

First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our August 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 Sunday, July 21st, following worship and listened to a very nice devotion given by Chris Nagel.

We discussed the business of the church and the Worship and Music committee meeting from July 14. September 8 has been set for Rally Day, with a carry in meal and activities for the youth. Blessing of the back packs will be done on that day too.

A large portion of our meeting was devoted to finishing a new constitution for our church. David Clift will be working on putting together a draft and then it will go to the office for final printing. We will be holding a congregational meeting to have it approved and then sent to the NALC for final approval in the near future.

The Call committee nominees were discussed and approved. The committee consists of Robin Klock, Carlene Koch, Richard Yocum, Hilary Roeger, Ken Frame and Carrie Schmidt. Makayla Frame was selected as an alternate and Brenda Shoffstall will be Council Liaison. We wish to thank all of these members that have agreed to be a part of this very important commitment to finding our new Pastor. At our next meeting on August 25, we will invite them to meet with us to discuss how we proceed.

An email sent by Chuck Curry was read, announcing his decision to resign as Office Administrator, effective August 31. Chuck has done a great job in this position but with all of his other jobs now, he is having trouble trying to juggle his busy schedule. We will be posting his job in the near future in our bulletins and newsletter.

Our next meeting will be August 25th. Please reach out with any concerns to any council members and thanks to all for supporting First English.

Blessings,
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>
06/30/2024	14	57	\$1,415.00	\$110.00
07/07/2024	8	62	\$2,814.20	\$10.00
07/14/2024	11	73	\$2,927.00	\$150.00
07/21/2024	9	55	\$1,615.20	\$10.00
07/28/2024	9	59	\$1,423.00	\$10.00

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	\$2,126.21
June	VBS Honduras Clean Water Project	\$494.25
July	Servants' Day	\$118.00
August	Operation Christmas Child	

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 Kelli Glick,
Pastor Bill, Concordia Ann Arbor, James Benshoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case,
Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert,
Paula Jauert, Connie Kantner, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner,
Carlene Koch, 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,
Sara Young, 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.

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of August:

August 4 th	The Ronan Family
August 11 th	--Available--
August 18 th	--Available--
August 25 th	Chad & Amelia Sterner

Altar Candles for the month of August:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by the people of God.

Ministries in Action

	August 4 th	August 11 th	August 18 th	August 25 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Marsha Jackson	Joyce Brincefield	Amelia Roeger
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame	Makayla Frame	Deanna Ronan	Ken Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Darla Frame	Recordings	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Mick Althouser	Pastor Bill Schultz	Chuck Curry	Chaplain Leslie Haines (Major) Ret.
Greeter	Chris Nagel	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Altar Guild for August: Brenda Shoffstall & Chris Nagel

Fellowship Cleanup for August: Brenda Shoffstall & Chris Nagel

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
August 4 th	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 11 th	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 18 th	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 25 th	Joshua 34:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
September 1 st	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 8 th	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 15 th	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 22 nd	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 29 th	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

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

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.

Noisy Offering for the month of AUGUST: Operation Christmas Child

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. August's theme is Breakfast. 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, August 8th at 6pm at The Beer Barrel in St. Marys.

Ladies' Lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th at 11:30am at Bob Evans.

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 2nd and ending August 9th, the Church Office hours will be Monday through Friday from 10am to 1pm. Beginning August 10th, office hours will return to 11am to 1pm.

FELC is Hiring FELC is seeking qualified candidates for the position of office administrator. This is a part-time salaried position. The desired work schedule is Monday through Friday from 9am to noon. Duties include but are not limited to maintaining office hours, greeting visitors, answering the phone, responding to emails, drafting and publishing worship bulletins, newsletters, and other church correspondence, maintaining church records, assisting the Council, Committees, and Staff of FELC, and other tasks as needed. Candidates should have good verbal and written communication skills and be comfortable operating computers and proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel and Outlook. Please contact Denise Kantner at 419-738-8289 or Brenda Shoffstall at 419-233-1956 if interested in this position.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

~ August 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	2	3 Rock the Lake Feat. Crowder Lakeview, OH 1pm FREE public event
4 11 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser	5	6	7	8 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night @ Beer Barrel St. Marys	9	10
11 12 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	12	13	14	15 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	16	17
18 13 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Chuck Curry	19	20 1130am Ladies' Lunch at Bob Evans	21 10am Quilting	22 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	23	24
25 14 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship CH Leslie Haines (Maj) ret Church Council meeting following worship	26	27	28	29 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	30	31

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 15 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Dale Stanley	2	3	4	5 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	6	7
8 16 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser Rally Day	9	10	11	12 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night At TBD	13	14
15 17 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Shelly Schultz Church Council meeting following worship	16	17 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	18 10am Quilting 6pm Confirmation – Students and Families	19 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	20	21
22 18 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Jennie Grundey	23	24	25 6pm Confirmation	26 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	27	28
29 19 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser	30					