

First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio

LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND.



1 Corinthians 13:4



Our February 2025 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.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

On January 19, 2025, council held their monthly meeting. Brenda established a quorum followed by a devotion from Char Curry. Richard Yocum will do the devotion for the next meeting.

Treasurer, Cari Frame, came in and gave us an update on how QuickBooks was working out and discussing some requests from council on seeing some other helpful reports. Following the business reports, we heard from several committee meeting minutes that were given by the liaisons and one of the highlights from the fellowship meeting was that they will be holding a carry-in meal followed by an egg hunt and visit from the Easter bunny on Palm Sunday. Fellowship is also hoping for a great turnout for the Souper Bowl lunch on Feb 9th with all proceeds going to our current fund.

Christian Ed met and discussed plans for first communion and VBS.

We then talked about the lighting project in our sanctuary. Brenda gave an update on Gods Storehouse and the yoga class in FH 3 days a week. She also gave an update on the call committee's work.

We approved the new constitution that is now completed and will be asked for approval by the congregation on Feb 16, 2025. We approved the agenda for this meeting, and it will be sent to everyone around Feb 6.

Marsha Jackson was approved as our volunteer financial secretary.

Council then approved leasing a new copier for the office, the old one's lease is up in May and since it's 5 years old and parts availability was an issue and the numerous service calls, we felt we should update the copier. Perry Pro Tech is actually lowering our payments and putting us into a nonprofit contract, so it will be a nice savings for the church.

Our last discussion was related to the Kantner Scholarship fund. Georgeann informed everyone that the Kantners wished for us to use it, so it was approved to use some of the funds for a robe for Michelle Kouse, who is in the seminary and will be coming 2 times a month. She is now authorized to preside over our communion. This is a huge help for our supply schedule. We also will be giving her \$1,000.00 scholarship toward her schooling.

We then adjourned our meeting. Please contact anyone on council with any comments or questions.

Blessings,
Church Council

FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jeff Ritchie
Christian Education/Youth	Rebecca Van Meter	Richard Yocum
Evangelism	Teresa Fisher	Denise Kantner
Finance	Cari Frame	Georgeann Stienecker
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	Darla Frame
Social Ministry	Teresa Fisher	Char Curry
Staff Support	Richard Yocum	Jon Schmidt
Stewardship	Meets with Finance	Brenda Shoffstall
Worship & Music	Darla Frame	Chris Nagel

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
01/05/2025	18	37	\$2,740.00	\$20.00
01/12/2025	17	61	\$1,281.06	\$25.00
01/19/2025	13	64	\$10,407.56	\$115.00
01/26/2025	19	52	\$1,355.00	\$0.00

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!



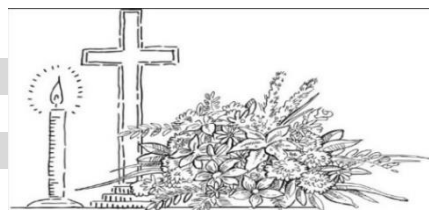
2025 Noisy Offerings

Month	Recipient	Amount Collected
January	Wapak Women's Crisis Center	\$130.16
February	California Wildfires	

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of February:

February 2 nd	Hilary Roeger
February 9 th	Brenda Shoffstall
February 16 th	Connie Krites
February 23 rd	--Available--



Altar Candles for the month of February:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by Marc & Brenda Shoffstall in hopes for an early Spring.

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens
Homebound

Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz
Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry

We especially remember in our prayers...

Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Kathy Link, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, James Benshoff, Janet Case, Dominic Cousins, Ted Gibson, Ben Jauert, Bryan Katterhenry, Wayne & Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Nixon Palte, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Ed Meckstroth, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, Bonnie Davidson, JJ Truesdale, Kathi, Nancy Bush, Anne J., Sue Bartlett, Anthony Holcome, Ike Schnell, and Wanda Nuss.

We remember in our prayers our military serving at home and abroad, underrepresented 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.

Prayers from Call Committee for Pastor

Prayers throughout the month:

1-5-25

Heavenly Father, as we gather together in this moment of transition, we seek Your guidance and wisdom. May Your Spirit lead us in unity and discernment as we consider the right person to shepherd our community. Grant us patience and openness to Your Will and help us to trust in Your perfect timing. May our new pastor be filled with Your love, strength and grace, bringing hope and inspiration to our church. We place our faith in You, knowing that You have a plan for us. Thank you for Your continued presence in our lives and in our church. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

1-12-25

Heavenly Father, as we continue in the process of searching for a new pastor to lead our congregation, we ask for you to grant us wisdom and patience during the process. Guide us and help us make decisions that will be good for First English in the future, so that we may continue to do your work in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

1-19-25

Dear God, we come before you seeking your guidance and wisdom, as we search for a new pastor to lead our church. We pray for a pastor who will faithfully teach and preach your word, leading us in spiritual growth and discipleship. Grant us a leader who will bring unity and encourage the many gifts and talents in our congregation. We ask for someone with a servant's heart, willing to walk with us through life's joys and sorrows. God, please guide our search and grant us wisdom to follow your will. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

1-26-25

Heavenly Father, we come to you asking for your guidance, wisdom and support. Please guide our minds and heart as we continue in our search for a new pastor to lead us. We seek you first in all we do together. We confess that we are nothing without you and our trust is in you completely. Fill us with your grace as we continue in our search and help us to grow in peace and understanding with one another. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Call Committee Checklist for seeking a Pastor:

- ✘ At the time of learned pastoral vacancy, the congregation council arranges for regular supply or interim, working with the Mission District dean.
- ✘ Form a call committee in accordance with congregational constitution – uneven # of persons with a cross-section of the congregation is helpful-elect Chair of the Committee.
- ✘ Call Committee downloads NALC Call Process Manual for call committee members.
- ✘ Call Committee chair contacts the NALC Call Process Coordinator to schedule a conference call for orientation/training.
Met on September 15th.
- ✘ Call Committee engages in Bible Study in the Call Process Manual.
Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
- ✘ Call Committee chair will contact Mission District dean to arrange and complete The Congregational Workshop in preparation for the Call Process.
- ✘ Chair contacts their Mission District dean to arrange and complete the Congregational Workshop – November 2, 9am-2:00/2:30pm.
- ✘ Call Committee completes the Congregational Profile and emails it to NALC Call Process.
- ✘ Call Committee completes the Congregational Profile and video to the NALC website.
- **Call Committee develops list of ministry questions to be asked in full interviews. ...**

Ministries in Action

	February 2 nd	February 9 th	February 16 th	February 23 rd
Lector	Richard Yocum	Carly Craft	Nancy Hefner	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Deanna Ronan	Susan Miller	Makayla Frame	Char Curry
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Greg Tabler	Recordings	Darla Frame
Preacher	Jennie Grundey	Pastor Mick Althausser	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter	Chris Nagel	Joy Kantner	<i>Needed</i>	Chris Nagel
Acolyte	Vivian Fisher	Nolan Roode	Kaidence Schmidt	Faith Whetstone

Altar Guild for February: Amelia Sterner & Catherine Fisher

Fellowship Cleanup for February: Brenda Shoffstall & Darla Frame

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
February 2 nd	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 71: 1-6	1 Cor 12: 31b-13:3	Luke 4: 31-44
February 9 th	Isa 6: 1-8	Ps 138	1 Cor 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
February 16 th	Jer 17: 5-8	Ps 1	1 Cor 15: 12-20	Luke 6: 17-26
February 23 rd	Gen 45: 3-11, 15	Ps 37: 1-11, 39-40	1 Cor 15: 35-38, 42-50	Luke 6: 27-38
March 2 nd	Deut 34: 1-12	Psalm 99	Heb 3: 1-6	Luke 9: 28-36
March 9 th	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 91: 1-2, 9-16	Rom 10: 8b-13	Luke 4: 1-13
March 16 th	Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Phil 3: 17 – 4: 1	Luke 13: 31-35
March 23 rd	Isa 55: 1-9	Ps 63: 1-8	1 Cor 10: 1-13	Luke 13: 1-9
March 30 th	Josh 5: 9-12	Psalm 32	2 Cor 5: 16-21	Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL Meeting Please join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on **February 16th** following service. You will be receiving agenda and information for meeting through email unless you have specified with office to receive by mail.

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. February's theme is Mexican. 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.

NEW Altar Flower/Candles Signup calendar & Greeter Signup is hung! Please check your calendars and sign up for a date or two!

New Ministry! FELC will be collecting clean empty plastic grocery bags for our Prison Ministry. Allen/Oakwood Correctional incarcerated persons are making mats for the homeless. There is a collection container located at the back door.

Auglaize County Right to Life Are you being called to help volunteer? There is a big need for volunteers, especially with all the activities that ACRL put together. If you are interested, see list of volunteer descriptions on bulletin boards around church or see office for more details.

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, February 13th at the Woody's in Kettlersville.

Ladies' Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am on Tuesday, February 18th at Side Rails.

Spiritual Movement Classes We will be hosting Spiritual Movement Classes- Stretch & Strength in our fellowship hall on Monday and Wednesdays at 5:15pm & Saturdays at 8:15am until they are able to move back to their previous location at St. Joe's. This is a healthy opportunity to move the body at all levels and everyone is welcome.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9th, 11:30am-1pm, join us for Souper Bowl Community Luncheon. Meals are Adult \$10, Kids (3-12 yrs old) \$5 and 2 & under are Free. You will be able to purchase tickets before church, out in Melching Hall. Meals include Soup, Sandwich and Dessert! There will be raffles for several Gift Baskets (including OSU coolers). Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event.

God's Store House We are hosting God's Store House (GSH) on Thur, Fri & Sat from 9am-11:30am until further notice while St. Joe's Church renovates their previous location.

Thank You

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The hygiene items will benefit all of the teenagers at Generations of Love. As you are well aware, these items are expensive but necessary. We also want to thank the Fisher family for the donation of a steer. You have filled our freezers at both the Main Street and Pearl Street homes. With Sincere Thanks, Generations of Love.

SOUPER BOWL COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 9, 2025 11:30-1PM
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ADULTS \$10 KIDS 3-12 \$5
2 & UNDER FREE



Meal includes Soup, Sandwich and Dessert!
Soups: Chili, White Chicken Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Vegetarian, Tomato Tortellini
Sandwiches: Shredded Chicken and Hot Dogs
Whole Pies: \$15 **Pints of Soup:** \$5
Carry outs Available

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class
2 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship-Bells Jennie Grundey Acolyte Vivian Fisher Groundhog's Day!	3 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	4	5 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 5:30pm Confirmation	6 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	7 9-11:30 GSH	8 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
9 5 th Sunday of Epiphany 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althausen Acolyte Nolan Roode Souper Bowl Luncheon	10 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	11 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	12 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Women's Choir	13 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at Woody's in Kettlersville	14 9-11:30 GSH Happy Valentine's Day! ♥	15 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
16 6 th Sunday of Epiphany 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship-Wmn's Chr Michelle Kouse Acolyte Kaidence Schmidt Annual Congre. Meeting	17 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class President's Day	18 11:30am Ladies' Lunch at Side Rails	19 10am Quilting 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir	20 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	21 9-11:30 GSH	22 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
23 7 th Sunday after Epiphany 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Acolyte Faith Whetstone	24 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class March info Newsletter DUE	25	26 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Women's Choir	27 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	28 9-11:30 GSH March Newsletter available	

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						1 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
2 Transfiguration 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship-Bells Michelle Kouse Acolyte Vivian Fisher	3 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	4	5 ASH Wednesday 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 7:00pm Ash Wednesday at St. Mark's (confirmation class will attend service)	6 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	7 9-11:30 GSH	8 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
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30 4 th Sunday in Lent 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Christian White Acolyte Fatih Whetstone	31 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class April Newsletter available					

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