

**First English Lutheran Church**  
Wapakoneta, Ohio



**"<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations."  
Psalm 100: 5**

**Our June 2020 Newsletter**

# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jim Bowen
Christian Education/Youth	Rebecca Van Meter	Jim Bartholomew
Evangelism	Rebecca Van Meter	Denise Kantner
Finance	Brian Van Meter	Ryan Schneider
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	Tracy Anderson
Social Ministry	Niki Oren	Rebecca Van Meter
Staff Support	Jim Zwiebel	Cari Frame
Stewardship	Co-Chairs	Chuck Curry
Worship & Music	Cyndi Zwiebel	Jeff Ritchie



## 2019 Noisy Offerings

<u>Month</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	God's Storehouse	\$106.52
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kids Against Hunger	\$696.31
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wapak Loaves & Fishes	No Service
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kids Against Hunger	No Service
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Auglaize Crisis Center	No Service
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kids Against Hunger	
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Compassion International	
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	God's Storehouse	
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wapak Loaves & Fishes	
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Operation Shoebox	
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	God's Storehouse	

## **A message from Church Council ...**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

Not surprisingly, as churches in our community begin to open their doors for worship, FELC Church Council members have received a lot of questions from our members about our plans to reopen the church. Some of the members I have spoken to directly seem surprised that we haven't already reopened while others feel that we shouldn't reopen until the fall or even later. To be fair, both opinions are perfectly valid, but the choice to reopen requires us to have a good plan in place that has the support of the congregation. We are working to get there.

Bishop Beaudoin of the Northwest Ohio Synod has been very consistent in his messaging when discussing the timeline for individual churches to reopen; focus on the why and the how you will reopen your church, not on when you will return to live worship. Bishop has asked our church leadership to prayerfully and thoughtfully develop the best plan to reopen our church and implement it when we truly believe we are ready. We have been asked to head the example of the faithful and wise servant of Matthew 24 who does not know when his master will return, but must be prepared at all times for the eventuality of his return.

We are preparing. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a special committee has been formed at FELC from members of the Worship and Music Committee, Building and Property Committee, and members of Church Council. The members of this special committee are spending many hours working through the task of drafting guidelines for reopening our church and returning to live worship. We are combing through the current guidance for dealing with COVID-19 from state and federal governments, public health organizations, religious organizations, and our own ELCA leadership to draft a plan that makes sense for our church.

Honestly, the hard part isn't designing a worship service that is safe for our members to attend. The real challenge arises in planning a live worship service that is safe and also fulfills the spiritual needs of our congregation and encourages members of our congregation to attend. None of us are accustomed to dictating to our fellow parishioners the manner in which they will gather together to give thanks to our Lord. We want you come to church, and to come as you are, but it isn't that simple right now. In the face of this virus, we will be forced to ask our congregants to accept some new rules for live worship services. And though we do not yet know the specifics of these new rules, please know that they will be thoroughly considered, with your personal safety and spiritual needs held in highest regard.

When live services resume, we understand that many of you will continue to shelter at home and that is okay. We will make every effort to come to you, where you are, by continuing to make FELC worship services available to you through the church website, social media, and DVD. As the members of the special committee tackle the task of establishing the details of our church's plan for reopening, I ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Pray that we find unity and wisdom in our diversity of opinions and that we remain steadfast in our mission. I encourage you to share your own hopes and concerns for our church's reopening with myself and other members of the special committee. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of the special committee; Brenda Shoffstall, Ned and Lisa Kirby, Cyndi Zwiebel, Darla Frame, Charlene Curry, Georgeann Stienecker, Denise Kantner, Rebecca Van Meter, and Chuck Curry.

God bless you and your families!  
Chuck Curry

# Flowers and Candles

## Altar Flowers for the month of June:

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Darla Frame
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Roeger

Thank you for volunteering to supply flowers for our services, due to no live worship services we will be using flowers from the church. We appreciate all that help with volunteering.

## Altar Candles for the month of June:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God  
by Jake & Patti Braun  
in memory of Ferd and Ruth Keller.

## Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
5/3/2020	13	\$3,805.00	\$68.00
5/10/2020	25	\$1,553.00	\$128.00
5/17/2020	23	\$1,963.00	\$118.00
5/24/2020	16	\$650.00	\$ 3.00
5/31/2020		\$1,045.00	\$103.00
	Total	\$9,016.00	\$420.00

## **Our Prayer Corner**

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

The Gardens: Shirley Schroeder, Dick & Jean Chenoweth, Brenda Lippincott  
The Manor: Jim & Evelyn Reinhart  
Roselawn Manor: Anna Binkley  
At Home: Tooty Fritz, Nancy Van Skiver, Corky Slife, Dorothy Dickman,  
Betty Hague

### ***We especially remember in our prayers...***

Tracy Anderson, Rita Barrera, Anna Binkley, Olivia & Calvin Binkley, David Blackburn, Family and Friends of Donna Bowden, Sandy Brady, Jake Braun, Marge Cabrera, Dick & Jean Chenoweth, Family and Friends of Rosie Cole, Melinda Colvin, Tracy Cook, Cory Crawford, Cathy Francis, Leota "Tooty" Fritz, Gary Geren, Deana Kramer, Tandy Laman, Rex & Brenda Lippincott, Jose Lison, Jeff Meyer, Jan Nicolini, Family and Friends of Ruby Nichols, Julian Perez, Collin Rambin, Rachel Richeson, Dixie (Hall) Roeder, Shirley Schroeder, Chad Scully, Brenda Shoffstall, Corky Slife, Tom Stachler, Terry Tangeman, Carlie Tester, Grace Thompson, Seth Thuman, Nancy Van Skiver, Luis Villegas, Jeremy Welker, and Janet Winkler.

We remember in our prayers...our military serving at home and abroad and their families; police officers, firefighters & EMTs & their families; our veterans & their families; and our college students.

We remember in our prayers...our college students: Daniel Hunt, Gabe Kentner, Taylor Fisher, Katie Ronan, D.J. O'Neill, Haley Schattschneider, Cameron Bowersock, and Morgan Fisher.

*If we are missing anyone in our prayer corner, please call or email the office and let us know. If there is anyone who wishes to be removed, please do the same.*

## 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.

<b>Sunday/ Holiday</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 1: 1-2: 4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13	Matthew 28: 16-20
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 19: 2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5: 1-8	Matthew 9: 35-10: 8
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jerimiah 20: 7-13	Psalm 69: 7-10, 16-18	Romans 6: 1b-11	Matthew 10: 24-39
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jerimiah 28: 5-9	Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18	Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10: 40-42
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Zechariah 9: 9-12	Psalm 145: 8-14	Romans 7: 15-25a	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 55: 10-13	Psalm 65: 9-13	Romans 8: 1-11	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 44: 6-8	Psalm 86: 11-17	Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 3: 5-12	Psalm 119: 129-136	Romans 8: 26-39	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

## Funerals

### Donna Jean Bowden

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to the family of Donna Jean Bowden. Her funeral service was held on May 2, 2020 at Eley Funeral Home and Crematory with Pastor Steve Nelson officiating.

### Rose Marie Cole

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to the family of Rose Marie Cole. Her funeral service was held on May 13, 2020 at Eley Funeral Home and Crematory with Pastor Mark Bauer officiating.

## FELC News and Events...

**ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### **Education/Worship Schedule:**

7:00 a.m.                      Worship online [www.myfelc.org](http://www.myfelc.org)  
9:00 a.m.                      Adult Studies via Zoom

**We will not have Live Education/Worship Services for May but please go to [www.myfelc.org](http://www.myfelc.org) to view our online Video Worship Service.**

### **Supply Pastors are:**

6-7-20                      Pastor Mark Bauer  
6-14-20                     Pastor Art Wilde  
6-21-20                     Pastor Bob Gibson  
6-27-20                     Pastor Bob Gibson

**Online worship services** will be available on Sunday mornings by 7:00 a.m. The office will email link for services or go to [www.myfelc.org](http://www.myfelc.org).

**Adult Sunday School** will be available via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The office will email link and instructions to participate weekly.

**Midweek via Zoom** will be available on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The office will email link and instructions to participate weekly.

**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.

**Cookies, cookies, cookies...**everyone enjoys a cookie or two during our Fellowship time. Please consider baking and donating your favorite cookies, or purchase and donate your favorite cookie, for our FELC family to enjoy during our fellowship time. Thank you. Cookies will be frozen until live worship service reconvenes.

**Bell Choir and Ladies Choir are CANCELLED** until September 2020.

**Quilting Group and Bingo at the Acres** have been CANCELLED for June.

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**Vacation Bible School** No in person Vacation Bible School will take place this summer. 3 year-olds through 4th graders will have the option to turn into secret agents during mid-summer. Their missions are under development. We hope you accept the mission!

**Church Camp** If you have not received LOMO's emails about their virtual summer camp offerings and would like more information please contact Rebecca Van Meter or visit LOMOCamps.org.

**Men's Night Out** will be meeting is tentative for Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Details will come later via text. Contact Mike Green if interested.

**Ladies Night Out** will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Zoom instructions will be emailed out closer to event.

**Middle and High School** youth are meeting via Zoom. Middle School meets via Zoom every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. and High School meets via Zoom every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Brenda Shoffstall with any questions and Zoom details.

**Wapak Loaves and Fishes** resume carryout meal service beginning Thursday, May 7, 2020. Meals need to be pre-ordered by calling 567-204-6708 by Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. of the actual Thursday meal. Pick up will be in alley at rear of FELC fellowship hall entering from Blackhoof St. from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Retreat.** It will be at The Retreat House – Spiritual Center of Montezuma. Retreat will be September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Starting with dinner at 5:30 pm. Event's topic will be "You are God's Masterpiece." Any further details or cancellations will be updated when received.

**Altar Flowers and Altar Candle Calendar** is ready for volunteers to sign up for 2020. Please make sure to check your calendars and volunteer to help with flowers and/or candles.

**Kids Against Hunger** is normally scheduled to be in June but will be rescheduled for November 2020.

## News and Events from our Council

### FELC Church Council Meeting

~~Tracy Anderson~~ ~~Jim Bartholomew~~ ~~Jim Bowen~~ Chuck Curry Cari Frame  
Denise Kantner Jeff Ritchie Ryan Schneider Rebecca Van Meter  
Bailey Van Meter

1. Call to order by President Ryan Schneider
2. Business of the Church:
  - a. Secretary's Report:
    - i. Minutes from March 29, 2020 Council Meeting: Edits were made for misspelling of words and some wording confusion in one section.
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. March Report
  - c. Financial Secretary's Report
    - i. March Report

Chuck motioned to accept reports. Denise second.  
All approved, motion carried.

4. Committee Reports:
    - a. Evangelism/Outreach - Denise Kantner No meeting/no news
    - b. Worship/Music – Jeff Ritchie No meeting/no news, next meeting 1st week of May
    - c. Christian Education/Youth – Jim Bartholomew No meeting/no news
    - d. Staff Support – Cari Frame No meeting/no news
  - i. April Custodial and Maintenance Report was provided
  - ii. Mark and Brenda and Hilary are still working, everyone else is on “furlough”
    - e. Social Ministry – Rebecca Van Meter No meeting/no news
    - f. Life/Fellowship – Tracy Anderson No meeting/no news
    - g. Building/Property – Jim Bowen No meeting/no news
  - . Looking at status of building improvement quotes
  - h. Finance – Ryan Schneider No meeting/no news
  - i. Stewardship – Chuck Curry is analyzing giving units and working on charts and graphs to  
show the information.
  - j. Youth – Bailey Van Meter High School Youth will zoom with Brenda and Niki on Monday Evening
5. Old Business:
    - a. Office copier  
We are getting a rebate back, but we would like to know what happened, and why we got charged so much. Ryan will check with Hilary.
    - b. Property insurance

Nothing in the policy to cover lost revenue.

We will look at comparing policies at a later date, we will move this to July's meeting.

- c. Synod Assembly  
Postponed until 2021
- d. Dayton Property Update
  - i. <https://youtu.be/aHbX-aQk6eg>  
For sale by owner sign, with the church's number on the sign, will be placed in the yard by Chuck next time he mows.
- e. Howard Craig Fund Update, deferred until a later meeting
- f. Strategic Plan Updates, deferred until a later meeting
- g. Eagle Scout Project request, deferred until a later meeting

6. New Business:

- a. COVID-19 Update
  - i. Live worship services: We are looking to Worship and Music and Building and Property Committees to choose two people from each committee to help organize what live worship, with social distancing, will look like. They will work with council members Chuck, Denise, and Rebecca.
  - ii. Alternative worship opportunities  
Chuck is making hard copy DVD's for members who would like them delivered.  
Ryan shared ideas that the synod has suggested to reach more members. We will ask Hilary if she can send out the readings and possibly the prayers of the church each week.
- b. Congregational transition
  - i. Supply Coverage  
Other than a possible scheduling issue on May 10th, we have coverage through June.
  - ii. Keeping the church moving forward
  - iii. Transition Team  
Names and ideas were discussed for the transition team/call committee. We will place an announcement in the May newsletter asking for volunteers. We will also be reaching out to some members to see if they are interested in serving, if called. Council will work to put a transition team together in May, after we look at who is interested we will put together a team that matches the makeup of our congregation and aligns with the guidance we have received from Synod, to the best of our ability as a council.
- c. Committee meetings and activities
  - i. Schedule of meetings

It would be helpful to the church if meetings were openingly scheduled so everyone knew when they were being held.

- ii. Distributing minutes in a timely manner for newsletter  
We discussed how to officially approve committee minutes, as required by the constitution while still getting information out in a timely manner to the congregation.

d. Cammie's Place

Per Governor DeWine's order, Cammie had to close at the end of March. She will not be reopening in the fall of 2020. She is asking to not have to pay May's rent.

Denise motioned to waive May's rent from Cammie's Place. Cari seconded. All approved, motion carried.

7. Items for the Good of the Church

Newsletter help is needed by Hilary to complete the May's newsletter. Chuck and Rebecca are helping her with the newsletter.

8. Next meeting: Sunday May 17, 2020

9. Adjourn

Chuck motioned to adjourn, Bailey seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Special Council Meeting to Discuss Cares Act Loan  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Council Attendees: Cari Frame, Chuck Curry, Denise Kantner, Greg Ritchie, Jim Bowen, Rebecca Van Meter (Vice President), Ryan Schneider (President)

Other Attendees: Brian Van Meter (Finance Committee Chair)

1) Meeting opened by Ryan Schneider

2) Discussion of the Cares Act Loan

- a) The matter of the Cares Act Loan originated in the Finance Committee and was referred to Council for consideration.

- i) The Finance Committee recommended that Council review the Cares Act Loan program and the supporting materials provided by the Northwest Ohio Synod of the ELCA.

- ii) After conducting its own review of the Cares Act Loan program, the Finance Committee recommends that Council pursues this loan

- b) Details of the Cares Act Loan

- i) The amount of the loan is based on an organization's previous 12 months of payroll

- ii) The funds can be used to cover payroll, rent, and expenses

- iii) A portion of this loan is forgivable, defined as that portion used to cover payroll, rent, and utility expenses over an eight-week period
  - iv) The portion of the loan that is not forgiven can be paid back without penalty. Any remaining loan balance carries a 1% interest rate for the term of the loan.
  - v) The loan does not require us to make any changes to our current staffing situation.
- c) Because any remaining funds would be considered a loan and the amount of this loan could be as much as \$20,213, it was determined that Council would need to seek congregational approval before signing the final Cares Act Loan agreement
  - d) Due to the time sensitive nature of this matter and the likelihood that these funds might run out and become unavailable, it was proposed that the best course of action would be submit our initial loan application immediately, and if necessary, terminate the process at a later date. This proposal would create the following possible outcomes:
    - i) If the loan application is denied, the loan process is terminated.
    - ii) If the loan application is approved, Council will seek congregational approval before submitting the final loan agreement.
      - (1) If we are unable to secure congregational support, Council will terminate the loan process.
      - (2) If we are able to secure congregational support, Council will sign and submit the final loan agreement.
  - e) Council will review the Church Constitution to determine the best allowable course of action to achieve congregational approval in the event that live worship services continue to be cancelled.
- 3) Council discussed the next steps for completing and submitting the initial application.
    - a) The initial application must be made through a bank.
    - b) Anecdotal evidence indicates that smaller banks were having greater success submitting Cares Act loan applications, at least initially.
    - c) It was determined that, if we proceed, we should submit the loan application through a bank we already have accounts with rather than create an additional banking relationship for the church.
  - 4) **A motion was made to,**  
Apply for a Cares Act loan through Minster State Bank, or, in the event that Minster State Bank is unable to process the application, Superior Federal Credit Union, in the amount of \$20,213 to cover two months of payroll and utilities expenses, with the expectation that a portion of the loan will be forgiven and the remaining amount converted into a loan at 1% interest that could be paid back in full immediately and without penalty. If approved for this loan, Council will seek congregational approval before signing and submitting the final loan documents.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jim Bowen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Curry

**Motion carries unanimously**

5) Cari Frame will ensure that the loan application is completed. Chuck Curry will coordinate with our Financial Secretary Susan Miller to ensure that the loan application is signed and submitted.

6) **Motion to adjourn**

1<sup>st</sup>: Chuck Curry

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cari Frame

**Motion carries unanimously, meeting adjourned**

**Finance**

- No report at this time

**Building and Property**

- No report at this time.

**Life & Fellowship**

- No report at this time.

**Staff Support**

- No report at this time.

**Stewardship**

- No report at this time.

**Worship & Music**

- No report at this time.

**Evangelism/Outreach Committee**

- **Crisis Center**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, we are donating collected foods to the Crisis Center Shelter in Wapakoneta. For June, we are collecting Breakfast Food Items, and will be collecting your donations through, Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, when they will be delivered to the shelter. Thank you for supporting this awesome outreach and ministry.

- **Wapak Loaves and Fishes** resume carryout meal service beginning Thursday, May 7, 2020. Meals need to be pre-ordered by calling 567-204-6708 by Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. of the actual Thursday meal. Pick up will be in alley at rear of FELC fellowship hall entering from Blackhoof St. from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

# Blessings to the Class of 2020 High School Graduates



**Amanda Bailey**  
Senior's High School:

Wapakoneta High School

Senior's Extra Curricular Activities while in high school:

Cheerleader, softball, dance and competition dance

Senior's intended plans after high school: (ex. College/Major, Job, etc.)

Defiance College – PreMed/Nursing, cheering for college

**Paige Nicole McCullough**

Senior's High School:

Wapakoneta High School

Senior's Extra Curricular Activities while in high school:

Cheerleader and choir

Senior's intended plans after high school: (ex. College/Major, Job, etc.)

job-undecided

**Emma McPeck**

Senior's High School:

Wapakoneta High School

Senior's Extra Curricular Activities while in high school:

Dance and Show Choir

Senior's intended plans after high school: (ex. College/Major, Job, etc.)

Ohio State University – Lima campus Early Childhood Education

**Keaton Pulfer**

Senior's High School:

Shawnee High School

Senior's Extra Curricular Activities while in high school:

IT Computer Information Support at Apollo, Photography Class,  
and Soccer Freshman/ Sophomore year

Senior's intended plans after high school: (ex. College/Major, Job, etc.)

Continue to work at Whites of Lima

and find something Information Technology



# The Stewards Corner

by Chuck Curry

As stewards we are called to fulfill the will of God using our time, our treasure, and our talents. This month I would like to highlight two brothers who grew up in this church who have used their talents to protect the health of God's flock during the COVID-19 pandemic. When I first heard this story, I felt compelled to share it. I recognized it as a shining example of how God bestows upon us skills and talents and empowers us to be the instruments of His will.

During the pandemic, Dr. Jason Stienecker has been screening and treating patients that demonstrate signs and symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, including several confirmed cases. Dr. Stienecker and his nurses have taken special precautions while treating these patients, including wearing special personal protective equipment like hoods with their own air supply. Unfortunately, the PPE Dr. Stienecker and his staff are using has some drawbacks, especially when it becomes necessary to use a traditional stethoscope to listen to a patient's breath sounds. The hood makes it difficult to put the stethoscope on, the air supply makes it difficult to hear, and the bulky equipment makes it very difficult to get close enough to the patient to use the stethoscope. Dr. Stienecker tried to purchase a special wireless stethoscope for use at the hospital, but found that the product he sought, like so many medical supplies, was in very high demand and unavailable for purchase.

Dr. Stienecker needed to find a solution that would allow him and his staff to safely provide the necessary care to these potential COVID-19 cases. With his normal means to solve the problem frustrated, Doctor Jason Stienecker M.D. turned to his brother Doctor Adam Stienecker, PHD. Adam has a PHD in engineering from the University of Toledo and holds a position in new product development at Regal Beloit in Tipp City, Ohio. Upon learning of the difficulties his brother was experiencing in his efforts to treat COVID-19 patients, Adam began working through the problem of trying to create a wireless stethoscope using nonmedical components that would be more readily available.

Adam determined that the easiest course of action would be to modify an existing stethoscope, after all, the hospital already had plenty and they work quite effectively under normal circumstances. Adam reasoned that if he could attach a wireless transmitter to the head of the stethoscope and a wireless signal receiver to the earpiece, he would have a functioning device. Adam got to work building a prototype from one of his brother's stethoscopes, a wireless headset, and some tubing he had on hand from tapping maple trees. This initial effort was successful, Adam could listen to someone's breath sounds, but the transmission was not nearly loud enough to be heard over the sound of the forced air in the hoods being used at the hospital. Adam incorporated an amplifier and volume control from a set of ear buds into the prototype, and voila, he had created a fully functioning wireless stethoscope that he promptly shipped off to his brother.

The stethoscope was quickly adopted and successfully put to use by Dr. Stienecker and the nurses treating the COVID-19 patients at the hospital. The wireless signal was so strong that Dr. Stienecker could plug the receiver into his computer and listen to patients' breath sounds from outside the patients' rooms as the nurses moved from room to room with the stethoscope. Having the ability to check in on his patients remotely also reduced the amount of precious PPE the hospital needed to treat the COVID-19 patients.



Dr. Adam Stienecker's wireless stethoscope prototype.

We may all have different talents and skills, but we are all called to use our talents and skills in the service of God's will for our common benefit. Even similar talents and skills can manifest themselves very differently among individuals. A shared passion for science, excellent problem-solving skills, and a talent for understanding how things work and making them work better have led the Stienecker brothers to different career paths and training. Yet here we see these brothers united for a common purpose, ensuring the health and safety of those afflicted by the virus and the brave men and women called to care for them. Surely this is God's will. Thanks be to God!

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work (1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV).*

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<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE</b>	1	2	3	4 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	5	6
	7 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a> Pastor Mark Bauer	8	9 6:00pm Men's Night	10	11 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	12
14 2 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a> Pastor Art Wilde	15	16 6:00pm Ladies Night Via Zoom	17	18 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	19	20
21 3 PENTECOST SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY! 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a> Pastor Bob Gibson 11:30am Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	26	27
28 4 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a> Pastor Bob Gibson 11:30am Evangelism/Social Ministry Comm Meeting	29	30	<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE</b>			

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<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes  7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	<b>3</b>  7:00pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm N/A	<b>4</b>  <b>HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!</b>
			<b>5</b> <b>5 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a>	<b>6</b>  6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b> <b>6 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a>	<b>13</b>  6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.	<b>14</b>  6:00pm Men's Night	<b>15</b>  10:00 am Quilting Group	<b>16</b>  4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes  7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	<b>17</b>  7:00pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm N/A	<b>18</b>
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<b>26</b> <b>8 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Zoom Live Worship Service Cancelled See <a href="http://www.myfelc.org">www.myfelc.org</a>	<b>27</b>  2:00pm Bingo at the Acres  6:00pm Shelter 7:00pm O.A.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes  7:00pm Midweek via Zoom	<b>31</b>  7:00pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm N/A	<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE</b>

