

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our October 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.

Highlights from Church Council

Council met on September 15th. Following worship, Pastor Shelly Schultz met with call committee and council to begin orientation. She went over the call process manual at great lengths, while stressing the point that prayer is very important for everyone in this congregation and finding a pastor is on God's timeline. The call committee will start with several Bible studies. The committee will also be finding diverse ways of communicating with the congregation, so that everyone stays informed. Everyone at First English has a part in helping to find our future Pastor. The council had the regular monthly meeting, after Pastor Shelly and call committee left.

Chris Nagel read the devotion and prayer. We looked over the minutes and financial reports and approved everyone except one report that will be amended and then approved in October.

Christian Ed committee met in September but did not have the minutes so will look at them also in October. Property committee will be meeting September 22 at 9:00 to discuss maintenance issues.

Finance Committee will be meeting in October to begin making a new budget for 2025.

We worked on the final changes to our new constitution and will hopefully approve it in October.

Brenda filled everyone in on Gods Storehouse move to our church. There has been quite a bit of reorganizing and moving items. Thank you to everyone that has helped in this mission. They will start moving into the large Sunday school space after October 9th.

Council approved membership to Desiree Lanteigne.

We then adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is October 20, 2024.

In the next months, we will be looking at where we really are with our spirituality and the finances here and our options to improve them. Please help support our church with support and willingness to help.

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>
09/03/2024	20	51	\$1,780.00	\$110.00
09/08/2024	13	49	\$1,827.00	\$35.00
09/15/2024	12	55	\$3,329.62	\$125.00
09/22/2024	11	50	\$2,788.00	\$10.00
09/29/2024	13	90	\$1,878.20	\$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	\$116.00
September	Angel Tree	\$103.00
October	Loaves & Fishes	

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

Celina Manor
Otterbein at St. Marys
The Gardens

Sharon Billiter
Dorothy Dickman
Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz

We especially remember in our prayers...

Family of Bob & Debbie Shenk, Sharon Billiter, Dorothy Dickman, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, Lee Albright, James Benshoff, Nancy Carter, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Se'vie Daniel, Emily Fisher, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Nixon Palte, Pam Schulz, Cindy Schwer, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Evelyn Sprague, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, Jacob Schlosser, Simar, Brett Eley and Eloise Katterhenry.

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.

Prayer from Call Committee

Please pray throughout the month:

Heavenly father, we humbly pray, asking for help from Your Holy Spirit to guide us and give us wisdom to do what is best for your people who abide in this place of worship. We thank you for those who have shared their time and talents during this interim, but you know we are in need of a spiritual leader to help us grow in your Word. We pray to be open, patient and to do your Will in this process. In Your name we pray. Amen.



Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of October:

October 6 th	Amelia Sterner
October 13 th	Ronan's Wedding Anniversary
October 20 th	Chris Nagel
October 27 th	--Available--

Altar Candles for the month of October:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by
Chris & Mark Nagel in memory of Chris' sister, Lorna Piper.

Events ...

Morgan's Place Event: For the third year running, Soul'd Out, a Christian music group will perform a benefit for Morgan's Place. Event is Saturday evening, October 19th. The event will be held at Winner Family Harvest Barn, 7317 State Route 47, DeGraff, OH. Doors open at 5:00pm and activities include a quilt auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children (12yrs & under). For more information, please call (937) 726-998 or (937) 497-8118.

Senior Lunch and Learn on October 17th: The next senior lunch and learn is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at noon. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton and will feature lunch from J. Marie's and will learn how music/art adds to a happy, healthy life. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Darlene Risner at 419-202-5553 by Monday, October 14th.

Interested in supporting people with Dementia and Alzheimer's? The Alzheimer's Assoc. NW Ohio Chapter is leading a monthly educational series right here in our community. Free of charge! There are two venues and two meeting times. Trinity Lutheran Moulton, 1st Tuesday of month at 6:30pm and St. Paul UCC Wapak, 2nd Wednesday of month at 1:30pm. The first session is titled "Healthy Living for your Brain & Body" in October.

Ministries in Action

	Oct. 6 th	Oct. 13 th	Oct. 20 th	Oct. 27 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Connie Krites	Georgeann Stienecker	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame	Ken Frame	Darla Frame	Jon Schmidt
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Darla Frame	<i>Recordings</i>	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Mick Althouser	Pastor Bill Schultz	Christian White	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter	Dave & Chris Clift	Dave & Chris Clift	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Brenda Shoffstall</i>
Acolyte	Amelia Roeger	Nolan Roode	Kadience Schmidt	Faith Whetstone

Altar Guild for October: Marsha Jackson & Char Curry

Fellowship Cleanup for October: Marsha Jackson & Char Curry

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
October 6 th	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 13 th	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 20 th	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 27 th	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
November 3 rd	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Psalm 24	Revelations 21: 1-6a	John 11: 32-44
November 10 th	1 Kings 17: 8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrew 9: 24-28	Mark 12: 38-44
November 17 th	Daniel 12: 1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrew 10: 11-14 [15-18] 19-25	Mark 13: 1-8
November 24 th	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelations 1: 4b-8	John 18: 33-37

Thank You's ...

Thank you for welcoming the wedding of Olivia & A.J. This was a great day for all of us and we are grateful to you.
~Steve & Terry Nelson

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes for our anniversary. You helped make our day more special.
~Jim & Denise Kantner

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
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 OCTOBER: Loaves & Fishes

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. FELC is hosting October 10th, we will need volunteers and cookies made.

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. October's theme is Items for Soups. 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.

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!

Men's Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at K-Ville Woody's at 6:00pm.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at El Azteca.

Youth Quake: Inviting all youth 6th grade and older to Youth Quake in Cincinnati, OH on January 3-5, 2025. Early bird registration is due by October 15th! Contact the office if your youth are interested. It is always a fun time! Pre-Meeting will be November 3rd after worship with lunch, devotional, planning and 9-Square practice!

Loaves & Fishes: We will be hosting Loaves & Fishes on October 10th. We need volunteers to make cookies. Please contact Connie Krites or Brenda Shoffstall if interested.

Baptisms September 29, 2024:

Nevaeh Marie Estep, Isaiah Walker Whetstone, Isabella Mae Whetstone and Isaac Edward Whetstone are children of Alexander Whetstone and Ashley Haffa. Their grandfather and grandmother are Edward Whetstone and Jennifer Flinn. Their great grandmother is Harriet Whetstone.

Lillian Marie Lanteigne is the daughter of Desiree Lanteigne. We welcome them to our church family!

Fall Event on October 13th:

We are inviting FELC members on an outing together to VanDemark Farms in Sidney, OH. We will gather back at church by 1:00pm and then head to VanDemark by 1:30pm for corn maze, inflatables, mini golf, and more! Or bring a bag lunch and stay until 1pm. Youth (Sunday School age) are paid for by church. When 10+ people attend, admission is \$9! If interested, please let the office know, 419-738-3911 or wapakelc@bright.net.



VanDemark Farm Sidney, Ohio Exit 90

NOW OPEN WEEKENDS!
Admission \$12 (5 & under are free)

Friday 6-11pm
Saturday 12-11pm
Sunday 12-7pm

Paid Admission Includes
Corn Maze
Petting Zoo
Mini Golf
Hay Ride
Play Zone
Large Inflatable
Bonfires

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir 6:45pm Call Committee Bible Study 7pm Women's Choir	3 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	4	5
6 20 th Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althouser Acolyte Amelia Roeger After worship Finance Committee	7	8	9 5:30pm Confirmation 6:45pm Call Committee Bible Study	10 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes (FELC-hosting) 6pm Men's Night At K-Ville Woody's	11	12
13 21 st Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Acolyte Nolan Roode 1pm VanDemark Event	14 Columbus Day Office Closed	15 6pm Ladies' Night at El Azteca Youth Quake- Early Bird Reg Due	16 10am Quilting 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir 6:45pm Call Committee Bible Study 7pm Women's Choir	17 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	18	19
20 22 nd Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship- W. Choir Christian White Acolyte Kadience Schmidt	21	22	23 5:30pm Confirmation	24 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes Halloween Parade	25	26
27 23 rd Sunday of Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Acolyte Faith Whetstone After worship Music & Worship Committee	28	29	30 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir	31 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes Trick-or-Treat Night		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 All Saints Sunday 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship-Bells Pastor Pastor Bill Schultz Acolyte Neveah Estep Youth Quake Meeting	4	5	6 5:30pm Confirmation	7 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at TBD 7:15pm Christian Ed Meeting	8	9
10 21 st Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Jennie Grundey Acolyte Vivian Fisher Call Committee Workshop	11 Veteran's Day! Office Closed	12 6pm Ladies' Night at TBD	13 10am Quilting 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir	14 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	15	16
17 22 nd Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Acolyte Amelia Roeger	18	19	20 5:30pm Confirmation	21 4:30pm NO Loaves & Fishes Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	22 Office Closed	23
24 23 rd Sunday of Pentecost 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Acolyte Nolan Roode Christmas Decorating Right after worship!	25	26	27 5:30pm Confirmation	28 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	29	30

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