

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our April 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.



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March 11, 2024

To the FELC congregation:

On March 10, 2024, we held our second meeting to vote to disaffiliate from the ELCA and to start the process of joining the NALC.

The results were 71 Yes's and 8 No's, so with the needed 2/3 majority of 53, it was approved.

We thank everyone for supporting this new path in our church's need for a Pastor.

We will be informing everyone as we go forward.

Thank you,

Church Council

April Council Highlights

Council met for the regular monthly meeting, immediately following the special congregational meeting held on March 10, 2024.

Paula Anderson agreed to sit in on the first part of the meeting to discuss the business of the church and answer some of our questions. We commended the teamwork of Georgeann, Chuck and herself for working very hard on getting our finances put together so it's easier for council to understand.

Two Committee reports were discussed.

We talked a little bit about the synod update and how we will be moving forward.

We approved purchasing a brick with our name on it for the new baby box that the fire department is building.

Brenda passed out 2 NALC constitutions to look at over the next month and then at our April meeting, we will start to put our own new constitution together for congregation approval.

We will also be composing an article regarding a call committee in the May newsletter.

We discussed an evangelism opportunity for our church in the coming weeks.

Council will be sending out some cards to some members that we would love to have back worshipping with us again.

In the coming months, if anyone would like to give feedback or have questions, just know that you are always welcome to join us in our council meetings.

Sincerely,
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>
02/25/2024	14	75	\$2,345.00	\$3.00
03/03/2024	15	107	\$3,945.00	\$0.00
03/10/2024	11	103	\$1,985.00	\$0.00
03/17/2024	10	64	\$2,185.00	\$113.00
03/24/2024	17	70	\$1,890.01	\$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!



2024 Noisy Offerings

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

Our Prayer Corner

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

Otterbein at Cridersville

Sharon Billiter

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 Rex Lippincott,

The family and friends of Jim Roby,

James Benshoff, Olivia Brinkley, Lily Carlson and her parents, Nancy Carter,

Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Connie Kantner,

Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Rex Lippincott, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov,

Mitchell Metz, Desmond Miller, April Nance, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle,

Noah Schlosser, Sue Schoonover, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Seth Thuman,

Norma Wachauf Eddie Whetstone, Jim & Cyndi Zwiebel, 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.

Thank You's

Thank you all for the wonderful luncheon after Dad's celebration of life. Also big thanks to all who visited him over the years! Love,

The Bicknell's and the Lippincott's

THANK YOU all for the cards, visits and well wishes helping us celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed hearing from everyone and you helped make our day more special.

Dale & Mary Ann Thomas

On behalf of the Auglaize County Crisis Center Board, staff, and families served through this agency, we would like to thank you for your most generous donation. It is due to your generosity that we can continue to serve families throughout Auglaize County. With deepest gratitude,

Auglaize County Crisis Center

Our Current College Students

Please consider sending them a card or words of encouragement.

Makayla Frame
BGSU

Hannah Kirby
BGSU

Bailey Van Meter
Concordia-Ann Arbor

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

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of April:

April 7 th	Roeger Family
April 14 th	Becky Kohlrieser
April 21 st	<i>Available</i>
April 28 th	<i>Available</i>

Altar Candles for the month of April:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Mark and Chris Nagel in honor of all the April birthdays in their family.

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

	April 7 th	April 14 th	April 21 st	April 28 th
Acolyte	Nolan Roode	Kaidence Schmidt	Amelia Roeger	Deven Whetstone
Lector	Richard Yocum	Joyce Morey	Joyce Brincefield	Jennie Grundey
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Clayton Fisher & Luke Kline
Worship Assistant	Marsha Jackson	Ken Frame	Chuck Curry	Makayla Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Gary Thompson / John Anderson	Darla Frame	Kelly Walls
Preacher	Pastor Mick Althausser	Pastor Adam Poe	Pastor Bill Schultz	Christine White
Greeter	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Altar Guild for April: Catherine Fisher & Amelia Sterner

Fellowship Cleanup for April: Georgeann Stienecker & Connie Krites

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
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
May 5 th	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 12 th	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 19 th	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27
May 26 th	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

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

High School and Middle School Youth Event on May 5th Save the date for an upcoming youth event for middle and high school students following worship on Sunday, May 5th.

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.

Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center Starting in April we will start collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center. In past we use to collect items based off of a monthly dinner theme. For April we will collect Italian meal items. These items can be types of pasta, sauce, pizza dough mix, pizza sauce, pepperoni, can ravioli/spaghetti-o's for the kids, items for minestrone soup, dressing for salad, grated parm cheese, etc. The crisis center is also in need of basic personal hygiene items. Please put your items on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

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 APRIL: Indian Lake Tornado Relief

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, April 11 at 6pm at Astro Lanes.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 6pm at El Azteca.

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!

April 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 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 Worship Committee after worship	8	9 6:30pm Christian Ed	10 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 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 El Azteca	17 10am Quilting 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 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 6:00pm Confirmation Bell Choir	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				

May 2024 ~

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			1 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Ladies' Choir	2 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	3	4
5 6 th Sunday of Easter Adult & Youth Sunday School @ 9am Worship @ 10am Pastor Brad Hales Youth Event after Worship	6	7	8 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 6:00pm Confirmation	9 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night @ TBD	10	11
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