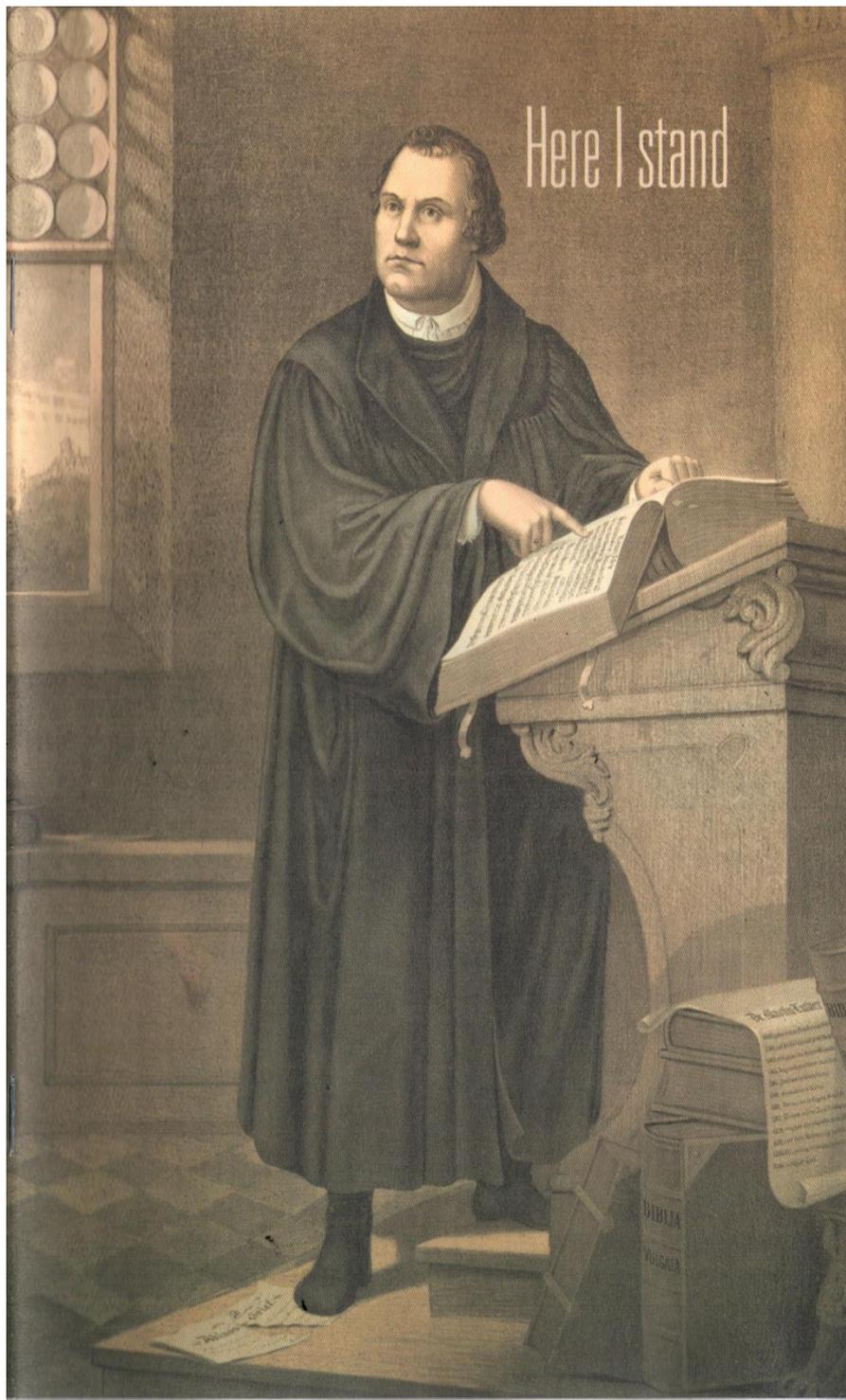


Here I stand



WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The order of worship is in the bulletin and the hymns are found in the hymnal. In addition, our audio-visual team projects the responses and hymns on the screen in the front of our sanctuary. We welcome to Holy Communion everyone who believes in the words of Jesus, "given and shed for you." Gluten-free wafers and apple juice are available. As we give praises to our Lord this morning, we are gifted with everyone's presence. This is the Lord's Day, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services and are encouraged to participate. To assist parents as their children learn about worship, we offer children's activity-sheets and bags, which are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask our ushers for assistance. We also have a staffed-nursery available for 3 years old & younger. During worship, we have Children's Time, where all children are invited to come to the altar for a message and prayer.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Your presence here today makes us more complete. Thank you for being here with us and worshipping with us. If you wish, you may share your presence with us by filling out a Visitor Card in the pew. We ask that you please sign our attendance sheets.

TO OUR FAMILY HERE AT FELC

Please remember to greet those around you and be sure to sign our attendance sheets this morning.

(* indicates the people stand, if they are able)

Introduction to the day

On this day, we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE by Darla Frame and Karen Luginbuhl

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" - John Innes & Bill Fasig

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross” - (ELW #660)

***GREETING**

May the peace and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***KYRIE**

(ELW pg. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

(ELW pg. 140)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ADULT CHOIR

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above”
– Martin Luther & V. Schumann

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture-reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors, when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved
and though the mountains shake in the depths of
the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam
and though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not
be shaken; God shall help it at the
break of day.

**The nations rage and the kingdoms shake; God speaks
and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what
desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, shatters the spear
and burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still then and know that I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is
our stronghold.**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time, that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the

law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW pg. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²you will know the truth and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"Here I Am, Lord"* - (ELW #574)**

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,
the world and all of God's creation.

We pray for the unity of your church. Free us to be Christ's
one body, graciously receiving his life and boldly offering it to
a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the renewal of creation: for a shared, plentiful
harvest, for lands unable to bear fruit, for what is neglected
or destroyed by our hand and for the earth's advocates.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations of the world: for leaders of villages,
cities, states and nations, for lawmakers and judges, for
teachers and students; and for all who work for peace. Lord,
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who seek refuge and strength: refugees,
the imprisoned and those bound by addictions or burdened
by guilt. We pray for the ill or injured. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(ELW pg. 144)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave;
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God before time, O God at the end,
we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily, we laud your continuing creation
and we give thanks for all the homelands of your
Reformation people.
We glorify you, now and forever.
We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.
We come as your children to this table
and we give thanks for your presence
among Lutheran congregations around the world.
We praise you, now and forever.

We praise you, now and forever.

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
Luther and Melancthon, Henry Muhlenberg and
Elizabeth Fedde, Katharina Luther the homemaker,
Cranach the artist, Bach the musician,
Nicolai the hymnwriter, Nommensen the missionary,
Kierkegaard the philosopher, Bonhoeffer the martyr,
Hammarskjöld the statesman,
countless other servants of the Reformation.
We bless you, now and forever.

We bless you, now and forever.

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,
dying for sin and alive for the life of the world.
We worship you, now and forever.

We worship you, now and forever.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord, Jesus, took bread and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ.
Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.
Empower your Reformation people throughout the world
to preach and teach, baptize and feed,
pray and sing, comfort and heal.
By your Spirit, preserve what is faithful;
reform what we treasure;
create in us what is vital and new.
We honor you, now and forever.
We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end,
Father, Son and Spirit, we laud you,
Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth.
Glory and praise, blessing and worship,
honor and power and might be to you, our God,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(ELW pg. 145)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW pg. 146)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Spirit of Gentleness” – (ELW # 396)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” – (ELW #632)

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” – (ELW #708)

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” - (ELW #504)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress” - David Cherwien

The Altar Flowers...are given to the Glory of God by *Ken & Darla Frame* in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary today, October 29th. Congratulations Ken & Darla!

The October Altar candles ...given to the Glory of God by *Jake and Patti Braun & family* in loving memory of Patti's dad, Ferd Heller, who is celebrating his 92nd birthday in heaven on October 12th. “

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
October 1 st	115	\$7,006.52	\$283.23
October 8 th	103	\$1,713.15	\$ 15.80
October 15 th	111	\$4,080.00	\$466.06
October 22 nd	89	\$1,960.05	\$151.00

Needed weekly to meet our financial budget obligations:\$3,676.00
YTD Budget Deficit - \$8,173.40

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Pastoral Emergencies: (419) 303-7718

Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Adult & Youth Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Much ministry in daily life is done by volunteers of the congregation, often without recognition. We thank them for their dedication.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, October 29th, 2017

Acolytes.....Isabelle Oren & Makayla Frame
Communion Helper(s).....Niki Oren
Greeter(s) – Melching Hall.....Chris Nagel
Greeter(s) – Mechanic St.....**Volunteer**
Lector(s).....Darla Frame
Nursery.....Rebecca Van Meter
Refreshments.....Reformation Meal
Ushers.....Jim Kantner, Ike Schnell, Steve Stienecker
.....& Richard Yocum
Worship Assistant.....Kylie Ronan

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, November 5th, 2017

Acolytes.....Liam Kramer & Keaton Pulfer
Communion Helper(s).....Joyce Brincefield
Greeter(s) – Melching Hall.....**volunteer**
Greeter(s) – Mechanic St.....**volunteer**
Lector(s).....Ken Frame
Nursery.....Amelia Sterner
Refreshments.....Diane Schlosser & Melanie Yocum
Ushers.....Trell Ycoum, Joe Morey, Katie McCullough,
.....Donna Wright & Cameron Bowersock
Worship Assistant.....Joyce Brincefield

Those who would love a visit, a card or phone call...

Auglaize Acres:	Bob Bogart
The Gardens:	Adella Wilson, Millie Yocum Shirley Schroeder, Roger Moellenkamp
Wapak Manor:	Ruby Nichols
Roselawn Manor:	Anna Binkley
At Home:	Genelle Berry, Tootie Fritz, Bob & Nancy VanSkiver, Corky Slife
Otterbein, St. Marys:	Dorothy Dickman

Our Prayer List

Rita Barrera	Rick Morey
Genelle Berry	Vicki Morse
Anna Binkley	Ruby Nichols
Bob Bogart	Julian Perez
Jeanne Bogart	Jacob Pribanic
Jake Braun	Paul Regula
Dick & Jean Chenoweth	Tom Richardson
Tracy Cook	Mariah Ritchie
Jack Core	Kelli Roettger
Ed Danner	Shirley Schroeder
Laurie Davis	Evan Schwartz
Mitchell Dorsett	Chad Scully
Will Eidson	Tom Stachler
Emily Fisher	Pastor Adrian Sunday
Sarah Fisher	Grace Thompson
Cathy Francis	Seth Thuman
Tootie Fritz	Bob & Nancy Van Skiver
Gary Geren	Lydia Vaughn
Jacklynn Graham	Jeremy Welker
Kathleen Hall	Adella Wilson
Renee Hocking	Ken Winget
Family & Friends of Reba Larck	Janet Winkler
Arliss Lee	Greg Yoakam
Dave Lenhart	Millie Yocum
Brenda Lippincott	Xavier Yohey
Jose Lison	Our Troops and their families
Mia Lutz	Our Police officers & Fire-fighters
Family & Friends of Teddy Lutz	Our Veterans
Elaine Vaubel Metzger	All of those affected by the hurricanes, wild-fires & unrest in the world
Lou Meyer	
Roger Moellenkamp	

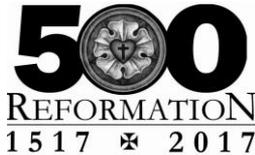
FELC News and Upcoming Events

FELC Sunday School

We continue to meet on Sunday mornings during our Sunday School hour from 9:00-9:45 a.m. We would love to have you and your children, attend one of our classes. We have opportunities for high-school youth, middle-school youth, grades 3-5, grades K-2, nursery through toddler and the adult class. We hope and pray to see you on Sundays. Let's do this together.

Luther 500 Reformation: A Celebration for all

Today, **Sunday, October 29th**, we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will gather as a people of God, to celebrate the reforming of the church by a small-town monk/priest – a man named Martin Luther. We will gather for Sunday school – our adults will meet in the parlor and the children will meet in the Fellowship Hall. During worship, we will sing the famous “A Mighty Fortress” and hear the words of the reformer as he stood before King Charles V, boldly proclaiming “Here I stand...” Following our worship experience, you are cordially invited to join one another in the fellowship hall for a Reformation Celebration, a “German-inspired carry-in” dinner. German brats, sausage, sauerkraut, ham loaf and the beverages will be prepared by members of our Fellowship committee. Donated prizes and give-a-ways will be available. A short slide-show of the recent Germany trip will be presented. We are hoping for a huge turnout and encourage all of our members, friends and family to attend this special dinner, to celebrate this milestone in our congregation, our synod and our denomination. Sign-up sheets will be distributed during worship services and will be available in Melching Hall.



We are looking for volunteers to greet, assist with communion & provide refreshments for fellowship time following our worship services. If interested & willing, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin-board outside of the chapel area, to sign-up to share of your time, talents & gifts. Thanks!

Nominating Committee

As per the congregational constitution, council formed a nominating committee of two council members: Sara Young and Niki Oren. At our December 2017 bi-annual meeting, an election will be held to fill three (3) council openings: the terms for Jim Bartholomew, Char Curry and Ryan Schneider will end at the conclusion of this bi-annual meeting. All three people are eligible for a second term per the constitution. The position for our Youth Representative is also eligible for nomination and election.

The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to nominate people for these positions. If you are interested in a church council position or in the youth representative position; and would like to be nominated, please contact either Sara or Niki. Church council meetings on the third Sundays of each month (with the exception of July) following our worship service. The terms for these positions expire in 2020.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Sermon notes

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events...

Sunday, October 29th	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Youth Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	12 noon	500 Reformation Celebration
Monday, October 30th	2:00 p.m.	Bingo @ Auglaize Acres
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club w/ Pastor Neil
Tuesday, October 31st	6:00 p.m.	Women of the Word
Wednesday, Nov. 1st	2:00 p.m.	Worship @ The Garden's
	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sunday, Nov. 5th	9:00 a.m.	Adult & Youth Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	All Saint's Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, Nov. 7th	6:00 p.m.	Women of the Word
Wednesday, Nov. 8th	5:30 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs., Nov. 9th & Friday, Nov. 10th		Pastor Neil @ Conference
Saturday, Nov. 11th	2:00 p.m.	Middle-School Roller-skating
Sunday, Nov. 12th	9:00 a.m.	Adult & Youth Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion & Veteran Recognition & Pre-K to 5 th grade Youth making Advent calendars