

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio

*And this is the testimony,
that God gave us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.*

1 John 5:11, ESV

Our May 2024 Newsletter

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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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.

Council Highlights

ON APRIL 21, 2024, council met, following worship, to discuss many items on the agenda. We began with a very fitting devotion and then moved into the secretary, treasurer and fund summaries. Paula Anderson is doing a great job showing all of us her very detailed financial reports. Georgeann is also doing an awesome job with looking into a cd that is coming due and trying to find the best place to put the money to make it grow among her other many tasks. Kudos to them both.

Only 2 committees had reports to go over. Music and worship met and discussed not having a service in the park this summer but rather having a carry-in meal in the fellowship hall and fellowship committee will be overseeing and possibly combining it with Rally Day.

Council also approved this committee's recommendation to give extra compensation to Pastor Bill Schultz for his extra visits and agreeing to lead the confirmation service.

Property committee had a variety of items to relay to everyone. The city came and took down 2 trees on Blackhoof street because of interfering branches being struck by trucks going by along with the trees overpowering the Blackhoof Street entrances. The city came back and planted grass seed. One of the heat pumps in Melching hall began leaking so Perry's replaced a pump kit. Brenda informed council that through our terrible storms in the past couple months, we never had one roof leak. 🙄 we would like to take bids for some outside painting around Melching hall. Please see Brenda if anyone knows of someone who might be interested.

We have chosen June, which is our usual month off of council, for the sole purpose of putting a constitution together for congregational approval. Brenda gave a synod update along with discussing the future call process. We have put together an article for the newsletter, regarding anyone who has an interest in being on the call committee and is willing to commit to this very important task.

We approved the 3 confirmands for confirmation on May 19th.

We talked about a couple other outreach programs at our church in the coming months.

As we hope everyone can tell, all of us on council are working hard for our future here at First English and trying to help choose the right Pastor for us. We thank you for your patience in the coming months as we will continue to move forward.

Church Council

Letter from Church Council Regarding Call Committee

Greetings FELC members,

Council is asking you to prayerfully consider serving on the Call Committee in the search for our new pastor. The top qualifications for a Call Committee member are 1) commitment to the prayerful, deliberate seeking of God's will, and 2) open-mindedness and objectivity without assumptions to what His will is. We are seeking a diverse representation of our congregation.

The time commitment is somewhat open-ended. We anticipate the minimum timeframe would be a six-month period, starting in August, but it's more likely to be nine to twelve months. The commitment would include an informational workshop, approximately monthly meetings, and attendance at online and in-person interviews.

If interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact Denise Kantner, Council President, at 419-236-9205 or 419-738-8289, or Brenda Shoffstall, Supply Pastor & Call Process Coordinator, at 419-233-1956 by June 1, 2024.

We very much appreciate you considering serving in this capacity.

In Christ, FELC Church Council

Who can recognize these women? Do you want to play along?

These women were in the Marianna Missionary Society of FELC. Play along and identify as many of these women as you can. Please submit your guesses to Denise Kantner, either in my mailbox in the library or hand them to me. The person(s) who has the most correct women will receive a small prize.



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>
03/31/2024	11	146	\$2,039.00	\$38.00
04/07/2024	12	58	\$3,091.11	\$72.00
04/14/2024	14	63	\$2,254.00	\$128.00
04/21/2024	8	74	\$3,129.88	\$25.00
04/28/2024	12	60	\$1,758.00	\$40.00

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	\$184.00
April	Indian Lake Tornado Victims	\$702.13
May	Heal Our Heroes Project	

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...

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, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Mitchell Metz, Desmond Miller, April Nance, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle, 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

Dear First English Lutheran Church

I want to personally thank you for being a supporter of Safe Haven Baby Boxes and helping my team and I save babies one box at a time. We are so grateful for the support this donation supplies to our ministry...

...Thank you again for partnering with us and helping us save the lives of newborns across this country. It is supporters like you that allow us to work with these parents and help them choose a good option for them and their newborns...

Monica Kelsey
Founder/CEO, Safe Haven Baby Boxes

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of May:

May 5 th	Carrie Schmidt
May 12 th	Roeger's
May 19 th	Frank & Nancy Heffner
May 26 th	Church Council

Altar Candles for the month of May:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Church Council in honor of our confirmands, Harry Anderson, Doris Fisher, and Deven Whetstone.

Ministries in Action

	May 5 th	May 12 th	May 19 th	May 26 th
Acolyte	Vivian Fisher	Deven Whetstone	Amelia Roeger	N/A
Lector	Richard Yocum	Nancy Heffner	Confirmands	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Clayton Fisher & Luke Kline
Worship Assistant	Jon Schmidt	Susan Miller	Marsha Jackson	Char Curry
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Recordings	Darla Frame	Susan Miller
Preacher	Pastor Brad Hales	Jennie Grundey	Pastor Bill Schultz	Bailey Van Meter
Greeter	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Altar Guild for May: Darla Frame & Deanna Wisener

Fellowship Cleanup for May: Darla Frame & Brenda Shoffstall

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
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
June 2 nd	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Psalm 81:1-10	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23—3:6
June 9 th	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 16 th	Ezekial 17:22-24	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13] 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 23 rd	Job 38:1-11	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 30 th	Lamentations 3:22-33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

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

Youth Sunday School ends May 5th Youth Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer. The last week of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 5th.

All Ages Youth Event on May 5th FELC will be hosting a fun filled youth event for all age groups following worship on May 5th. The event is expected to last until 1:30. We will have an assortment of games available, including 9-Square. Lunch will be provided.

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.

Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center We are collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme. May's theme is Italian dinner. The crisis center is also in need of basic personal hygiene items. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

Noisy Offering for the month of MAY: Heal the Heroes Project

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

VBS Registration is Open FELC will host Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 3rd to Friday, June 7th for youth ages 3 to 4th grade. 5th graders to adults are invited to register to volunteer at VBS. VBS will run from 9am to noon each day. This year's theme is scuba and we are encouraging you to dive right in and register your youth before May 19th. Registration forms are available on the church website, in the church office, or by contacting Rebecca Van Meter. Please direct VBS questions to Rebecca.

Men's Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 6pm at Bud's Pizza in Minster.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm at Bob Evans in Wapak.

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!

May 17th is Family Movie Night FELC will be hosting a family movie night on Friday, May 17th. Pizza, popcorn, and bottled water will be provided. There will be a youth movie in parlor, and an adult movie in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks. Additional details to follow.

May 19th is Confirmation Sunday Church Council has approved Harrison Anderson, Doris Fisher, and Deven Whetstone for confirmation into membership at First English. Their confirmation service will be held on Sunday, May 19th with Pastor Bill Schultz presiding. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this milestone by attending the confirmation service and a reception in the fellowship hall following worship. Congratulations Harry, Doris, and Deven!

May 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Ladies' Choir	2 12:00pm National Day of Prayer 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 At Bud's Pizza Minster	10	11
12 7 th Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Jennie Grundey	13	14	15 10am Quilting 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity 6:00pm Confirmation – Confirmands only 7:00pm Ladies' Choir	16 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	17 6:00pm Family Movie Night - details to follow	18 11am Confirmation Rehearsal w/families – lunch provided
19 Day of Pentecost Confirmation 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	20	21 6pm Ladies' Night at Bob Evans Wapak	22 12:00pm Prayer @Trinity	23 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	24	25
26 Holy Trinity Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Bailey Van Meter	27	28	29 5:30pm Growing Community in Faith @ Jackson Center Community Days – Free Food and Music	30 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	31	1

June 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 2 nd Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship	3 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	4 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	5 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	6 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	7 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	8
9 3 rd Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship	10	11	12	13 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at TBD	14	15
16 4 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship	17	18 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	19 10am Quilting	20 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	21	22
23 5 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship	24	25	26	27 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	28	29
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