : Jan Fisher

April 17 : (Maundy Thursday)

Wine West : Kevin Zehe

Wine East : Toni Zehe

Intinction : Sandi Volz

April 19 : (Easter Vigil)

Wine West : Gary Lane

Wine East : Dan Peterson

Intinction : Beth Harruff

April 20 : (Easter Sunday)

Wine West : Heather McFadden

Wine East : Jen Rogers

Intinction : Jane R. Mako

PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz

Mary Schwartz

Jan Fisher

LAY READERS

April 6: Sandie Volz

April 13: Tricia Volz

April 17: TBD

April 18: TBD

April 19: TBD

April 20: Alicia Schulz

April 27: Isaac McFadden

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

April 6: Vicki Kern

April 13: Linda Hughes

April 17: TBD

April 18: TBD

April 19: TBD

April 20: Brenda Eyerly

April 27: Stacey Crall

SLIDES

April 6: Allison Weeks

April 13: Teri Brenkus

April 17: Isaac McFadden

April 19: Peyton McFadden

April 20: Cindy Russell

April 27: Justin Crall

LIVESTREAM

April 6: Todd Heichel

April 13: Tom Sarbach

April 20: Todd Heichel

April 27: Suzanne Rippel

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 6: Tricia Volz

April 13: Angie Murphy

April 20: (Easter/No Children's Church)

April 27: (Youth Sunday/Spring Sing)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST:

April 6: TBD

April 13: Tom Sarbach

April 20: (Easter/No Sunday School)

April 27: Lu Blankenship

USHERS NAVE

Greg Hughes & Pat Smith

Lana Conry & Chad McFadden

Alternate: Tim Ludwig

FUNERAL MEALS

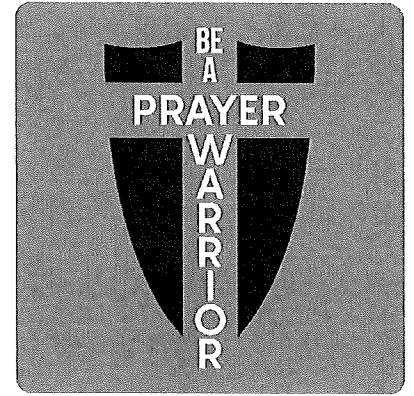
Pat Heichel, Linda Hughes,

Lana Conry, & Mary Schwart

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



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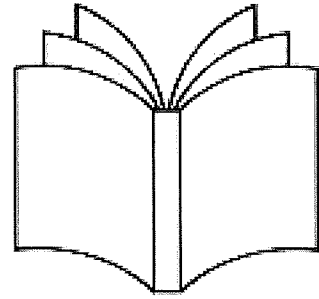
You can now watch our Sunday morning worship services or recorded on YouTube. Visit us at FELC Mansfield.

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

May 2025 Visitor Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday April 24, 2025.

Assembled and mailed: Monday, April 28, 2025.

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>
<p>Assistant Ministers, Ushers, & Lay Readers Cindy Russell</p>	<p>Communion Lana Conry</p>

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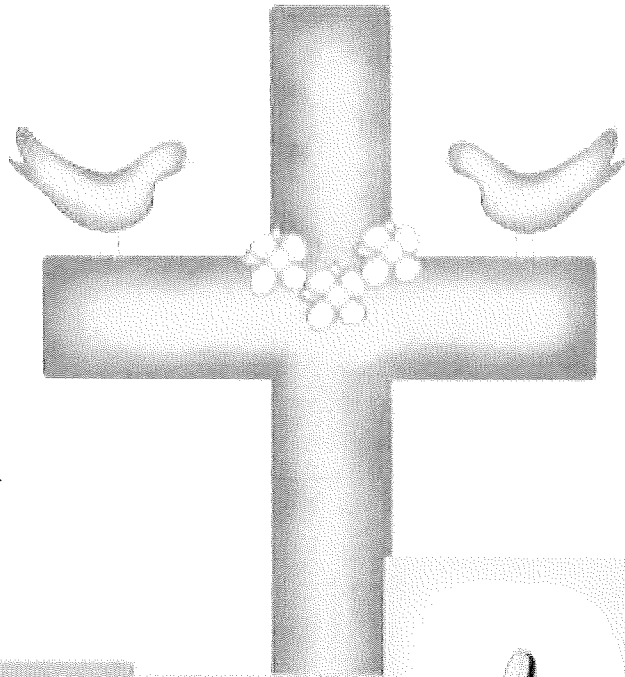
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Easter