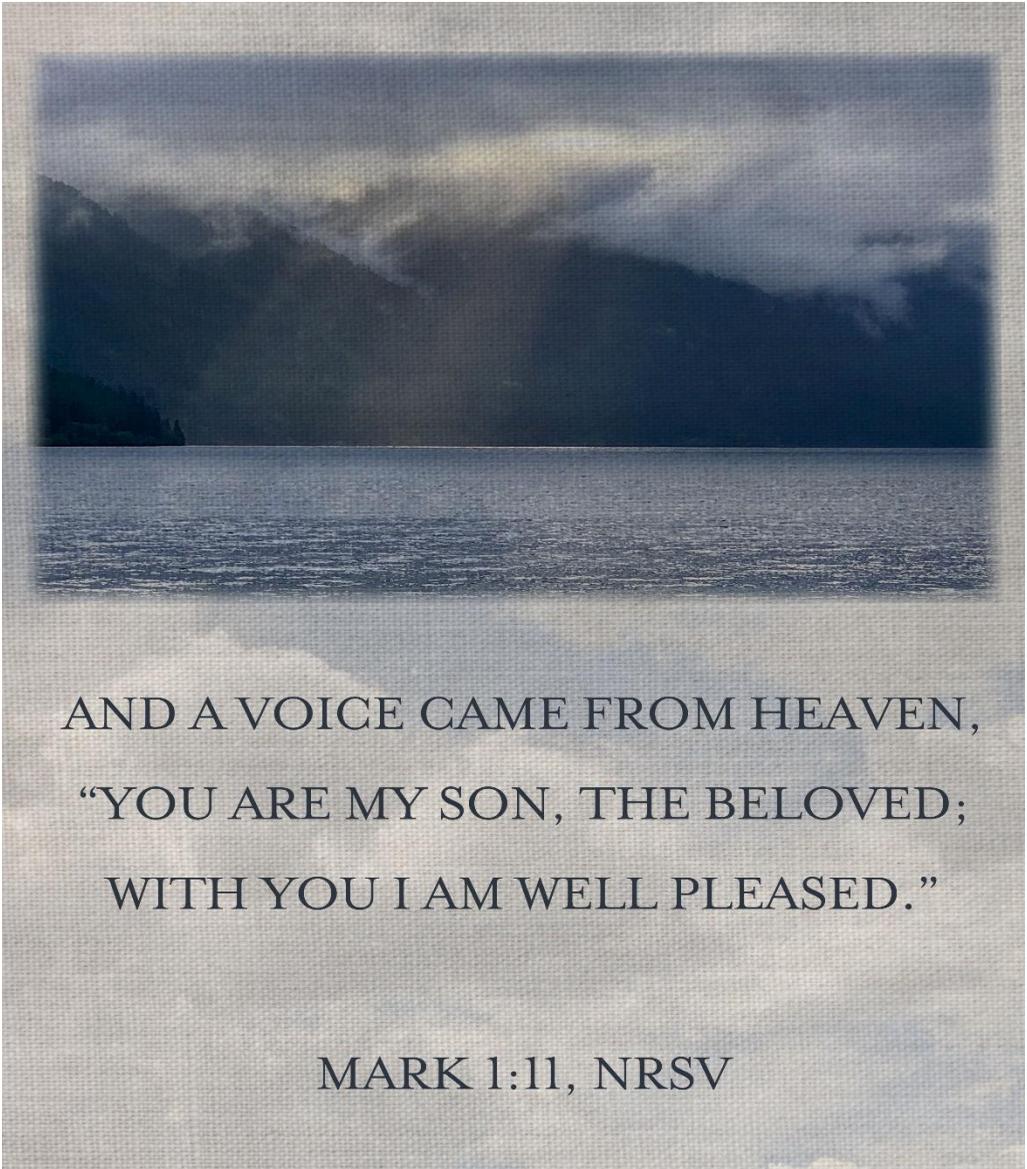


**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Wapakoneta, Ohio**



AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,  
“YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED;  
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.”

MARK 1:11, NRSV

**8 Pentecost Sunday**  
**July 18, 2021**

## WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your presence today makes us more complete. Thank you for being here with us and worshipping with us.

We welcome you to our table for Holy Communion. We invite all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present in the meal to join us. All those who don't receive communion in their church are invited to receive a blessing.

Children of all ages are welcome and are encouraged to participate.

### Worship Leaders & Assistants

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

Today's **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God  
by Darla & Ken Frame  
in memory of their parents; Norma & Paul Rickert and Don Frame.

### MINISTERS for Sunday, July 18, 2021

Audio/Visual .....	Jeff Ritchie & Noah Kirby
Acolyte .....	Needed
Lector .....	Maeson Roode
Ushers .....	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt
Worship Assistant .....	Jennie Grundey
Musician .....	Darla Frame
Pastor .....	Pastor Melodi Hagen
Nursery .....	Roseann Schlegel

This worship service is live streamed and recorded and  
is published on YouTube and Facebook.

\* Please rise if able.

## **Introduction to the day**

Today we have Jesus' birth story from Mark. No Mary or Joseph. No shepherds or angels. What we have is water and a promise, "You are my beloved!" Today, I invite us to ponder what new births, what new shoots, what new ministries God is birthing in Wapakoneta? For just as Jesus was giving new birth and a promise, he was also sent into the wilderness with no family, no shelter, no food, except the Holy Spirit by his side. How might the Holy Spirit be using you to fulfill God's purpose in God's Kingdom today?

## **GATHERING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* by Conrad Kocher arr Chris Rice

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

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

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

### **\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*God, Whose Almighty Word* (ELW 673)

## \* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (p. 184)

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 185)

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, of new birth, we thank you for choosing us, holy and beloved, and calling us with compassion to bring healing into the world. Heal us first, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear your promises so we can be a gift to others through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Rebecca Van Meter*

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

The Psalmist writes:

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4, 8-17**

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,

Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(p. 188)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**\* GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Melodi Hagen*

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)*

**\* APOSTLES' CREED**

Let Us Confess Our Faith In The Risen Christ Through The Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**\* PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the Lord's peace and grace with one another by greeting each other with a wave, smile, or peace sign.

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

During this time we would like to thank you for the work you have been doing, for the support and care you provide and for the gifts you share. As we are not passing the offering tray, please place your noisy offering and regular offering in the trays in the

back. We want to thank you for the generous gifts that you have mailed in or brought in today.

**\* OFFERING**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

(p. 190)

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

**\* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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

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

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION SONG

(p. 191)

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

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

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

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)

*Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (ELW 502)

### \* AS WE ARE BLESSED

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and always. **Amen.**

### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### \*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord for where your treasure is, **There your heart will be also.**

*Matthew 6:21*

**POSTLUDE**

*All Hail the Power* by Oliver Holden arr by Joel Raney

**MINISTERS for Sunday, July 25, 2021**

Audio/Visual ..... Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie  
Acolyte ..... Kagan Zink  
Lector ..... Marsha Jackson  
Ushers..... Clayton Fisher & Luke Kline  
Worship Assistant..... Ken Frame  
Musician ..... Susan Miller  
Pastor..... Vicar Deb Monnin  
Nursery..... Bailey Van Meter

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>NWOS Benevolence</u>
06/13/2021	15	92	\$2,936.00	\$123.00
06/20/2021	13	40	\$1,682.00	\$168.00
06/27/2021	12	42	\$1,432.00	\$38.00
07/04/2021	NA	25	\$3,815.00	\$78.00
07/11//2021	16	45	\$1,958.36	\$103.00

## **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, Shelia Snider, 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.*

## ***What's Happening at First English....***

**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.

### **Crisis Center**

Each 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 Crisis Center. This month we are collecting **Mexican** items, which will be delivered after **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 leave her a message or text, please let her know your name and address and when the food will be ready for pick up.

**Adult Sunday School** is meeting in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. 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!

**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.

**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.

**Christian Education Committee:** Will be having a meeting on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Ladies Night:** Will be meeting on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at Hilary Roeger's house, 1026 W Auglaize St. 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?

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.

**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.



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

**Choir:** We are excited to announce that choirs will be starting again in the fall. Please contact Susan Miller or Darla Frame if you are interested!

**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.

**FELC is searching for** a responsible and attentive individual to take over the role of **church custodian** upon Brenda Shoffstall's retirement at the end of July. This is a part-time salaried position. If you or someone you know is interested in serving our church in this way, or you would simply like more information about the position, please contact Chuck Curry or Vicar Deb. Thank you Brenda for your 15 years of dedicated service to our church family!

## FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>		<b>8 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pastor Melodi Hagen
Tuesday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>		Vicar Deb Class
	6:15 p.m.	Ladies’ Night
Wednesday, July 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity Moulton
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer at First English Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Vicar Deb Classes
	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes <b>FELC HOSTING</b>
Friday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>9 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Vicar Deb Monnin
Monday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>		Vicar Deb Classes
Wednesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m.	Prayer at Trinity Moulton
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer at First English Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>		Vicar Deb Classes
	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes
Friday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

## **First English Lutheran Church**

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Church email: [wapakelc@bright.net](mailto:wapakelc@bright.net)  
Office: 9:00am – 12:00pm

### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and love one another as He has loved us.

### **Church Staff & Volunteers**

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Council Member	Teresa Fisher
Youth Rep.-Council	Makayla Frame