

**First English Lutheran Church**  
Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our July 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.

## **Highlights from Church Council**

Council met on June 23, 2024, following worship. We did not have a May meeting. Brenda gave the devotion and then we discussed our financial reports. Georgeann answered some questions, regarding our current finances.

Council approved using \$ 1500.00 from the Kantner Scholarship as a donation to the North American Lutheran Seminary.

We then spent 2 and ½ hours comparing different model constitutions, along with our old constitution. Our first task as a council, after changing synods is to prepare a new constitution. Our plan is to finish it at the July meeting and hopefully have the Congregation approve it in August.

Our next meeting will be July 21, 2024

## **Council Update on Call Process**

We know that members are wondering how this process is proceeding, so we would like to explain what has been happening. Summer is a time for families to be together and take vacations, so the call process will begin in September officially, but we do have 7 members and 1 alternate who have agreed to be on the call committee. Council will approve these members at our July meeting and then we will announce the names to the congregation. In August, we will ask them to join our council meeting to begin talking about our profile for a new pastor.

On September 15, 2024, Pastor Shelly Schultz who is serving as our NALC call facilitator will be leading our service and then meeting with the call committee and council for call process orientation.

It has always been a fact that attendance and offerings decrease during summer, but we as a council hope everyone can agree that this year, it is extremely important for us to come together and help support our church. If we hope to have even a part-time Pastor, we have to do better than we have been doing in our attendance and offerings.

We hope this helps answer some questions and that everyone realizes that there are a lot of steps involved in this process. Our council is taking these next months very seriously in calling a new Pastor, but we are also asking the congregation for help with understanding, patience and with the attendance and monetary support.

Blessings to All,  
Church Council

## FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Liaison</b>
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>
05/26/2024	9	42	\$1,864.00	\$10.00
06/02/2024	20	60	\$2,794.00	\$45.00
06/09/2024	14	60	\$2,046.91	\$20.00
06/16/2024	15	38	\$826.61	\$25.00
06/23/2024	36	77	\$1,765.61	\$110.00

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](http://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

<b>Month</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>
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	\$2,126.21
June	VBS Honduras Clean Water Project	
July	Servants' Day	

## 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, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz

### *We especially remember in our prayers...*

The family and friends of Charlotte Fisher,  
The family and friends of April Nance,  
James Benschhoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel,  
Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Diane Hollingsworth, Ben Jauert, Connie Kantner,  
Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov,  
Mitchell Metz, Jenny Oliver, Charleigh Pangle, Pam Schulz, Cindy Schwer, Alex Shirey,  
Hunter Smith, Evelyn Sprague, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace,  
Eddie Whetstone, Jim 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

Thank you so much for your donations in Dale's memory. Your friendship and support mean the world to us.

Mary Ann & Family

Dear First English Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for all your support for my Heal the Heroes project. With your support I was able to raise enough money to sponsor two dogs for veterans in need. May God bless you all and I thank you for all of your help!

Jetta Van Gundy

## Flowers and Candles

### Altar Flowers for the month of July:

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	--Available--
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jennie Grundey
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	--Available--
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Clift

### Altar Candles for the month of July:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Marsha Jackson  
in loving memory of Charles and Mabel Jackson.

## Ministries in Action

	Jul 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Nagel	Connie Krites	Jon Schmidt	Joyce Brincefield
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Clayton Fisher & Luke Kline
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Jon Schmidt	Susan Miller	Marsha Jackson	Char Curry
<b>Musician</b>	Recordings	Darla Frame	Karen Luginbuhl	Greg Tabler
<b>Preacher</b>	Christian White	Pastor Bill Schultz	Bailey Van Meter	Pastor Bill Schultz
<b>Greeter</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Chris Clift</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

**Altar Guild for July: Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger**

**Fellowship Cleanup for July: Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger**

## The Word of God

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekial 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30, 53-56
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua 34:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

## 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](mailto:wapakelc@bright.net) or by calling the office at 419-738-3911.

### Education/Worship Schedule:

9:00 a.m.                      Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.                     Worship in person and online at [www.myfelc.org](http://www.myfelc.org)

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

### Noisy Offering for the month of JULY: Servant's Day

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

**Loaves and 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.

**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. July's theme is BBQ. 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.

**Men's Night** is scheduled for Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at The Inn Between.

**Ladies' Night Lunch** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at The Whaling Knife, next to the theater in downtown Wapakoneta.

**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!

**Summer Office Hours** Starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Church Office hours will be Monday through Friday from 10am to 1pm.

**Adjustment to Office Hours** From July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup> church office hours will shift. During this two-week period, office hours will be from 1pm to 4pm, Monday through Friday. If you need access to the church outside of these times, please contact Brenda Shoffstall.



# Puzzle!

## THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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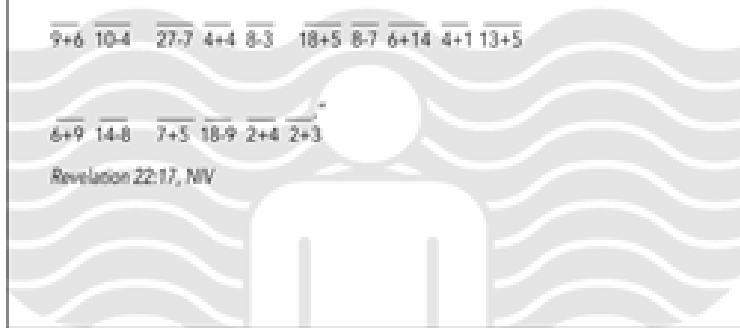
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Revelation 22:17, NIV



**Puzzle Answer: “Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life”**

~ July 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Have a happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! Office Closed	5	6
7 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Christian White	8	9	10	11 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night At The Inn Between	12	13
14 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz  Worship Committee meeting after worship	15  1pm-4pm Office Open	16 11:30am Ladies' Night at The Whaling Knife  1pm-4pm Office Open	17 10am Quilting  1pm-4pm Office Open	18 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes  1pm-4pm Office Open	19  1pm-4pm Office Open	20
21 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Bailey Van Meter  Church Council meeting following worship	22  1pm-4pm Office Open	23  1pm-4pm Office Open	24  1pm-4pm Office Open	25 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes  1pm-4pm Office Open	26  1pm-4pm Office Open	27
28 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	29	30	31			

~ August 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Rock the Lake Feat. Crowder Lakeview, OH 1pm FREE public event
<b>4</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night At TBD	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Chuck Curry	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	<b>21</b> 10am Quilting	<b>22</b> 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Church Council meeting following worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>