

# First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our September 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 August 25<sup>th</sup> following the service and had the call committee come in for a few minutes to go over our beginning steps for the call process. We will all be meeting with Pastor Shelly Schultz on September 15<sup>th</sup> to officially begin moving toward our path of finding our new pastor. We know it's been a long road but with understanding and better support from the congregation, we will achieve this goal.

Council went over the financial reports and was informed by our accountant, that it is not possible for us to have a full-time pastor by the offerings that are being received. We will be discussing in the next few months, our options on affording a part-time pastor.

There were no committee meetings last month, so we had no reports to hear.

We discussed the sanctuary lighting improvement. We have had a couple donors offer to help with this project. Council couldn't approve it until we find solutions to the installation issues, so it was tabled until next month.

Chuck Curry came in to discuss the details of his outgoing position. He is very willing to spend time to help train the new office administrator. We will compensate him for his time. Council thanked and commended him for everything he has done for FELC. We have also offered space for him to still do this very important homeless mission at our church.

We interviewed 2 applicants for Chuck's position. We discussed at great length of how we can have the most qualified and smoothest transition for our church. Council approved the motion to offer Hilary Roeger the position. Her schedule will be Monday through Friday, 8:30-12:30 beginning September 3, 2024.

Our next meeting will be September 15, 2024 following worship.

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>
07/28/2024	9	59	\$1,423.00	\$10.00
08/04/2024	12	54	\$4,510.00	\$45.00
08/11/2024	19	75	\$1,770.80	\$90.00
08/18/2024	11	43	\$2,454.91	\$125.00
08/25/2024	7	68	\$1,308.00	\$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](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	\$494.25
July	Servants' Day	\$118.00
August	Operation Christmas Child	
September	Angel Tree	

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

Celina Manor Sharon Billiter  
Otterbein at St. Marys Dorothy Dickman  
The Gardens Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz

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

Concordia Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benshoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Paula Jauert, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Nixon Palte, Pam Schulz, Cindy Schwer, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Evelyn Sprague, Georgeann Stienecker, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Sara Young, Jim Zwiebel, Angela, and Samir.

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 September:

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jennie Grundey
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck & Joy Kantner
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	--Available--
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Miller
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa McCormick

### Altar Candles for the month of September:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by the Roeger family in celebration of Hilary and Mike's anniversary this month.

## Ministries in Action

	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lector</b>	Richard Yocum	Marsha Jackson	Sandy Brading	Carley Craft	Joyce Brincefield
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Jon Schmidt	Susan Miller	Marsha Jackson	Char Curry	Deanna Ronan
<b>Musician</b>	Darla Frame	Karen Luginbuhl	<i>Recordings</i>	<i>Recordings</i>	Darla Frame
<b>Preacher</b>	Dale Stanley	Pastor Mick Althouser	Pastor Shelly Schultz	Jennie Grundey	Pastor Mick Althouser
<b>Greeter</b>	Desiree Lanteigne & Lily'Ann Knauth	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>					Vivian Fisher

**Altar Guild for September: Deanna Ronan & Lisa Kirby**

**Fellowship Cleanup for September: Deanna Ronan & Lisa Kirby**

## The Word of God

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

## 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 SEPTEMBER: Angel Tree**

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. September's theme is Pizza. 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 Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Astro Lanes.

**Ladies' Night** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Krave.

**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!

**Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th** Rally Day will be next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be activities for the youth starting at 9am and in the fellowship hall after worship. We will have a carry in meal and fellowship time following worship. Pulled pork and cheesy potatoes will be provided. We hope to see you there!

**Senior Lunch and Learn on September 19<sup>th</sup>** The next senior lunch and learn is scheduled for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton and will feature lunch from J. Marie's and a presentation from Missy Schlenker, a physical therapist with Mercy Health. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Darlene Risner at 419-202-5553 by Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Servant's Day is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** The Wapakoneta Ministerial Association is organizing its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Servant's Day on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in a Servant's Day service project, please contact Kelly Walls or the church office. Thank you for your interest in serving our community!







## BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

*Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV*

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _

Help me, Lord my \_\_od;  
 save \_\_e \_\_ccording \_\_o  
 your un\_\_ailing l\_\_ve.

*Psalm 109:26, NIV*

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

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		1	2 6pm Confirmation Bell Choir	3 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	4	5
6 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser  11:15am Worship and Music Committee	7	8	9 6pm Confirmation	10 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night At TBD	11	12
13 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	14	15 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	16 10am Quilting 6pm Confirmation Bell Choir	17 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	18	19
20 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Christian White	21	22	23 6pm Confirmation	24 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	25	26
27 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	28	29	30 6pm Confirmation Bell Choir			