

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio

He is not here;
he has RISEN!

Mark 16:6



Our March 2024 Newsletter

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

March Council Highlights

In January, Bishop Daniel Boudein called and asked to set up a meeting with council, so on February 13, 2024, Bishop Daniel and 4 other synod representatives along with Council met in the Sanctuary. He read 2 scriptures and we had a very friendly short conversation. We then went into the council room and went over the steps for the affirmation vote on March 10th. Since there were no other questions raised, he then asked to pray for our congregation and said goodbye to us and wished us well.

We then had our regular Council meeting on February 18, 2024, following the annual congregational meeting. Darla read a very nice devotion. Char Curry volunteered to do the March devotion.

We discussed the monthly business reports and the committee reports. Evangelism and Social Ministry met led by Teresa Fisher and have some new ideas to fulfill our outreach mission and will be sharing these ideas with the congregation.

We all talked about the great success of the souper bowl lunch hosted by fellowship, and how it was truly a church event.

Property committee gave a full report on things that have been repaired and replaced around the church. They have been very busy in the last month.

Brenda gave an ELCA and NALC Synod update.

Council approved the agenda for the March 10, 2024 meeting to affirm the December vote to disaffiliate from ELCA.

Georgeann gave the blessing and we set our next meeting on March 10, 2024 . We then adjourned.

As we always say, please come to any of us if you have any questions or complaints.

Blessings to All,
Church Council

FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jeff Ritchie
Christian Education/Youth	Rebecca Van Meter	Chris Nagel
Evangelism	Teresa Fisher	Denise Kantner
Finance	Cari Frame	Dave Clift
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	Darla Frame
Social Ministry	Teresa Fisher	Char Curry
Staff Support	Cari Frame	Jon Schmidt
Stewardship	Meets with Finance	Brenda Shoffstall
Worship & Music	Darla Frame	Georgeann Stienecker

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>NWOS Benevolence</u>
01/28/2024	12	52	\$7,336.00	\$0.00
02/04/2024	18	77	\$5,620.00	\$43.00
02/11/2024	11	82	\$3,844.00	\$0.00
02/18/2024	18	58	\$1,545.41	\$36.00
02/25/2024	14	75	\$2,345.00	\$3.00

2024 current budgeted expenses are \$128,507.08, or \$2,471.29 per week.

FELC can now accept online donations through the church website thanks to our partnership with Tithe.ly online giving. Just visit myfelc.org or scan the QR code to the right. From the church website click on the green GIVE button and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support!



2023 Noisy Offerings

Month	Recipient	Amount Collected
January	Family Life Center	\$64.00
February	Wapak Women's Crisis Center	\$145.00
March	Generations of Hope	

Our Prayer Corner

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

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 residents and staff of Odem at Auglaize, James Benshoff, Olivia Brinkley, Braden Brandyberry, Lily Carlson and her parents, Dominic Cousins, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Rex Lippincott, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Mitchell Metz, Desmond Miller, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle, Noah Schlosser, Sue Schoonover, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Eddie Whetstone, Jim & Cyndi Zwiebel, 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.

Our Current College Students

Please consider sending them a card or words of encouragement.

Makayla Frame Hannah Kirby Bailey Van Meter
BGSU BGSU Concordia-Ann Arbor

Please contact their parents or the church office for their mailing addresses.

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of March:

March 3 rd	<i>Available</i>
March 10 th	Brenda Shoffstall
March 17 th	Jennie Grundey
March 24 th	Sara Young
March 31 st	<i>Easter Flowers</i>

Altar Candles for the month of March:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Jim & Denise Kantner, Angie & Joe Kraft, and Alaina & Mike Vecchio in honor of Dale and Mary Ann Thomas' 70th wedding anniversary.

A new flower sign-up calendar has been placed in the hallway just outside of the sanctuary at the Mechanic Street entrance.

Ministries in Action

	March 3rd	March 10 th	March 17 th	March 24 th	March 31 st
Acolyte	Faith Whetstone	Vivian Fisher	Deven Whetstone	Doris Fisher	Harrison Anderson
Lector	Doris Fisher	Ken Frame	Connie Krites	Chris Nagel	Marsha Jackson
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Clayton Fisher & Luke Kline	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame	Jon Schmidt	Deanna Ronan	Susan Miller	Char Curry
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Darla Frame	Recordings	Greg Tabler	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Mark Bauer	Makayla Frame	Chuck Curry	Pastor William Schultz	Pastor William Schultz
Cantor	Darla Frame & Ken Frame	Darla Frame & Susan Miller	Susan Miller & Connie Krites	Jennie Grundey & Chris Nagel	Darla Frame & Jennie Grundey
Greeter	Joy Kantner	Brenda Shoffstall	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Dave & Chris Clift

Altar Guild for March: Char Curry & Marsha Jackson

Fellowship Cleanup for March: Char Curry & Marsha Jackson

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
March 3 rd	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 10 th	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 17 th	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 24 th	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philomon 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]
March 31 st	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
April 7 th	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-22	John 20:19-31
April 14 th	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21 st	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28 th	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

COME HELP US CELEBRATE

Dale and Mary Ann Thomas' 70th wedding anniversary!

The family is holding an open house on March 16th from 1-3pm at The Gardens of Wapakoneta; 505 Walnut Street. The open house will be in the atrium in the back. Please come and wish them well, they would love to see you. If you are unable to come and want to send a card their room number is 306/307.



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 and Youth Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Youth Choir
10:00 a.m.	Worship in person and online at www.myfelc.org

Adult Sunday School The adult Sunday school class has begun a series of discussions based on the topics of Luther's Small Catechism as our guide. While the Small Catechism will give us our topics and be a resource, please read other resources (especially the Bible) and bring your life experience to the discussion. We meet in the parlor at 9am. All are welcome! You can find a pdf of Luther's Small Catechism here:

http://www.st-ansgars-montreal.ca/WhatIs/Small_Catechism.pdf

Spring Forward March 9th Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

High School and Middle School Youth Event on March 17th Save the date for an upcoming youth event for middle and high school students following worship on Sunday, March 17th, AKA St. Patrick's Day.

Easter Flower Orders Please help us beautify our sanctuary for Easter worship service and honor or memorialize your loved ones by purchasing flowers to decorate our altar. Easter flower order forms are now available at the back of the sanctuary and chapel. Flower options include lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils and each flower costs \$13. Please return order forms with payment to the church office or place them in the offering plate on or before Sunday, March 10th. Flowers can be picked up after our Easter worship service on March 31st. Thank you very much!

Quilting Group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the parlor. If you would like to join this group or have questions, please contact Darla Frame.

Loaves and Fishes Meals 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.

Noisy Offering for the month of MARCH: Generations of Hope Wapakoneta

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

Men's Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th at 6pm at The Side Rail.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 6pm at JT's in St Marys.

Senior Lunch and Learn Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton will be hosting its next Senior Lunch & Learn on March 21st at noon. Lunch will be provided by Main Street Station and the guest speaker is Jody Swisher BSN, RN Neurology Program Manager/Stroke Coordinator from Mercy Health St. Rita's. Jody will talk about strokes and stroke prevention. This is a free event and open to all seniors. Please RSVP to Darlene at 419-202-5553 by March 18th.

Food Shower for the Zwiebel's Jim continues to recover at home. During this difficult time, we are asking the congregation to provide one or two dinners a week for the Zwiebel's. If you would be interested in providing a dinner, a casserole, or a gift card, please contact Brenda Shoffstall. Thank you very much!

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!

Personal Care Items Collection for Our Daily Bread We will be collecting hotel or travel sized personal care items to support the ministry of Our Daily Bread in Lima. A collection box has been placed in the church library.

Evangelism Committee is Seeking Donations for Generations of Love

The Evangelism Committee would like to start a donation drive to help Generations of Love, a new agency in Wapakoneta supporting local kinship, adoptive and foster children and families. Generations of Love is in need of baby through teen clothing, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, home furnishings, books, toys, and food items. If you have any of these items and would like to donate, small items can be placed in the library and a committee member will get the items to Generations of Love.

If you have larger items you would like to donate, please reach out to either Teresa Fisher or Brenda so arrangements to deliver can be made.

The Evangelism and Social Ministry committee is looking for members who would be interested in joining the committee. Our next meeting is March 3, 2024. Please join us!!

April 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Confirmation Bell Choir	4 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	5	6
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter Adult & Youth Sunday School @ 9am Worship @ 10am Pastor Mick Althouser	8	9	10 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Ladies' Choir	11 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night @ TBD	12	13
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter Adult & Youth Sunday School @ 9am Worship @ 10am Pastor Adam Poe	15	16 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	17 10am Quilting 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Confirmation Bell Choir 7:00pm Ladies' Choir	18 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter Adult & Youth Sunday School @ 9am Worship @ 10am Pastor Bill Schultz Council Meeting	22	23	24 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Confirmation	25 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	26	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter Adult & Youth Sunday School @ 9am Worship @ 10am Christian White	29	30				