

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our July 2021 Newsletter

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A Message from Vicar Deb



A man came bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: Twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat," for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." 2 Kings 4:42-43

The people in 2 Kings were living in a famine. They were living in a time when there was no food, they were living in a time when the people of Israel strayed from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Moses, and there was a famine of faith. It was a time of fear and emptiness. But God was there in and amongst them (even though they were not aware of God's presence) and Elisha was sent to lead them and guide them to God.

This story is yet another story in the Bible where God provides – even when the people of God are afraid that there won't be enough.

How many stories can you remember from the Bible where God provides? Here are just a few...the ram sent in place of Isaac, manna from heaven that was sent to Moses and the Israelites, the widow's oil, the feeding of the 5000 in the New Testament...these are just a few examples of ways God provides for his people, but there are many more.

How often do you and I fear that we don't have enough. We don't have enough time? We don't have enough energy? We don't have enough? There aren't enough musicians, there aren't enough pastors? There aren't enough people volunteering?

Is your tank running low? Are you wondering how you'll make it through?

God, in our emptiness comes to us through the gift of others, through the love of Jesus, and through the movement of the Holy Spirit. God is with us and is always creating new. And in that new creation, through the promise, there is always a surplus. In the feeding of the 5000, in the manna from heaven, in the widow's oil, there was always plenty left over.

God sends people into our lives to fill us up, God uses us in our weakness and in our emptiness to help others, to feed God's people with word, song, food or love. And out of our weakness, our eyes are opened and we see God's beauty and plenty more clearly.

When you are feeling empty, remember the stories and the promises of God and put your trust in the Lord and the hope of what is to come and live.

You are Enough because God is Enough. What a Blessing! AMEN! *Vicar Deb Monnin*

First English's Stewardship Corner:

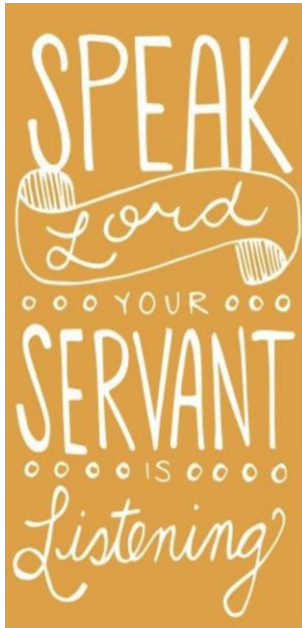
Where is the Holy Spirit working in our Community?

Thank: Thank you for the gift of Loaves and Fishes – out of God's love, we and many other churches in the community are providing over 200 meals a week!

Ask: What is life giving this past month? Where is the spirit calling you?

Support: We lift up Paul and all the kids involved with Compassion International this month! You can read about him if you check out the bulletin board in Melching Hall. Please support him with your prayers and noisy offering!

Service: How might you reach out to those in the community who may need to hear a friendly voice, to receive a nice card, or who may need a helping hand?

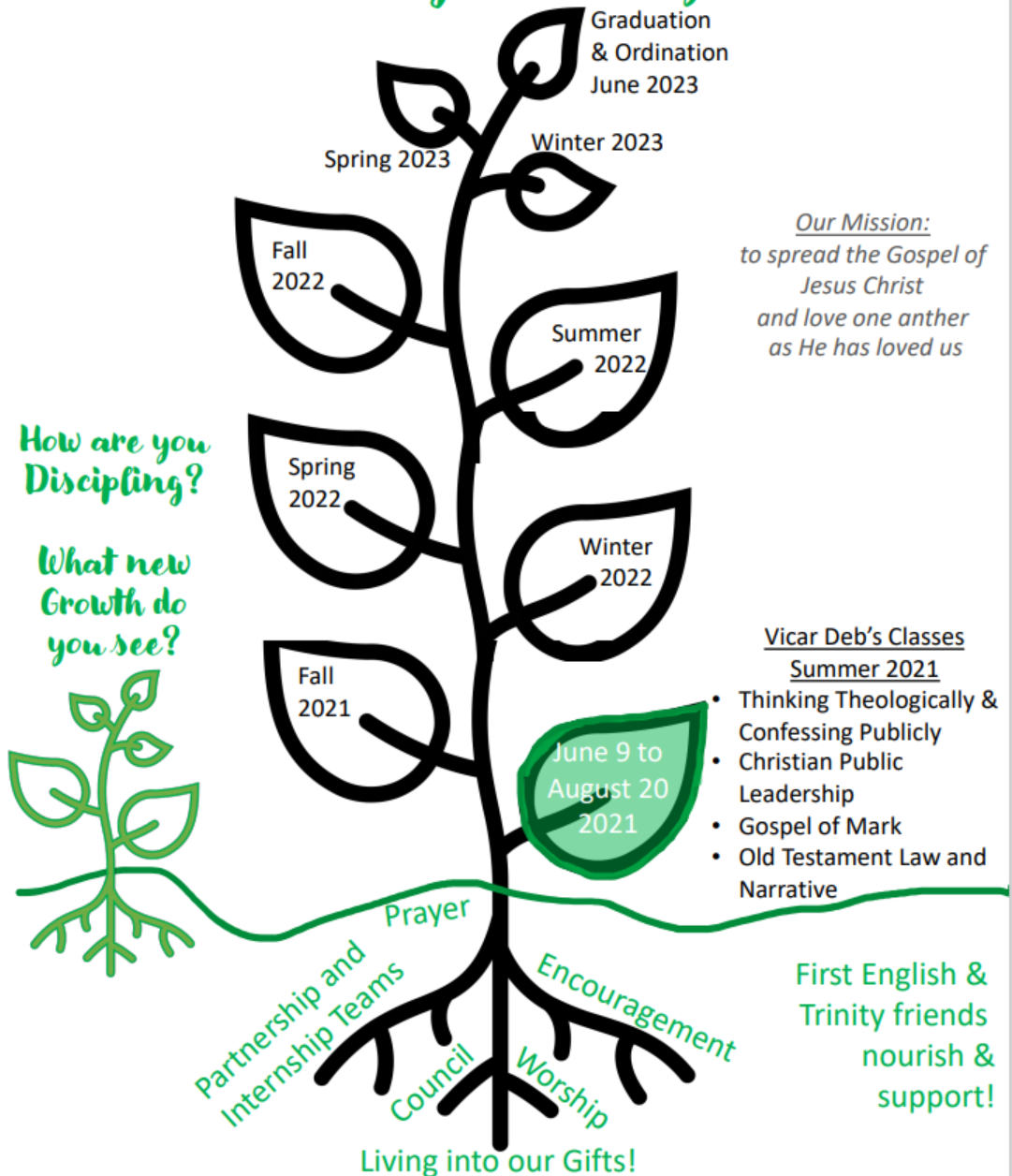


Prayer Practice: Through Prayer and Meditation, our brains and hearts are rewired by God. This month, pick a scripture or Song from Sunday's worship service and carry it around with you. Take a few minutes each day and repeat it and sit with it in silence and let God rewire you!

Vicar Deb's Seminary Experience: Thank you all for supporting me and praying for me as I attend Seminary.

32 of us students and our mentors/supervisors came together virtually on June 9 to get to know each other better. We prayed together, we learned about each other and learned a bit of how we would be in community together. It was a great entrance into our next two years. And then on Saturday June 12 we MDivXers began our first term. Our first 7 days were filled with class – 4 or 8 hrs at a time each day! They call that first week "Intensives" and believe me it was intense! But it is also exciting, invigorating and enlightening. I am amazed at the diversity and insights from my classmates. There are people in the class from Maryland to Alaska, and some have just graduated with their undergrad while others are older than me. Their life experiences are varied also...it's a great representation of the body of Christ. The professors are excited by what they do and truly want to help form and shape us into ministers of our faith. The regular schedule for the summer term began on June 21. I am taking 4 classes (class times are generally Tuesdays and Thursdays) and they are listed in the plant graphic that you'll find later in the newsletter...ask me about them and you can learn with me. Thank you so much for your prayers of support and for your words of encouragement. Vicar Deb

Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ & Supporting Vicar Deb through Seminary



Our Mission:
to spread the Gospel of
Jesus Christ
and love one another
as He has loved us

How are you
Disciplining?

What new
Growth do
you see?

Vicar Deb's Classes
Summer 2021

- Thinking Theologically & Confessing Publicly
- Christian Public Leadership
- Gospel of Mark
- Old Testament Law and Narrative

First English &
Trinity friends
nourish &
support!

Living into our Gifts!

FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jeff Ritchie
Christian Education/Youth	Rebecca Van Meter	Rebecca Van Meter
Evangelism		Denise Kantner
Finance		Cari Frame
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	
Social Ministry	Niki Oren	Teresa Fisher
Staff Support	Jim Zwiebel	Chuck Curry
Stewardship		Dave Clift
Worship & Music	Darla Frame	Eric Wisener



2021 Noisy Offerings

<u>Month</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
January	God's Storehouse	\$9.00
February	Kids Against Hunger	\$120.68
March	Wapak Loaves & Fishes	\$119.28
April	Mercy Unlimited	\$62.00
May	Auglaize Crisis Center	\$100.25
June	Family Life Center	\$209.75
July	Compassion International	
August	Shop with a Cop	
September	Angel Tree	
October	Operation Shoebox	
November	Wapak Loaves & Fishes	
December	Auglaize County Council on Aging	

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of July:

July 11th

Brian & Rebecca Van Meter's Family
In celebration of Vicar Deb Monnin

July 18th

Darla & Ken Frame
In memory of their parents, Norma & Paul Rickert
and Don Frame

July 25th

Altar Candles for the month of July:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by Dave & Connie Krites
in honor of 50th wedding anniversary.

Altar Flowers and Altar Candle Calendar are ready for volunteers to sign up for 2021. Please make sure to check your calendars and volunteer to help with flowers and/or candles. Sign up in church or call church to sign up. Thanks in advance for volunteering!

Available dates to sign up for:

August: Flowers: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Candles: Available

September Flowers: 5, 12, & 26 Candles: Available

October Flowers: 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Candles: Available

November Flowers: 7, 14, & 28

December Flowers: 5, 12, 19, & 26

Our Prayer Corner

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

The Manor:	Jim & Evelyn Reinhart, Dick Chenoweth
Otterbein at St. Marys:	Dorothy Dickman
At Home:	Corky Slife, Betty Hague

We especially remember in our prayers...

Darlene Adams, Nancy Ainsworth, Teresa Bambauer, Rita Barrera, David Blackburn, Melinda Colvin, Cory Crawford, Brenda (a friend of Steve & Georgeann's), Mabel Jackson, Makayla Jenkins, Bryan Katterhenry, Chris Krites, Janelle Krites, Brenda Lippincott, Trey Mena-Linderman, Lou Meyer, Katelyn Rose, Kelly Stahr, Nancy Tester and Seth Thuman.

We remember in our prayers...our military serving at home and abroad, under represented and oppressed people, EMTs, firefighters, police officers, healthcare workers, and our veterans.

We remember in our prayers...our college students: Amanda Bailey, Daniel Hunt, Katie Ronan, D.J. O'Neill, Haley Schattschneider, Cameron Bowersock, Preston Shannon, 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.



Ministries in Action

	July 4 th	July 11 th	July 18 th	July 25 th
Acolytes		Carlee Swaney	Needed	Needed
Lector	<u>AT</u>	Chuck Curry	Maeson Roode	Marsha Jackson
Ushers	<u>TRINITY</u>	Dave Krites Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame Jon Schmidt	Clayton Fisher Luke Kline
Worship Assistant	<u>LUTHERAN</u>	Makayla Frame	Jennie Grundey	Ken Frame
Musician	<u>CHURCH</u>	Karen Luginbuhl	Darla Frame	Susan Miller
Preacher	<u>MOULTON</u>	Vicar Deb	Pastor Melodi Hagen	Vicar Deb
Nursery		Needed	Roseann Schlegel	Bailey Van Meter

Altar Guild for the month of July: Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>NWOS Benevolence</u>
06/06/2021	14	52	\$3,309.00	\$58.00
06/13/2021	15	92	\$2,936.00	\$123.00
06/20/2021	13	40	\$1,682.00	\$168.00
06/27/2021		42	\$1,432.00	\$38.00

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.

Sunday/ Holiday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
July 4 th	At TLC, Moulton	No service	at FELC	John 6:1-21
July 11 th	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 18 th	Isaiah 11:1-9	Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	Colossians 3: 1-4, 8-17	Mark 1:9-15
July 25 th	Jerimiah 23: 1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
August 1 st	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	Psalm 78: 23-29	Ephesians 4: 1-16	John 6: 24-35
August 8 th	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34: 1-8	Ephesians 4: 25—5:2	John 6: 35, 41,51
August 15 th	Isaiah 61: 7-11	Psalm 34: 1-9	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 1: 46-55
August 22 nd	Josh 24: 1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34: 15-22	Ephesians 6: 10-20	John 6: 56-69
August 29 th	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1: 17-27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

FELC News and Events...

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 or by calling the office at 419-738-3911.

Education/Worship Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Adult Class in person and if needed via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Worship in person and online www.myfelc.org

Online worship services will be available on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The office will email link for services or go to www.myfelc.org.

Adult Sunday School is meeting in the parlor at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. We would love for everyone to join our discussion and fellowship. Please contact Rebecca Van Meter if you are interested in joining us via Zoom or Facetime. All are welcome!

Worship on July 4th We will be **worship outside at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moulton at 9:00am honoring Loaves & Fishes**. There will be no worship service at First English Lutheran Church. Worship will be inside of Trinity if there's inclement weather.

Vacation: Hilary will be on vacation June 30 – July 2. If you should need anything during that time please call Vicar Deb, 937-726-0579.

Office Closed: July 5, 2021, the office will be closed in observation of 4th of July, Happy Independence Day!

Council Meeting: July 11, 2021, after worship service.

Men's Night Out will be meeting on Tuesday, July 13th, at 6:00pm and will be at Side Rails in downtown Wapakoneta.

Quilting Group will meet every third Wednesday of the month, from 10am-12noon. Any questions please contact Darla Frame.

Ladies Night: Will be meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:15pm at Hilary Roeger's house. Please bring lawn chairs, side dish and drink. Shredded chicken sandwiches will be provided.

Organist/Pianist Needed We are looking for a person to lead our music once a month or every Sunday. Do you know of someone who would like to play for us?

Wapak Loaves & Fishes Meals need to be reserved by calling 567-204-6708 and can be picked up in the alley behind the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Please remain in your vehicle and the meals will be brought to you.

Noisy Offering for the month of July: Compassion International Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations accepted during the entire month.

You are welcome to join us as we **pray together on Wednesdays**. Pastor Melodi and others pray at Trinity, Moulton at noon on Wednesdays and Vicar Deb will be praying at First English at 5:00 on Wednesdays. We typically meet for 45 min to an hour and share our Highs, Lows, God moments, and then pray. Come and pray with us! Come when you can - every week or once a month or just when you can.

Crisis Center

Each week we will be collecting food for the center, and then on the 1st Sunday of every month, we will be donating the collected food to the Crisis Center. This month we are collecting **Mexican** items, which will be delivered after **Sunday, August 1st**. We are also collecting fresh fruit and produce each month, but ask that these items are only donated on the first Sunday of the month. Your donation can be placed on the counter in the church library or on the counter at the top of the basement steps. If you are unable to attend church you can contact Denise Kantner, 419.236.9205, and she will coordinate a porch pick-up of your items. If you leave her a message or text, please let her know your name and address and when the food will be ready for pick up.

The Worship and Music Committee is asking for help in providing special music for our Sunday worship services. This can be either instrumental or vocal and can be with recorded accompaniment. If you or someone in your family (age doesn't matter) would like to help with this please contact Susan Miller to schedule a Sunday when you can provide special music. Susan can be reached by phone at 567-356-1844 or email her at sugartime@bright.net. We all look forward to the music in our worship services. Please share your talents in praising our Lord.

New Directory is coming! Schedule your appointment online or with Brenda/Darla; September 7th, 2:00pm-8:30pm. Thank you to everyone that have already had their pictures taken!

Bell Choir: Will be starting in September. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, anyone interested, new or prior member, please contact Darla Frame or Niki Oren.

Staffed nursery rooms available. If you wish to nurse or take your young child out of worship, please know there are two spaces currently available to you. The church parlor is good for nursing moms and the smaller south side room, just through nursery, are both available for your use. Church provided toys are limited at this time, so please feel free to bring in your own toys. You can join worship through your phone or tablet by scanning (with your camera) the QR code to the right to access FELC's website. FELC offers free WiFi, the password is **firstwifi**. If these two spaces are not sufficient to permit adequate social distancing or meet the current need for such space, please reach out to Rebecca Van Meter so that more space can be made available. **All are welcome** in our worship services, including nursing mothers and fussy babies.



August Newsletter deadline is July 26, 2021. Please have everything submitted to Hilary by email, wapakelc@bright.net. Thanks in advance.

Auglaize County Walk for Life: Saturday, July 24, 2021, is to benefit the Auglaize County family center. Any interested walkers or anyone interested in donating to please contact Darla Frame.

Announcements from Council

No Council Meeting in June

Church Council did not formally meet during the month of June, but we still accomplished a few tasks this month as you can see in the announcements below. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 11th following worship. If you have any items that you would like church council to address at our next meeting, please reach out to a council member or Vicar Deb.

Sale of Dayton Property Completed

On June 6th, a congregational meeting was held to review a bid we received on our property in Dayton, OH. The congregation approved the offer of \$5,000. The terms of the offer required the church to pay all legal and filing fees. We completed the closing on June 11th and filed the deed with the Montgomery County Recorder on June 17th. The total amount of all legal and filing fees was \$278.50. The \$4,721.50 that FELC received after fees on the sale of the Dayton property will be placed in an endowment fund and not used for current operating expenses.

Howard Craig Fund Dispersal

FELC has received permission from the Attorney General of the State of Ohio to dissolve and disperse the Howard R. Craig Fund. FELC has been managing this fund since it was established by Mr. Craig's will in 2003. The total current value of the fund is roughly \$191,000 and this amount will be divided equally among the nine beneficiaries of the fund. FELC expects to receive a little over \$21,000 when the funds are dispersed in late June. These funds will be placed in an endowment fund and not used for current operating expenses.

This is the culmination of several years of work by a number of our past and present council members, committee members, and staff. I would like to thank everyone who has had a hand in helping FELC to reach this goal. I would especially like to thank Bob Shenk for sharing his time and legal expertise to ensure that this matter was handled correctly and that the wishes of FELC and its fellow beneficiaries were presented accurately to the Attorney General. Thank you so very much!

Fellowship Hall Worship Services

We just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who set up the Fellowship Hall for worship services on June 20th and 27th! When we encountered some unexpected setbacks with the installation of the new HVAC system in the sanctuary that prevented us from holding worship in that space, members of the Worship and Music Committee, Alter Guild, the Audio/Visual Team, and Brenda Shoffstall all worked quickly and effectively to transform the Fellowship Hall into a worship space. You did a great job! Thank you all so much!



Council Notes



“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13

We had a great week at VBS 2021 at First English Lutheran Church! We want to thank all who volunteered their time, all who attended or brought their children, all who prayed for a safe and amazing week, and St. Paul United Church of Christ for our continued friendship.

During our week we raised \$800! That equals 80 alpacas for Ecuadorian families! These alpacas will be a huge blessing to these families! Thank you for all who donated their pennies, quarters, and dollars to this great cause.

We had nearly 40 kids, 3 years old through 4th grade, attend this year and another 20 plus volunteers, 5th grade through 10th grade. We were able to reach over 60 kids this year at VBS! The lesson they learned will help them TRUST JESUS!

Vacation Bible School

Rocky Railway



Day 1: Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

TRUST JESUS!



Day 2: Jesus' power gives us hope.

"So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!"
Psalm 31:24

TRUST JESUS!



Day 3: Jesus' power helps us be bold.

"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."
Isaiah 40:29

TRUST JESUS!



Day 4: Jesus' power lets us live forever.

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you."
Romans 8:11

TRUST JESUS!



Day 5: Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."
John 15:12

TRUST JESUS!

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