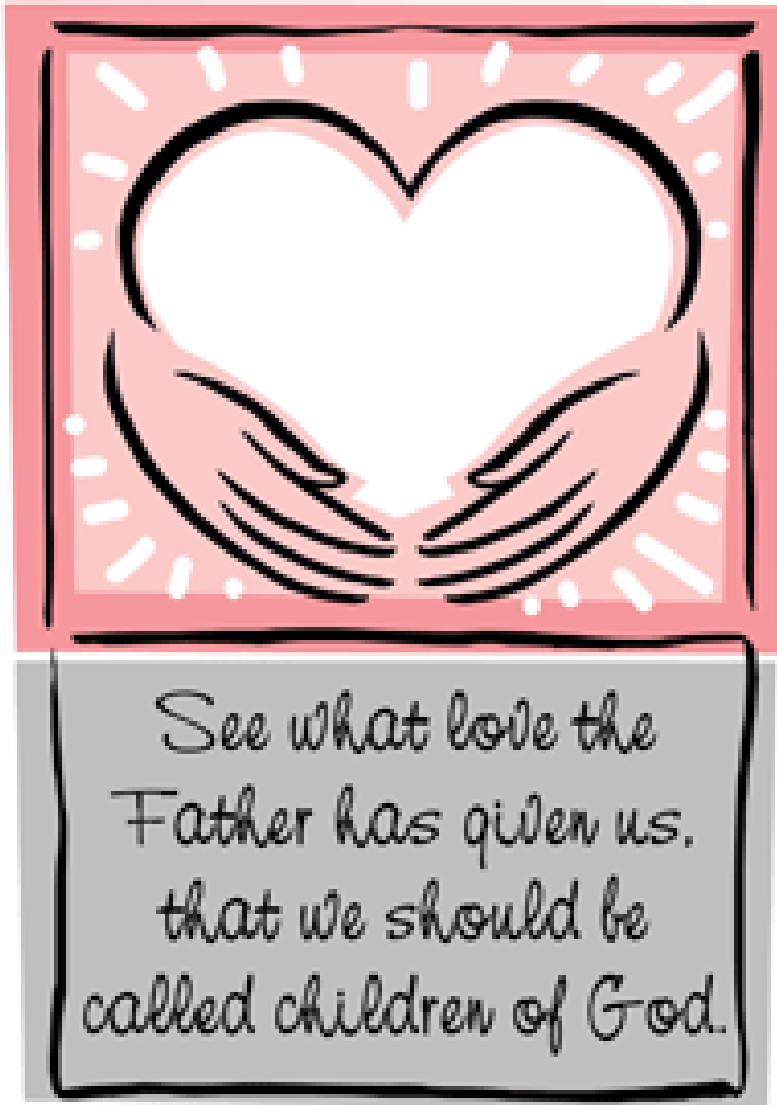


FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio



1 John 3:1, NRSV

All Saints' Sunday
November 5th, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

Sunday Schedule

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

9:45 a.m. Youth Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Worship Leaders & Assistants

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Char Curry
in loving memory of her mother, Mabel Jackson.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Dave & Connie Krites
in loving memory of Marcine Dicus on the anniversary of her birthday.

MINISTERS for This Week

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| Audio/Visual | Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie |
| Acolyte | Amelia Roeger |
| Lector | Sandy Brading |
| Ushers..... | Ken Frame & Richard Yocum |
| Worship Assistant..... | Char Curry |
| Musician | Karen Luginbuhl |
| Preacher..... | Pastor Bob Gibson |
| Greeter | Susan Miller |
| Altar Guild..... | Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner |
| Fellowship Cleanup | Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner |

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

* Please rise if able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Denise Kantner

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise by John Carter

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

* GATHERING SONG

The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)

* 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 (ELW p. 184).** *Kyrie is Latin for Lord – and also refers to a short prayer*

* **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 187)** *This is the Feast*

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by George J Elvey
arr Barbara B Kinyon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca Van Meter

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Gibson

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

For All the Saints (vs 1,3,5,6,7)(ELW 422)

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

We remember those family and friends who passed into the Church Triumphant this year and who now reside in the glory of our Father in heaven with a bell toll following the reading of their name.

Renee Krites, Dixie Hall Roeder, Randy Presar, Pat Katterhenry, Joan Ronan, Richard Carlson, Theresa Nagel, Scott Anderson, Jan Nicolino, Jim Reinhart, Linda Taylor, Mike Green, Scott Fisher, Scott Frame, Dennis McCormick, and Tracy Anderson

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

Let us pray. **O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** THE NICENE CREED**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Thank You God, ...Hear us, O God, **Your Mercy is great.**

We are Sorry God, ... Hear us, O God, **Your Mercy is great.**

Please God, ... Hear us, O God, **Your Mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

* 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Please be seated.

As the ushers come forward, we would like to thank you for the work you have been doing, for the support and care that you provide, and for the gifts that you share.

* OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through 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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION (ELW p. 130)**

*** 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 and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 191)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Eat This Bread (x2)(ELW 472)

Blest Are They (ELW 728)

On Eagles Wings (ELW 787)

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

*** 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**

We thank you generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

For All Your Saints, O Lord (vs 1,3,5)(ELW 427)

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTERS for Next Week

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| Audio/Visual | Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie |
| Acolyte | Faith Whetstone |
| Lector | Doris Fisher |
| Ushers | Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter |
| Worship Assistant..... | Jon Schmidt |
| Musician | Georgeann Steinecker-recorded |
| Preacher..... | Pastor Adam Poe |
| Greeter | Carlene Koch |
| Altar Guild..... | Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner |
| Fellowship Cleanup | Denise Kantner & Joy Kantner |

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

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| Otterbein at Cridersville | Sharon Billiter, Rex Lippincott |
| Otterbein at St. Marys | Dorothy Dickman |
| The Gardens | Betty Hague, Dale & Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz |

We especially remember in our prayers...

The family and friends of Makayla Brandberry,
 James Benshoff, Olivia Brinkley, Dominic Cousins, Richard Curry, Ted Gibson,
 Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Rex Lippincott,
 Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Mitchell Metz, Cathy & Desmond Miller, Jenny Oliver,
 Sue Schoonover, Pam Schulz, Adam Schulze, Alex Shirey, Alayna Smith Geiger,
 Donna Stowell Dague, Seth Thuman, Phil Thrush, Eddie Whetstone, Hannah Wood,
 Nancy Carter, April Nance, Angela, and Skyler.

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.

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.

Those Saints Who Have Gone Before Us...

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| Howard Achey | David Blackburn | Theresa Carnes |
| Tressie Achey | Marilyn Blackburn | Harold Case |
| Darlene Adams | Robert "Bob" Bogart | Peg Case |
| Donald Ainsworth | Lois Bogart | Brookie Casey |
| Fred Ainsworth | Shirley Bonnoront | Alan Chenoweth |
| Phillis Ainsowrth | Donna Bowden | Dick Chenoweth |
| Pastor Cliff Akerman | Carl E. Bowersock | Jean Chenoweth |
| Joan Albright | Marjorie M. Bowersock | Leo Chiles |
| Lowell Albright | Ray E. Bowersock | Edith Clark |
| Scott Albright | Denny Bowsher | Hollis Clark |
| Alma Althoff | Laura Bowsher | Pastor John Clausen |
| Otto Althoff | Walter Bowsher Jr. | Don A. Cole |
| Jerry Amburn | Judy Boyce | Rosie Cole |
| Shirley Amburn | Carl Brading | Emma Lou Coleman |
| Harry Anderson | Charles Brading | Betty Collins |
| Dorothy Anderson | Florence Brading | Johnny Collins |
| Scott Anderson | Pauline Brading | Austin Conaway |
| Tracy Anderson | Richard Brading | Mert Copeland |
| Ben Armer | Eugene Brady | Jamie Copus |
| Phyliss Armer | Michael Brady | Dorothy Brady Cosgrove |
| Virginia Backus | Lisa Braun | Diane Craft |
| Mary Barber | Jake Braun | Clara Curry |
| Ray Barber | Doris Brautigam | Donald Curry |
| Francisco Barrera Jr. | Judy Briley | Edwin Danner, Jr. |
| Francisco Barrera Sr. | William "Bill" Briley | Gladys Danner |
| Lorenza Barrera | Paula Miller Bruns | Mel Darby |
| Paco Barrera | Dorcas Bryan | Karlton Dardio |
| Shirley Bayman | Doris Bryan | Tom Davidson |
| Jim Berning | Harry Bryan Jr. | Laura Davidson |
| Gennelle Berry | Harry Bryan Sr. | Anne Davis |
| George Berry | Maurice Bryan | James Davis |
| Madge Berry | Nina Bryan | Robert L. Davison |
| Norman Berry | Dean Burden | Helen Brown-Deerhake |
| Ida Biederman | Ruth Burden | Miriam Agatha Denton |
| Anna Binkley | Lori Campbell Sprague | Gary Dickman |
| Calvin Binkley | Richard Carlson | Gerald Dickman |

Those Saints Who Have Gone Before Us...

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| Virginia Dickman | Gary Geren | Gusta M. Hoegner |
| Marcine Dicus | John Geren | John Hoegner |
| Robert Dicus | Kathy Glick | Lettie Decker Hoegner |
| James Diegel | Judith Pulfer Golden | Ned F. Hoegner |
| James Diem | Linda Goodwin | Stanley Hoegner |
| Oliver Hayes Dietzman | Margene Graessle | Edith Hollis |
| William "Billy" Doering | Rita Graham | O.V. Hollis |
| Dorothy Hague Dorsett | David Green | Trudy Neuman Horton |
| Edward Doseck | Mike Green | Ethan Howard |
| Jean Maxine Doseck | Doug Guess | Ruth Howell |
| Wally Dulebohn | Edith Gustafson | Tom Hoying |
| Rebecca Early | Norman Hager | Charles Jackson |
| Mary Ehrenberg | Joann Spees-Hager | Mabel Jackson |
| Daniel Fisher | Bob Hague | Flossie Jackson |
| Evelyn Fisher | Don Hague | Glen Jackson |
| Fred Fisher | Shirley Hague | James E. Jarrells |
| Irene Fisher | Earl Hall | Ray Jarrells |
| James E. Fisher | Irene Hall | Leeann Jose |
| Kennedy Fisher | Dixie Hall Roeder | Richard Judge |
| Norm Fisher | Grace Haller | Paul Kabana |
| Paul Fisher | Robert Haller | Terry Kah |
| Paul Fisher Jr. | Kate Harris | Charlotte Kahn |
| Robert Fisher | Jeff Harrod | Emmet Kantner |
| Sandy Fisher | Emma Harshberger | Lura Kantner |
| Scott Fisher | Ray Harshberger | Margaret Kantner |
| Val Fisher | Ferd Heller | Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kantner |
| Betty Fiste | Ruth Heller | Gizella "Gae" Kassel |
| Mary Ellen Flager | Jen Heller Templeton | Paul Kassel |
| Tamara Flanagan | Marguerite Henderson | Merle Katterhenry |
| Betty Frame | Robert E. Henderson Sr. | Thelma Katterhenry |
| Don Frame | Ruby Henschen | Richard Katterhenry |
| Scott Frame | Loren Hernandez | Pat Katterhenry |
| Pam Wehner Frazier | Morris Hickerson | Pauline Kauffman |
| Jerry Fritz | Lorraine Hindenlang | Christopher Kemper |
| Leota "Tooty" Fritz | Robert Hindenlang | Berdella Kentner |
| Abigail Jean Gable | Goldie Hoegner | Bud Kiefer |

Those Saints Who Have Gone Before Us...

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| Jackie Kiefer | William Lippincott | Ty Garrett Miller |
| Marvia Kinlocke | Hannah Lloyd | Ross Minks |
| Ruby L. Kinninger | Darvin Luginbuhl | Roger Moellenkamp |
| Steve Kinstle | Evelyn Luginbuhl | Sally Moellenkamp |
| James P. Klaus | Gregg Luginbuhl | Dean Moore |
| Paul Klima | Troy Marker | Florence Morgan |
| Jason Kline | Gaynell Market | George Morgan |
| Donald L. Klock | Alex McCallum | Tony Mulholland |
| Debbie Klopfenstein | Catherine McCallum | Virginia Mulholland |
| Eric Klopfenstein | Gertrude McCarthy | Cara Myer |
| Lucille Klopfenstein | Bernard McClintock | Ethel Myers |
| Mr. & Mrs. Karl Koch | Bud McClintock | George Myers |
| Iona Koerner | Grandma McClintock | Jim Myers |
| Dick Kohlreiser | Bill McCormick | Bill Nagel |
| Helen Kreeger | Norman McCormick | Theresa Nagel |
| Renee Krites | Olga McCormick | Greg Neuman |
| Bob Krites | Dennis McCormick | Jan Nicolino |
| Virginia Krites | Gert McCullough | Helen Patterson |
| Juanita Kuhns | Melvin McCullough | Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Paul |
| Marshall LaCombe | Arthur "Mac" McDaniel | Katy Perez |
| Mike Lafon | Joyce McDaniel | Dorothy Peteski |
| Reba Jean Larck | Christina McPeek | Rick Pfenning |
| Charles A. Lee | Dr. Lewis McPeek & parents | Joe Pickering |
| Charles R. "Chuckie" Lee | | Lorna Piper |
| Dave Lee | Tony Medley | Nicholas Piper |
| Janita Lee | Alice Mertz | Randy Presar |
| Paul Lee | Waldo Mertz | Judith Pulfer |
| Shirley Ann Lee | Mary Ellen Metz | Sylvia Pulfer |
| Walter Lee | William L. Metz Jr. | Evelyn Reinhart |
| George Lesko | William Metz Sr. | Jim Reinhart |
| Helen Lesko | Lou Meyer | Jim Rentschler |
| Connie Link | Sharon Meyer | Naomi Rice |
| Harold "Bud" Link | Nancy Lesko Meyer | Vernon Rice |
| Nellie Link | Dorene Miller | Shirley Richardson |
| Brenda Lippincott | Louise Miller | Norma Rickert |
| Ruth Lippincott | Thomas G. Miller | Paul Rickert |

Those Saints Who Have Gone Before Us...

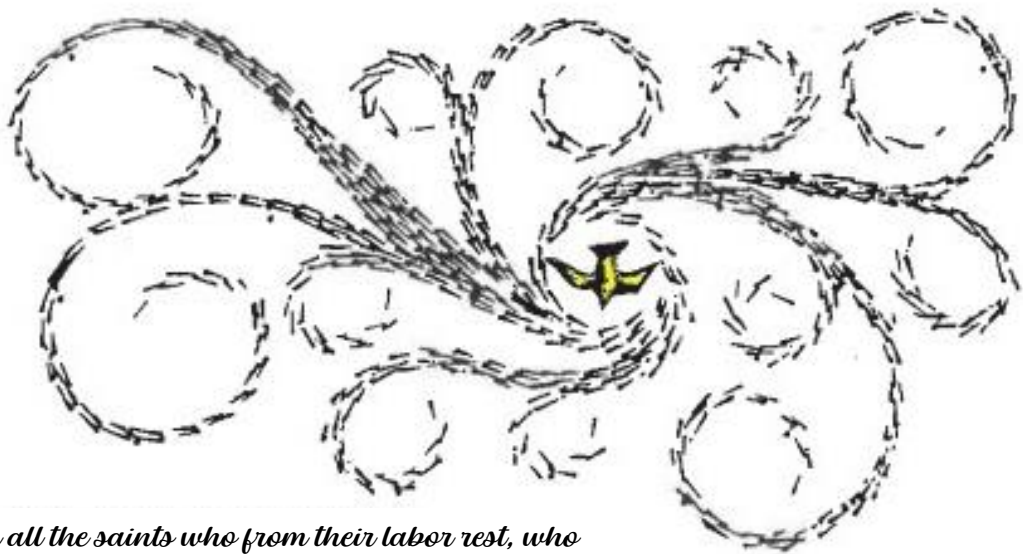
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| Rhonda Rish | Judy Shoup | Ina Titus |
| Ferald Ritchie | Armilda Shuler | Robert Tomlinson |
| Mary Jane Ritchie | Drusilda Shuler | Charlotte Townsend |
| Rose Roby | Denny Singleton | Damon Truss |
| John Ronan | Sally Singleton | Mary Ann Truss |
| Joan Ronan | Randy Slemmons | Sally Van Horn |
| Dakota Rostorfer | William Slife | Robert "Bob" Van Skiver |
| Robert "Bob" Rostorfer | Cora "Corky" Slife | Nancy Van Skiver |
| Agnes Ruck | Veronica Victoria Smart | Daryl Veit |
| Willard Ruck | Guinevere Smith | Michael Veit |
| Bruce Rudebusch | Sharon D. Smith | Mildred Veit |
| Julio Sanchez | Ruth Snethkamp | Leonard Vohs |
| Carol Sap | Mable Snider | Magdalene Vohs |
| Lloyd Sap | Kara Somers | Cora Vorhees |
| Adam Schattschneider | Charlotte Armer-Spees | Robert Waggoner |
| Imogene Schlosser | Larry Spees | Marjorie Waggoner |
| Darryl Schmidt | Ralph Spees | George Walls |
| Eileen Schmidt | Christy Steinke | Kimberly Snyder Walls |
| Daisy Schnell | Carroll "Bud" Sterner | Marcia Walls |
| Dewey Schnell | Janet Stienke | Toni Waltz |
| Melvin "Mel" Schroeder | Delores Stienecker | Charlene Waterman |
| Shirley Schroeder | Earl Stienecker | Noah Weber |
| Lois Schwieterman | Doris Stroebel | Joseph Wemert |
| Patricia Schweitzer | Edward Stroebel | Viola Wemert |
| Jean Sell | Carol Sutton | Carol Wheaton |
| Kevin Sell | Rick Swaney | Allen Whetstone |
| Betty Seppker | Billie Piotrowski Taylor | Donald "Don" Whetstone |
| Ed Setser | Linda Taylor | Douglas "Doug" |
| William "Bill" Shaddock | Howard Thomas | Whetstone |
| Bernie Shaddock | Ruth Thomas | Melvin Whetstone |
| Levi Shar | Mabel Thomason | Rita Whetstone |
| Donna Shaw | Eva Thompson | Roselina Whetstone |
| Harold Shaw | Gary Thompson Sr. | Vilas Whetstone |
| Lester Shenk | Kathi Thompson | William Whipple |
| Curtiss Shoffstall | Tommy Thompson | Rita Wickersham |
| Joanne Shoffstall | Jackie Thuman | Adella Wilson |

Those Saints Who Have Gone Before Us...

Mary Wilson
Karen Winegardner
Carl Wintzer
Alma Wisener
Annabel Wisener
Barbara Wisener
Bernard Wisener
Fritz Wisener
Mark Wisener Sr.
Richard G. Wisener
Ruth Wisener
Carl Wissman

Janet Wissman
Pete Wissman
Joan Wolf
Howard Yocum
John Richard Yocum
Millie Yocum
Plumah Yocum
Trell Yocum
Pastor Steve Yoder
Dick Young
Joanne Young
Martha Youngs

Irma Zahn
John Zahn Jr.
John Zahn Sr.
Fred Zint
John Zuber
Bud Zwiebel
Everett Zwiebel
Jill Zwiebel
Juanita "Wonny" Zwiebel
Waneta Zwiebel



*For all the saints who from their labor rest, who
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

-For All the Saints (ELW 422)

We Honor Our Confirmation Class of 1973



April 15, 1973

L-R: Donna Pryor, Debra Billiter, Joan Heller, Pastor Eldon Akerman, Michael Doseck, Kelly Katterhenry, Vicki Link, Denise Thomas.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Views</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Current Giving</u> | <u>NWOS Benevolence</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 10/01/2023 | 18 | 62 | \$2,867.00 | \$48.00 |
| 10/08/2023 | 17 | 66 | \$2,929.00 | \$48.00 |
| 10/15/2023 | 18 | 67 | \$1,645.00 | \$123.00 |
| 10/22/2023 | 12 | 77 | \$1,632.00 | \$82.00 |
| 10/29/2023 | 14 | 47 | \$1,145.00 | \$10.00 |

2023 current budgeted expenses are \$210,480.66, or \$4,047.71 per week.

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What's Happening at First English....

Noisy Offering for the month of OCTOBER: Operation Shoebox

Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month.

Operation Christmas Child AKA Operation Shoebox. FELC will be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child program to spread the Gospel and Christ's love to needy children throughout the world. If you would like to send a box of love through Operation Christmas Child, boxes and instructions are available in the chapel. Filled boxes can be returned to the church on or before November 19th.

YouthQuake Registration Your middle school or high school student is invited to join us for a fun packed weekend of praise and worship at YouthQuake in Cincinnati from January 5-7. Registrations will be accepted until December 17th and the cost is \$80 per student, but there are scholarships available. The registration fee covers all expenses for the weekend except for two lunches. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends to join us. Registration forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Curry at 419-738-3911.

Bingo at the Acres FELC has resumed Bingo at the Acres. FELC will host Bingo every second Tuesday of the month from 2-3pm, our next date is November 14th. If you would like to help with this social outreach ministry, please contact Brenda Shoffstall.

Hat and Glove Drive for Wapak Middle School FELC is collecting hats and gloves to donate to Wapak Middle School Students. A collection box is located in the chapel.

Worship Music We need your help! If you or someone you know would like to record a song, or sing or play live music for our prelude, let Darla know (it can be any instrument). Also, if you know someone who plays the organ or piano that might be interested in serving as our "organist" one or two Sundays a month or even just occasionally, please pass their name onto Darla, or just let them know we are interested in their services for our services. Thank you so much!

Family Movie night on Friday, November 17th at 5:30pm Please join us for pizza from Al's Woodys Diner and a movie on Friday November 17th at 5:30pm. The adults will watch *Sound of Freedom* in the Fellowship Hall and for the youth will watch *Elemental* in the Parlor. FELC will also provide the popcorn, but please plan to bring your own drinks.

Mission Trip and Christian Concert in Columbus on November 18th and 19th

All middle/high school youth and adults are welcome to go with us to Columbus, Saturday Nov. 18th to hand out food to people in need from 10am-1pm. Then we plan to stay at a hotel near the Polaris Mall and go to Top Golf Saturday night. On Sunday, Nov. 19th there will be another service project during the afternoon and Sunday night at 7pm a Christian Concert at Nationwide arena featuring: Toby Mac, Mercy Me, and Zac Williams. Tickets for the concert are \$45. Please Talk with Pastor Melodi or Chuck if you are able to come for the weekend or just for the day.

Christmas Decorating Please mark your calendars, we will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 1st and 2nd. That's the first Friday and Saturday in December. Our meeting time will depend on the availability of our volunteers.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Poinsettia order forms are now available from the church office for those of you who would like to order a poinsettia for the altar for Christmas Eve. Those orders will be due on November 26th.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, November 5th | 10:00 a.m. | Worship – Pastor Bob Gibson |
| Wednesday, November 8 th | 12:00 p.m. | Prayer at Trinity |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| Thursday, November 9 th | 4:30 p.m. | Loaves & Fishes Community Meal |
| Sunday, November 12th | 10:00 a.m. | Worship – Pastor Adam Poe |
| Wednesday, November 15 th | 10:00 a.m. | Quilting |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Prayer at Trinity |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts (basement) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Ladies' Choir |
| Thursday, November 16 th | 4:30 p.m. | Loaves & Fishes Community Meal |

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Mission Statement

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

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