

# First English Lutheran Church



**In this year of prayer,  
we are reminded of the words of Paul...**

**“Do not worry about anything,  
but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.”**

**Philippians 4:6**

**Our September 2018 Newsletter**

## **FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **Who Are We?**

As a congregation of the Northwest Ohio Synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we remain committed to continuing the witness and proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ, using our resources and our many ministries to expand God's kingdom in our church, in our community, and in our world. We give thanks to God each day for the many blessings bestowed on all our lives. We sing praise and glory during our worship, walk with our children in the formation of their faith, bring God's love to our members unable to join us, and use our resources to help bring an end to injustice and hunger around the world.

Opportunities to serve and be part of something greater than us are abundant at FELC. These include Breakfast with Santa, Shoes for Water, Kids Against Hunger, multi-aged youth groups, vacation bible school, Sunday school for all ages, visitation teams, prayer chain, church camps, WMS Weekend Meals program, community meals, bingo at the Acres – just to name a few. We are encouraged to participate in our worship services as lectors, ushers, bell choir, adult and ladies' choirs, communion helpers, and worship assistants; and through our children's message, the sermon, and the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

We are called to live into the promise of God that we are saved by God's gift of grace through our faith. We have faith: faith in the cross of Christ, that through Jesus' suffering and death we have been forgiven; faith in the resurrection, the power of God's mercy and love; and faith in the empty tomb, a foretaste of what is to come. Faith is what we have in one another and for one another. Faith is our reality....as children of God....as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are **First English Lutheran Church**, where we live and breathe our mission "to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to love one another as He loves us." These are exciting times as we work together as the body of Christ. where we boldly proclaim:

**God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good!!**

**Meet our staff...**

Pastor

Neil Brady.....pastor.felc@bright.net .....419-303-7718

Office Administrator

Andrea Anderson .....wapakelc@bright.net .....419-738-3911

The following staff may be contacted through the church office at 419-738-3911.

Financial Secretary .....Georgeanne Stienecker  
Treasurer.....Susan Miller  
Organist/Pianist.....Rebekah Nelson & Karen Luginbuhl  
Custodian .....Brenda Shoffstall  
Adult Choir Director.....Susan Miller  
Bell Choir Director .....Georgeann Stienecker  
Youth Choir .....Niki Oren and Jennie Kline  
Children's Choir .....Makayla Frame, Izzy Oren, Bailey Van Meter

Church Council

President.....Niki Oren  
Vice President.....Jim Bartholomew  
Secretary.....Sara Young  
Member .....Andrea Burton  
Member .....Cameron Bowersock  
Member .....Carl Bowersock  
Member .....Bonnie Davidson  
Member .....Cari Frame  
Member .....Ryan Schneider  
Member .....Richard Yocum

Webmaster

Dave Curry .....wapakelc@bright.net

# FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

## Committee

Building & Property  
Christian Education/Youth  
Evangelism/Outreach/Mission  
Finance  
Life & Fellowship  
Social Ministry  
Staff Support  
Stewardship  
Worship & Music

## Chairperson

Dale Dicus  
Rebecca Van Meter  
Rebecca Van Meter  
Cari Frame  
Brenda Shoffstall  
Connie Krites  
Jim Zwiebel  
Angie Bowersock  
Cyndi Zwiebel

## Council Liaison

Sara Young  
Andrea Burton  
Bonnie Davidson  
Cari Frame  
Niki Oren  
Jim Bartholomew  
Ryan Schneider  
Carl Bowersock  
Richard Yocum



## 2018 Noisy Offering Schedule

September 16<sup>th</sup>  
October 21<sup>st</sup>  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
December 16<sup>th</sup>

Auglaize Women's Crisis Center  
Operation Shoebox  
Breakfast with Santa  
God's Storehouse

## From the desk of your Pastor...

Calendars...you can't live with them and you can't live without them.

I just finished updating the church calendar, and my calendar, for the next year with the upcoming events, worships, youth nights, and so much more. I got exhausted and overwhelmed just thinking about it. Somehow, some way it always works...and yet there is concern and a sense of "doing too much" that filled me as I sit, staring at the days, weeks and months to come. Do you ever get that way? Do you ever feel so overwhelmed that you just want to stay in bed, and hide under the covers?

In Chapter 5 of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes: *"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil."* This verse has stuck with me over the last weeks, after reading it, and preaching on it. He talks about the realization that I (we) can't do everything, despite it being written down on a calendar. Things will get lost or forgotten in the hustle and bustle of busy lives. It **doesn't** mean we have failed; it doesn't devalue our worth as a person, as a child of God. It **does** mean we are to sing and give thanks for what we have done...for who we are...for being the person God has called us to be.

Last week God spoke to me...again. As I sat on a rock, enjoying the cold mountain water of a creek run over my feet, I was reminded of who I am, and why I was called into ministry. He reminded me I am embraced by Sandy, the kids and grandkids, who I love more than life itself; I am surrounded by my church family as we walk this path together; I am forgiven every day through the cross of Christ; and I am loved by him because I am his child.

Today I sit staring at this detailed itinerary of my life for the next 12 months and have come to realize I would not have heard him if I was immersed in the activities of this calendar. It is time for me, for all of us, to make the most of our time...because our days, our calendars, take us away from what is most important...our families...our friends...from God.

Calendars are needed to help us navigate through life. Let it not be a chain around us, weighing us down from all sides. Let it be what it truly is...a guide to help govern our time. Worship, church activities and events, prayer, a conversation with God...put these on your calendar as well. I know I have put it on mine. Make God an important part of daily life...for He is good, all the time; all the time, God is good. Amen.



**God's blessings and peace...**

**Pastor Neil**

**Ministry in Action**

***Much ministry in daily life is done by the members of the congregation, often without recognition, who see their service as a response to God's calling. We thank them for their dedication and commitment.***

**Altar Flowers for the month of September:**

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Donna Wright
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Deann Kramer
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Miller
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Available
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Bush

**Altar Candles for the month of September:**

Given to the Glory of God by in by the people of God, members of First English Lutheran Church.

**Worship Servants**

Pew Straightner - August.....Brenda Shoffstall

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, September 2, 2018**

Acolytes..... Izzy Oren & Noah Schlosser  
Audio/Visual ..... Dave Curry & Jeff Ritchie  
Communion Assistant..... Lisa Kirby  
Fellowship Clean-up..... Chris Nagel  
Greeter(s) – M/H .....Sandy Brady  
Greeter(s) – M/S .....  
Lectors..... Kara Schneider  
Nursery..... Amelia Sterner  
Organist..... Rebekah Nelson  
Ushers..Trell Yocum, Joe Morey, Katie McCullough, Donna Wright, Cameron Bowersock  
Worship Assistant.....Deanna Ronan

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, September 9, 2018  
Outdoor Worship Buckland Park**

Ministers for the day.....Members of FELC

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, September 16, 2018**

Acolytes..... Makayla Frame & Hunter Smith

Audio/Visual ..... Dave Curry & Jeff Ritchie  
 Communion Assistant.....Char Curry  
 Fellowship Clean-up..... Ike & Jeanne Schnell  
 Greeter(s) – M/H..... Kenny & Brenna Vaughn  
 Greeter(s) – M/S .....Dale & Mary Ann Thomas  
 Lectors..... Donna Wright  
 Nursery..... Diane Schlosser  
 Organist..... Rebekah Nelson  
 Ushers.....Bob Henderson, Rollie Kent, Jim Walls, Isaac Oren  
 Worship Assistant..... Darla Frame

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, September 23, 2018**

Acolytes..... Taylor Good & Bailey Van Meter  
 Audio/Visual ..... Dave Curry & Jeff Ritchie  
 Communion Assistant..... Niki Oren  
 Fellowship Clean-up.....Joy Kantner & Georgeann Stienecker  
 Greeter(s) – M/H.....The Ronan Family  
 Greeter(s) – M/S .....The Kirby Family  
 Lectors..... Kevin Bowersock  
 Nursery..... Jennie Grundey  
 Organist..... Karen Luginbuhl  
 Ushers.....Bob Shenk, Matt Ronan, Ned Kirby, Carl Bowersock  
 Worship Assistant..... Dale Dicus

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, September 30, 2018**

Acolytes..... Clayton Fisher & Abby McCulloough  
 Audio/Visual ..... Dave Curry & Jeff Ritchie  
 Communion Assistant.....Brenda Shoffstall  
 Fellowship Clean-up..... FELC “Got Talent” dinner & show  
 Greeter(s) – M/H.....The Burton Family  
 Greeter(s) – M/S ..... Niki Oren & Family  
 Lectors.....Connie Krites  
 Nursery..... Sara Wisener  
 Organist..... Rebekah Nelson  
 Ushers..... Jim Kantner, Ike Schnell, Steve Stienecker, Richard Yocum  
 Worship Assistant..... Susan Miller

**The Word of God**

These are the lessons and gospel readings for the next two months. We provide them for you...to read at your leisure, to prepare your hearts for worship, to study the Word of God throughout the coming weeks. If you are unable to be in church, to worship with us, please know that you remain in the hearts and the prayers of God's people at First English Lutheran Church.

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 19:2-16

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8 :31-36

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

### **Our Flower Chart....**

We have several openings on our flower chart for the rest of the year. Perhaps you would like to sign up for a week to honor someone, or to give glory to God for the blessings in your life. The dates available are:

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **FELC News and Events...**

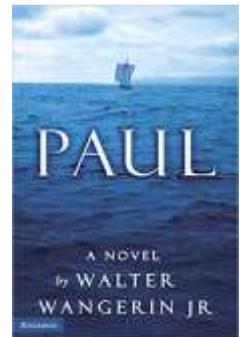
## **WELCOME...WELCOME...WELCOME**

...our church family is expanding with some new faces, and some familiar faces as we begin the new year. We welcome Andrea Anderson, our new Office Administrator; Sara Ainsworth, our new Sunday School Superintendent; and Rebekah Nelson, our part-time (twice-a-month) organist. We give thanks as we welcome back Karen Luginbuhl, who will continue to play the organ for us on occasion.

**FELC Book Club** is coming back together to read and discuss the book "The Book of Paul" written by Walter Wangerin. We will begin our discussion and read on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Pastor Neil will order the paperback books – cost is

\$ 14.00. There will be a sign-up sheet on the counter in Melching Hall. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope you can join us.

Description: An intimate portrait of a complex individual through whom God was at work, turning the world upside down. With vivid imagination and scholarly depth, award-winning author Walter Wangerin Jr. weaves together the history of the early church with the life story of its greatest apostle--Paul. Wangerin begins to unfold Paul's incredible life by imagining the childhood and early family life of a boy then called "Saul." A fierce prosecutor of Christians before his conversion, Paul never lost his fiery dedication, boldness, and strong personality. After his shocking encounter with God on the road to Damascus, he applied his formidable strengths to spreading the gospel. Wangerin deftly reveals Paul's character through each stage of his life, and enables us to see Paul the person, living and complex, viewed through the eyes of his contemporaries: Barnabas, James, Prisca, Seneca, and Luke. Paul's rich interaction and brilliant dialogue with friends and foes, leaders and slaves, Jews and Greeks, creates a swift and intense historical drama around the man who spread the seed of the Gospel to the ends of the known world.



Our **Outdoor Worship/Rally Day Service** will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Buckland Park. We are hoping for a GREAT turnout. Please join us for a relaxing time, enjoying the beauty of God's creation and the fellowship of one another. A picnic will follow the service. Please bring a covered dish and your lawn chairs. There will be games for adults and youth. Mark this Sunday on your calendar. It's always fun when we get together as family. See you at the park!

The **FELC Library** is host to many books, including fiction, non-fiction, Luther studies, and devotionals. In addition, we have some audio books, and a collection of Christian themed DVDs. All are available for your enjoyment. Simply stop in the library, see what is available, take it home to read, listen, or watch, and then return. It's that easy!



**Servants Day** is scheduled for Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with September 22<sup>nd</sup> as the rain date, if needed. We hope you can volunteer your day, or a part of your day, to help those less fortunate with those jobs like painting, cleaning, plumbing, carpentry, and general yard work. Please call the office to sign up.

**Summer is coming to an end...**and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday mornings for Sunday School, Adult study, worship, and fellowship. Attendance over the summer months has been really lagging behind the norm. With the church year beginning anew this month, we are beginning our programs, activities, and events as well. Let's begin this month with a commitment to attend worship on Sunday morning. See you in church!

**Installation of Pastor Doug Pretorius** as the new pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wapakoneta will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Members of First English Lutheran Church have been invited to attend Pastor Doug's installation at St. Marks. Pastor will be participating in the installation. There will be a reception following the service.

**Regular Sunday Worship/Sunday School Schedule begins September 16<sup>th</sup>:**

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|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School classes in main classroom |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Adult Studies in the parlor             |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Communion                  |

**Men's Night Out** will be on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Astro Lanes.

**Ladies Night Out** will be on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Woody's Restaurant. Please come join us for a night out.

**Personal contact information...**if there has been a change in your family's contact information, please contact the church office by email at [wapakelc@bright.net](mailto:wapakelc@bright.net) or by calling the office at 419-738-3911.

**Organist/Pianist:** We are still looking for a full-time organist/pianist. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Pastor Neil, Susan, Georgeann, or Darla know. Thank you.

The **57th Annual Wapakoneta Rotary Scholarship Pancake Day** will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the K of C Hall on N. Dixie Highway. The breakfast is \$8.00 (children under 6 eat free) with pancakes and Walter's sausage. New this year: blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes served from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. only. Come and enjoy...and support this scholarship fund.

## Notes from our members....

### **The Greatest Journey Leads to Salvation – by Robin Klock**

Bibit is excited to know more about God. Because she never learned to read, she listens intently as her seventh-grade daughter Mylin reads the Bible to her. Not that long ago, Bibit would never have been interested in hearing God's Word. But that changed when Mylin began following the Lord. "I was surprised," Bibit said, "when Mylin came home and told me she was a Christian."

An evangelical church in the nearest town had committed to bringing the Gospel to Bibit's remote village in the southern Philippines. They put together an outreach event where Mylin received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.



(Left: ***BIBIT AND MYLIN BOTH CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND ARE EAGER TO STUDY GOD'S WORD.***)

She was then invited to attend our discipleship program. By the end of the 12 lessons in The Greatest Journey, Mylin and more than 40 children in her village had prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Bibit, like most everyone in her village, was involved in cultic practices brought in by a false teacher and had not heard about the Good News. She soon wanted to know more about the God who changed her daughter's life.

The Greatest Journey Leads to Salvation Bibit and Mylin live in a poor, out-of-the-way village of the Iraya tribe, just one of several groups that make up the Mangyan people of Mindoro island. The Iraya are considered unreached because less than 2 percent of them are Christian. Though Mylin had never before heard the Bible stories taught during The Greatest Journey, she came to faith quickly.

Earlier this year a water buffalo helped transfer shoebox gifts to an Irya tribe village. “Jesus changed me,” Mylin said. “I’m learning to trust the Lord.” She said she used to steal and sell items from village households but stopped “because I knew it wouldn’t make Jesus happy.”



Mylin and the other children were so excited to learn more about the Bible that they wanted to continue studying after The Greatest Journey. So, Toti Ramos, the pastor who brought Operation Christmas Child to this area, continues to come to the village every week to disciple the children and parents. His wife and other church members also help teach and encourages the village. Through those classes, adults like Bibit were introduced to God and many became Christians. “I accepted the Lord here,” Bibit said. “I wanted to go to heaven.” The Iraya tribe village is remote and impoverished.

### Mother and Daughter Turn to Jesus

Mylin’s classmate Regene also came to faith during The Greatest Journey. It was her first time to study the Word of God as well, and her heart too was soon moved by the Gospel. “Although we are sinners, Jesus receives us. He loves us,” she said. Children are more joyful now that the Gospel has penetrated the village.

Regene and her mother, Annalin, are growing in their faith through the Sunday discipleship classes. She especially enjoyed learning about Jesus as the Great Physician. “I liked the stories of Jesus healing the sick. I have never been to a doctor—it’s very far away,” Regene explained. Regene has eight siblings, so she works hard to help her family, doing household chores and working in the fields before school. She doesn’t let hard work or impoverished living conditions break her positive spirit—which is now rooted in Christ.

Annalin, Regene’s mother, has been changed by the new spiritual atmosphere in her village. She had prayed to receive Jesus as a child while living in another area but had stopped following God a long time ago. At her mother-in-

law's urging, she even joined the cult group that once held so much sway over the village. But, since Annalin began attending Pastor Toti's discipleship classes with her daughter, she says she's grown much stronger in true faith, leaving false religion behind.

Annalin married when she was 13, has nine children, and, at age 39, is already a grandmother to six. Providing for her family has at times been difficult, but Annalin said life is easier now that she is walking with God. "The presence of the Lord is here," she said. "I have experienced God. I will never go back to the cult."

A Radically Different Village God used Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey to not only transform the lives of individual children and parents, but to change an entire village. The village chief, Laudie, is now a Christian. "My heart got soft," the chief said. "Jesus is the One who changes you. Jesus can heal my soul."



***(LEFT: THE VILLAGE PARTICIPATED IN A PRAYER AND DEDICATION SERVICE ON THE SITE WHERE THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.)***

Bibit explained that the Gospel has brought remarkable changes to their village. "Before [The Greatest Journey] this was a silent village. Now, the children and parents are active. They are happy," she said.

Alcoholism is less prevalent in the village. Children better obey their parents, they are kinder toward their siblings, and they behave well in school, where attendance has dramatically improved. The weekly Sunday worship and teaching has been held outside at the village chief's house, but with the gatherings so well-received, the village wants to construct a church building so they can meet even during bad weather.

Samaritan's Purse is helping fund the construction, and earlier this year staff traveled to the village for a time of prayer and dedicating the building site to God. "I am excited about a church building coming—I never thought it would happen," Bibit said. Please pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of children and their parents in this village. Pray that they will grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that God will use Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey to spread the Gospel among unreached people groups across the world.

## Our Prayer Corner...

### Those who would love a visit or a card...

The Acres: Bob Bogart  
The Gardens: Roger Moellenkamp, Millie Yocum, Shirley Schroeder  
The Manor: Rosie Cole, Ruby Nichol, Nancy Van Skiver  
Roselawn Manor: Anna Binkley  
At Home: Chris McPeek, Dorothy Dickman, Tootie Fritz, Genelle Berry,  
Bob & Nancy Van Skiver, Corky Slife, Dick & Jean Chenoweth

### We especially remember in our prayers this month....

Rita Barrera, Genelle Berry, Anna Binkley, David Blackburn, Bob Bogart, Jeanne Bogart, Joyce Brincefield, Debbie Chenoweth, Dick & Jean Chenoweth, Rosie Cole, Tracy Cook, Jack Core, Cory Crawford, Laurie Davis, Cathy Francis, Leola "Tootie" Fritz, Kathleen Hall, Hallie Herschberger, Renee Hocking, Sharon Kohlreiser, Tandy Laman, Brenda Lippicott, Jose Lison, Chris McPeek, Elaine Vaubel Metzger, Jeff Meyer, Roger Moellenkamp, Ruby Nichol, Julian Perez, Billie Piotrowski, Collin Rambin, Gideon Roebuck, Kelli Roettger, Polly Scherger, Shirley Schroeder, Chad Scully, Corky Slife, Tom Stachler, Terry Tangeman, Carlie Tester, Grace Thompson, Seth Thuman, Bob & Nancy Van Skiver, Luis Villegas, Ray Vorhees, Jeremy Welker, Janet Winkler, Millie Yocum, our troops and their families, our police officers and firefighters, and our veterans.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
8/5/2018	103	4,044.24	65.00
8/12/2018	92	3,608.40	411.97
8/19/2018	93	2,552.00	142.35
8/26/2018	79	1,613.00	89.75

Need weekly to meet our 2018 financial budget obligations: \$3,631.94  
Year-to-date vs. budget - \$10,847.13

## **News and Events from our Council...**

### **Council minutes - June 21, 2018**

Present: Pastor Neil Brady, Niki Oren, Carl Bowersock, Cari Frame, Sara Young, Andrea Burton

The meeting was called to order by President, Niki Oren.  
Sara led with opening prayers.

### **Business of the Church:**

Secretary's report

No corrections, report will be submitted for September newsletter.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports

No questions or comments

Pastor's report

- Update on Dayton property. The property will be listed this week for \$125,000.00.
- Update on Organist position. The position has been posted on university career websites, local job placement sites, and the synod website. There has been communication between several members of our congregation with possible organists. Georgeann Stienecker has graciously agreed to oversee this process.
- Update on Administrative Assistant position
  - 3 people will be interviewed
- suggestion was received that we look into the possibility of a 15-passenger van for church use

Niki asked for a motion to accept the reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Pastor Neil. Andrea Burton made the motion to accept the reports and Carl Bowersock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Evangelism/Outreach – Bonnie Davidson

- No report

Worship/Music – Richard Yocum

- No report

Christian Education – Andrea Burton

- No report

Staff Support – Ryan Schneider

- No report

Social Ministry – Jim Bartholomew

- Kids Against Hunger – looking for ways to raise the funds needed for this ministry. Would like to increase the amount contributed.
- Loaves & Fishes – will be losing their location for the weekly L & F meal program.
- Operation Shoebox will begin earlier this year, possibly September

Building & Property – Sara Young

- No report

Stewardship – Carl Bowersock

- No report

Life/Fellowship – Niki Oren

- Plans are being made to honor Karen Luginbuhl for her retirement on August 5<sup>th</sup>

Finance – Cari Frame

- revised budget submitted to council and reviewed
- reduction to budgeted expenses in the amount of \$8,300
- There was a motion to accept the proposed 2018 Revised Budget by Andrea Burton; seconded by Carl Bowersock. All in favor. Motion passed.

Youth – Cameron Bowersock

- there's excitement about trip to Houston
- there are 15 youth going to Camp Mowana this summer

Niki asked for a motion to accept the committee reports. Carl Bowersock made the motion to accept the committee reports and Cari Frame seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

## **Old Business:**

1. Sunday School Superintendent position: no update
2. Administrative Assistant's position will be filled by August 1<sup>st</sup>

## **New Business:**

1. Temporary hours for church office will either be 9am to Noon
2. No council meeting in July

Being there was no further business, Niki asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Bowersock and seconded by Cari Frame. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Submitted by, Sara Young, secretary

Next meeting will be August 19, 2018



## **News and Events from our Committees...**

### **Building and Property**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Christian Education/Youth**

Meeting date: August 14, 2018

- **Budget**  
Campership and Youth Quake accounts have errors that are being looked into. Anonymous donors will be reimbursing the negative amount in the Confirmation Camp and Houston Fund before the end of the year. Rebecca will be contacting Susan and Georgeann about distribution of the VBS monies.
- **Church Library**  
Committee members plan to continue recommending books, movies, and other resources from the church library.
- **Bibles**  
Rebecca and Pastor will get together to make sure the Bible lists they made in the spring is accurate and then order needed Bibles.
- **Sunday School Superintendent**

Sara Ainsworth has been hired as the Sunday school superintendent.

- **Sunday mornings**

**Schedule:** Pastor Neil has a schedule of the years Sunday school calendar, Only Easter and December 30 will be no Sunday school Sundays.

**Adult:** The class will be starting a 6-week study on the book of Nehemiah. This study was written by the Bishop and is a free resource.

**HS:** Pastor Neil is looking at different times to meet with this group.

**MS:** Brenda is planning on teaching this class

**Pre-School/Elementary School:** Sara will be in charge of this group

**Nursery:** We will be talking to Sara about a rotation for this group

- **Non-Sunday mornings**

**Women of the Word:** Starting at the end of September. Robin is preparing something for the newsletter

**Book Club:** Starting in September. This group will continue to meet on Monday's. Discussing the Book of Paul.

**Confirmation:** 16 youth have been invited to attend class this year, including 4 1<sup>st</sup> year youth. Confirmation will be Mother's Day, May 12, 2018

**First Communion:** We have changed the move of First Communion off of Maunde Thursday to Sunday, April 7, 2019. We are looking to continue this new tradition of the Sunday before Palm Sunday.

- **Youth**

**Camp Mowana:** FELC youth had a great time with Camp. Pastor Neil attended the week. The summer of 2019 will be Camp Mowana's last year. Richland County will be taking over the care of the land in the fall of 2019.

**Van:** The committee discussed the idea of the church purchasing a 12 or 15 passenger van. Pastor is checking with the insurance company to see if they would cover a 15-passenger van and who would be able to drive the van if we were to purchase one. We hope the purchase of a van would allow the youth group to travel together in one vehicle. The van could also be used to pick up kids for Sunday school

- **2018-2019 Youth group schedules:** Youth leaders discussed calendars for the 2018-2019 school/church year. Some of still in rough draft form. Youth leaders: High School Angie and Kelly; Middle School Brenda; Preschool and Elementary School Rebecca and Jennie.

**Next meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6pm**

**Youth Groups Activities 2018-2019**

## **Pre-School through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Rally Day: Buckland Park: Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Advent calendar making for homebound members
  - Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following church
- Advent calendar making for youth, family, and friends
  - Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Advent meal
- Christmas Caroling
  - Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 5:30-7:30 pm – meet at church no later than 5:15pm
- Lenten – “Give Up or Take Up”
  - Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Easter Egg hunt: Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019; time to be determined
- Bowling: Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019; Astro Lanes: 2:00-4:00pm
- Vacation Bible School
  - June 10-14, 2019
  - FELC: 9:00am – 12 noon
  - VBS program: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **Middle School**

- Rally Day: Buckland Park: Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Scavenger Hunt and Cookout
  - Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-7:00pm; more details to follow
- Roller Skating/Pizza
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>: 1:30-4:30pm; more details to follow
- Breakfast with Santa
  - Plate cookies – Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: more details to follow
  - Sell cookies – Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: more details to follow
- Youth Quake
  - Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - more details to follow
- Escape Room/Pizza; Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
- Bowling Night; Astro Lanes: Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019; 2:00-4:00pm
- Bingo at the Acres/Happy Daz; Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 1:30-4:00pm
- Confirmation Camp; Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Scene 75; Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 11:00am-4:00pm
- Confirmation Sunday
  - Sunday, May 12, 2019

## **High School**

- Game Night – Fellowship Hall with pizza
    - Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> following worship/fellowship time
  - 30-Hour Famine
    - Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
    - more details to follow
  - Basketball/Volleyball – Fellowship Hall with pizza
    - Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> following worship/fellowship time
  - Bowling/Pizza
    - Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Cookies/Flowers for homebound members
    - Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Game Night – Fellowship Hall with pizza
    - Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 following worship/fellowship time
  - Souper Bowl
    - Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 before and after church
    - help prepare and serve meal
  - Basketball/Volleyball – Fellowship Hall with pizza
    - Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 following worship/fellowship time
  - Game Night – Fellowship Hall with pizza
    - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following worship/fellowship time
  - King’s Island – tentative – June 2019
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- We would like to begin a **youth activity night** for all ages at church in the fellowship hall. This “Activity Night” will be held on the last Sunday of every month beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 7:30pm. Our first activity night will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> with pool, ping pong, basketball, board games and cards, and other games. Snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Parents: this is a great way for our youth to come together, to meet new kids, enjoy fellowship and just have some fun. We hope you will bring your children, and volunteer to help occasionally.

- The **2018-2019 Confirmation session** will begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> with our first class beginning at 5:00 p.m., and it will end at 7:30 p.m. There are several activities the youth will be completing on this night, including acolyte training, orientation, and “opening the Bible” for study and reading. Dinner will be provided for the first class session. The regular schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. This year’s learning will focus on the Old Testament, emphasis on creation, the exodus, the flood, writings from the prophets, and of course, The Lords Prayer and Apostles Creed. Looking forward to seeing all of our confirmation age

students in class. Letters with schedules, etc. have been mailed to all youth. If you have not received it yet, please contact the office.

- The **2018-2019 Youth Sunday School** will begin on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Sara Ainsworth is the new Sunday School Superintendent, and she is promising a great year for our young people. We will be focusing our studies once again on “SPARK: Reactivate Faith” materials. If you are interested in helping this year, please contact Sara. We want to increase our attendance this year, so we are asking our parents to make every effort to have your children attend. If there is a need for transportation, please contact the office.
- **The 2018-2019 Adult Study** continues on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. We will be starting a session on the “Book of Nehemiah,” a bible study written by Daniel Beaudoin, Bishop of our synod. An email was sent by Pastor Neil already, and copies of the study are on the counter in Melching Hall. Please plan to join us....for our parents, bring your kids to Sunday School, and join us in the parlor. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Evangelism/Outreach/Mission

- **Crisis Center**...Every week we will be collecting food for the center, and then on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, we will be donating the collected food to the Women’s Crisis Center. This month we are collecting **ingredients for soup and canned soup** items, which will be delivered on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Your donation can be placed on the counter in the church library. Please remember: on September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be delivering the toiletry items collected through August. If you have not donated yet, please do so by Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In addition, the Crisis Center is always in need of basic needs items. The list includes cooking spray, oil, canned beef and chicken, canned peas and corn, cake mixes and frostings, coffee, salad dressing, condiments, Jello, pudding, popcorn, & snacks. Tall kitchen bags, dishwasher detergent, hair brushes, baby lotion, deodorant, Tylenol-adults & children, toothpaste-adults & children, toilet paper, diapers (all sizes), bleach, shampoo, & hair conditioner are also needed.

- The **Quilting group** continues to meet once a month, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, in the parlor beginning at 10:00 a.m. We have lots of quilts to be made. We would love to have anyone who is free and looking for something to do join us in this important ministry of our congregation. In other words, we want YOU!

## **Crisis Center Monthly Food Drive**

This new ministry is going very well. However, our food collection is down. Please consider helping with this very important ministry.

March – Italian

April – Mexican

May – Basic needs

June – Breakfast foods

July – Picnic foods

August – Canned vegetables and canned meats

September – Toiletries

October – Soup supplies and canned soups

**Next meeting - September 23, 2018**

## **Finance**

- Nothing at this time.

## **Life & Fellowship**

Meeting was held on August 17, 2018.

- Brenda gave an update on committee's budget along with Breakfast with Santa's balance. We talked about ordering more FELC t-shirts to sell which will help fund the Breakfast.
- We discussed Rally Day on Sept. 9 at Buckland Park if not raining. We will provide the meat and paper supplies for the carry-in meal. There will be Bingo and a fishing pond for the kids along with the playground and volleyball.
- Lasagna/ Talent show was planned in more detail. Niki is working on the acts and with a great meal planned, it should be an awesome event. We have asked Pastor Neil to announce information on tickets going on sale and to remind everyone that our Breakfast with Santa is completely self-funded, so we need a lot of support. There will also be a silent Auction that same day. Cyndi, Char and Brenda have been getting the items put together and Lisa will be making the bidding papers and tags to go with each item.
- We will be doing our second Trick or Treat night in the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 25 with our Charlie Brown theme. We have purchased a large FELC banner to help with visibility outside and will be passing out flyers to the pre-schools.
- Nov. 9 will be our next Movie night with God's Not Dead 2 for Adults with pizza and popcorn, and an undecided movie for the kids. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

- On Dec. 2, we will kick-off our advent season with a carry-in meal and craft led by Rebecca Van Meter.
- Our Easter Egg Hunt will be April 13 with more of a community outreach planned so more details to come. We did make a phone call to 'The Easter Bunny' last night and he has agreed to definitely make an appearance for our fun event.
- We will meet in November to start ordering our Breakfast with Santa Supplies.
- We are glad to see so many of our members coming together in fellowship after church on Sunday mornings. It is a time to enjoy one another's company, to share stories of the week's activities and events with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We are always in need of baked goods and cookies to service, especially now as our supply is beginning to dwindle. Please consider baking and donating some cookies, etc. to our fellowship time.
- **"FELC's GOT TALENT"** returns to the stage on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship. Come join us for a lasagna luncheon and talent show. Tickets on sale now - \$8.00 adult and \$4.00 for children.

## Social Ministry

- **World Hunger/Kids Against Hunger** is a continuing ministry throughout the year. Please pick up one of the coin boxes found throughout the church, take it home, throw in your loose change, and bring it back when full. It's an easy way to participate in this vital and important ministry. Thanks.
- **Operation Shoebox** – the "Christmas for Kids" program is coming soon. Boxes will be made available beginning in September. Deadline for "gift" boxes is **Sunday, November 4, 2018.**
- We will once again be hosting the **Loaves and Fishes dinner** on October 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

## Staff Support

- The committee met to finalize the hiring of Andrea Anderson as our new Office Administrator.
  - Pastor Neil met with Andrea to discuss salary, hours, vacation, sick days
  - Salary: \$12,500 per year with 90-day review; no additional benefits
  - Start date: August 1, 2018
  - Proposal forwarded to council for their approval
  - Committee approved and forwarded to council the hiring of Sara Ainsworth as the new Sunday School Superintendent
  - Salary: \$100.00 per month; hours: 10-12 per month

## Stewardship

Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

- Current deficit – over \$8,000.00

- asked Pastor Neil to write a letter to the congregation regarding the budget deficit, like we did last year
- letter will be drafted and presented to council at their September 2018 meeting for approval; once approved, letter will be sent via mass mailing
- Fall Campaign
  - Theme: “What We Can Do? What We Can’t Do”
  - Dates: September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Niki to work on e-mail survey
  - Pledge cards will be used
  - Campaign ends on Sunday, November 4, 2018
- Vanco
  - Angie will meet with Georgeann Steinecker to create a Q & A sheet regarding Vanco and automatic contributions

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

## **Worship & Music**

- No meeting this month.
- Beginning September 2018, we will be introducing a “**Blended Worship Service**” on the last Sunday of every month. It is slightly changed to reflect a more contemporary experience within the worship service. Hymns/songs will be different, but the liturgy will remain close to our traditional format, with readings, messages, prayer, and communion.

# The Stewards Corner



## **Andrea Anderson**

“Meant to be,” that’s how Andrea Anderson describes her joy when Pastor Neil asked her to become FELC’s new office administrator. “I was at a crossroads this summer,” said Andrea. “I was trying to decide if we should stay in Shawnee or move back to Georgia near my sister.” Then Andrea heard FELC needed an office administrator. It was the right job for the right person at the right time for all concerned.



“I couldn’t be happier,” said Andrea, who holds a bachelor’s degree in political studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, California and a master’s degree in higher education administration from the University of Redlands. “I used to be the “big picture” person delegating detail work to others,” she said, “but now I am doing the detail work and I love it! It’s far less stress and the most wonderful change.”

Andrea like some Jamaicans is a descendent of Eastern European Jews. Jamaica’s motto “Out of many, one people” reflects the island’s rich multiracial/multicultural history and roots of its people (Chinese Jamaicans, East Indian Jamaicans, German Jamaicans, Jewish Jamaicans to name a few). Likewise, Andrea’s skill as a cook is international. “I can cook them all,” she said. “Chinese, Indian, and of course traditional Jamaican cuisine.”

Andrea still has family in Jamaica. She last visited her island home in 2011. Her favorite memories surround Christmas. “There is no Christmas like a Jamaican Christmas,” Andrea said. “The night before the women prepare the house, bake Christmas rum cakes and prepare for Christmas dinner and attend Christmas Eve Night Service. Everything in white. White curtains, white table cloths, everything perfect. In the morning when we wake up the air is crisp and cool, and everything is seems brand new.”



## **Rebekah Nelson**

Rebekah Nelson is no stranger to FELC. The oldest daughter of Pastor Steve and Terry Nelson, Rebekah grew up worshipping with us. Now, she is an accomplished musician and our congregation is most grateful that she will be sharing her talents during worship services two to three Sundays of each month, beginning Sept. 2.



Rebekah has been collaborating with other musicians for nearly two decades. She has taught private piano lessons, accompanied singers, instrumentalists and ensembles at various universities and has played piano for several local musical productions and choirs. She served as Pianist and then Director of Music at Haskins Community Church from 2013-2015. She holds a master's degree in international educational development from Columbia University's Teachers College and a bachelor's degree in music and German from Bowling Green State University.

While pursuing graduate studies at Columbia in New York City, Rebekah was awarded a 2017 Graduate Research Fellowship with the Earth Institute's Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity, which allowed her to conduct field work on human rights education and social action in Yogyakarta, Java, Indonesia. She is also the recipient of a 2015-2016 Fulbright Fellowship to Berlin, Germany, where she worked with English-language learners and refugee communities.

Her recent professional experiences include running an academic and scholarship program for undergraduate women out of the State University of New York's Office of Global Affairs and supporting cross-national research on human rights education. Earlier this year, she joined an international team investigating global citizenship education as a strategic objective of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization's 2014-2021 Education Strategy. From this study she co-authored a book on the teaching of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Rebekah moved to Columbus in July to pursue her next steps in higher education administration or the non-profit sector. She is excited to continue sharing music with others by reconnecting with the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.



## **Sara Jane Ainsworth**

The summer of 2018 proved auspicious for Sara Jane Ainsworth. She was hired at Delphos High School to teach Spanish. She moved from Bowling Green back to her hometown of Wapak where she found a spacious apartment in an historic house on East Pearl Street, just blocks away from her parents, Nancy and Don Ainsworth. Fortunately for us, Sara Jane also came home to FELC where she has been a member for more than 18 years. She is now our new Sunday School Superintendent. A gifted and creative educator with both bachelor's and master's degrees, Sara Jane will organize Sunday school programs for the youth of our church. She also joined the church choir.



A graduate of Wapakoneta High School, Sara Jane is excited to return to her roots. She loves her new teaching position in Delphos and her Spanish classes are already writing their own short story, a creative way to learn new language. Now the fun begins furnishing her spacious apartment which she shares with her pet guinea pig who has a room of his own. She named her brown little friend, Cafecito, which means little cup of coffee in Spanish. Coming home to Wapak also means Sara Jane also has more time to spend with her parents, nephew Gavin Quin, brother Jason, sister-in-law Tonya and sister Tracey.

*(Don Ainsworth, Sara Jane's father, sister-in law Tonya, Sara Jane, Nancy Ainsworth., bother Jason, nephew Gavin Quin and sister Tracy in the front. )*

In her free time, Sara Jane loves to read, sing and listen to music. Her favorite movie is "The Lord of the Rings." Celebrating Easter at FELC followed by a big feast with family is her favorite holiday.

# FELC'S



**September 30th  
Lasagna Luncheon with FELC's  
Got Talent Show**

**Tickets are on sale now.**

**Adults: \$ 8.00**

**Children: \$4.00**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR  
BREAKFAST with SANTA  
MINISTRY**

~ September 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Labor Day Office closed</b></p> <p>7:00pm O.A.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10:00am Pastor Neil at The Gardens</p> <p><b>5:00-7:30 Confirmation Class</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Worship</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship &amp; Picnic at Buckland Park</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:00pm Loaves and Fishes Board meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>All day meeting Southwest Conf.</p> <p>6:00pm Men's Group</p> <p>6:30 Installation Pastor Doug St. Marks Lutheran</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Wapakoneta Servant's Day</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>NOISY OFFERING Auglaize Crisis Center</b></p> <p>9:00am Youth SCS &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30 Council meeting 11:30 am HS Youth activity</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30pm Social Ministry committee</p> <p>6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00am Quilting</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir practice 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:00pm Ladies Night Out</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Wapakoneta Servants Day (rain out)</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00am Youth SCS &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:30am evangelism/outreach meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>2:00 pm Bingo at the Acres</p> <p>6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir practice 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30pm Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>FELC "Got Talent" Lunch &amp; Show</b></p> <p>9:00am Youth SCS &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship 6:00pm All Youth Activity Night</p>						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A. 7:00pm FELC Book Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir practice 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A <b>HS Youth 30-hour famine</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am Youth SCS & Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship weekend	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A. 7:00pm FELC Book Club	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir practice	<b>11</b> 4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes dinner	<b>12</b> 9:30am O.A. 7:00pm Nar- Anon 8:00pm N/A	<b>13</b>
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