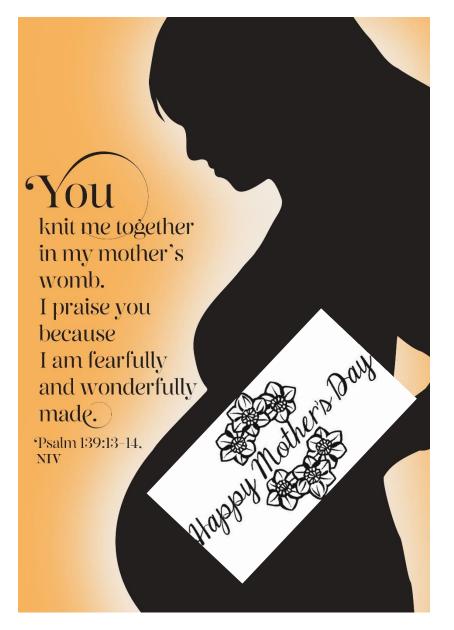
First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our May 2025 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.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Council held their monthly meeting following worship on April 27,2025. After a quorum was made, Richard read a devotion.

Our treasurer, Cari Frame, came into the meeting to discuss our financial reports. After questioning some amount placements, council decided to hold approving the Feb and March reports until they are worked out and then they will be approved at the May meeting.

Committee reports by Music & Worship and Christian Education minutes were discussed. A question came up regarding acolyting during the summer so Christian Ed can decide that and then let Darla know.

Fellowship will have a Game Night for May 16 at 6:00pm, with a movie for some of the younger teens. Pizza and popcorn will be provided.

We then discussed some conversations that Brenda had with Pastor Bert, regarding a future part time Pastor. We all need to keep praying that one will come to us at the right time.

We will be hosting several NALC churches on either September 6th or the 20th. More news on that will be shared as soon as we find out details. Hicks Improvement Company bid for \$525 was approved for a roof seam repair over the back foyer.

Brenda Shoffstall, Char Curry, Hilary Roeger and Darla Frame will be attending the Spring NALC Convocation held in Springfield, Saturday, May 3. We talked about meeting with a UGI gas supplier on Monday, May 5 to learn more about our options in a contract we currently have with them.

We also agreed to be added to the list of area churches, supporting the Kingdom Harvest Ministries that is in our schools.

Council then took a walk around the church inside and outside, looking at several issues with the church structure, windows and moisture issues along with painting that is needed on our high trim. We will be prioritizing these concerns in future meetings.

We then adjourned the meeting and set our next meeting for May 18, 2025. Blessings to All,

Church Council

FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jeff Ritchie
Christian Education/Youth		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
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Weekly Attendance and Offerings

Date	<u>Views</u>	Attend	<u>dance</u>	Current Giving	Benevolence
04/06/2025	15	71		\$4,843.06	\$65.00
04/13/2025	19	99		\$3,412.56	\$10.00
04/17/2025	8	56	Maundy	Thursday Service	
04/20/2025	15	107		\$10,038.16	\$125.00
04/27/2025	15	50		\$798.20	\$10.00

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!

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of May:

Carrie Schmidt
Amelia Sterner
Chuck & Joy Kantne
Available



Altar Candles for the month of MAY:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Matt & Deanna Ronan in honor of their daughters, Kylie & Katie.

2025 Noisy Offerings

Month January February March April May

Recipient	Amount Collected
Wapak Women's Crisis Center	\$130.16
California Wildfires	\$750.10
Generations of Love	\$171.51
Family Life Center of Wapakoneta	a \$272.00
Ethan Jeanneret, Double-Lung Tra	ans. \$



OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens Burton Ridge in Lima Homebound Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz Judy Kentner Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson

We especially remember in our prayers...

Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Staff and Students at Concordia University at Ann Arbor, James Benshoff, Dominic Cousins, Ted Gibson, 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, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Ike Schnell, Roseann Schlegel-Whetstone, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Jenn Douglas & Baby, Shirley Hollis, George Lowther, Joyce Brincefield, Luann Everett 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 throughout the month:

4-6-25

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.

4-13-25

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.

4-20-25

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.

4-27-25

Heavenley 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.

x Call Committee develops list of ministry questions to be asked in full interviews.

... Patiently waiting on God's timing for a Pastor to show interest in Profile.



Ministries in Action

	May 4 th	May 11 th	May 18 th	May 25 th	
Lector	Richard Yocum	Marsha Jackson	Matt Ronan	Ronan Joyce Brincefield	
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Brian Van Meter			
Worship Assistant	Jon Schmidt	Darla Frame	e Susan Miller Ken Frame		
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Recordings	Recordings Darla Frame Recordings		
Preacher	Michelle Kouse	e Makayla Frame Michelle Kouse Pastor		Pastor Bill Schultz	
Greeter	Needed	Brenda Shoffstall	Needed	Needed	

Altar Guild for May: Darla Frame & Deanna Wisener Fellowship Cleanup for May: Darla Frame & Brenda Shoffstall

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
May 4 th	Acts 9: 1-22	Psalm 30	Rev 5: 8-14	John 21: 1-14
May 11 th	Acts 20: 17-35	Psalm 23	Rev 7: 9-17	John 10: 22-30
May 18 th	Acts 11: 1-18	Psalm 150	Rev 21: 1-7	John 16: 12-22
May 25 th	Acts 16: 9-15	Psalm 67	Rev 21: 10, 22: 5	John 14: 23-29
June 1 st	Acts 1: 12-26	Psalm 133	Rev 22: 1-6, 12-20	John 17: 20-26
June 8 th	Gen 11: 1-9	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Acts 2: 1-21	John 14: 8-17
June 15 th	Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
June 22 nd	lsa 65: 1-9	Ps 22: 19-28	Gal 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39
June 29 th	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Gal 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-62

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 MAY: ETHAN JEANNERET, DOUBLE-LUNG TRANSPLANT Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month. See flyer about Ethan towards back.

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.

<u>Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center</u> We are collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme. <u>May's theme is Pizza</u>. 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! Egg Carton Ministry Asking for all sizes of clean empty egg cartons. Please put them in the boxes in the church library. They will be used to distribute eggs to those in need.



<u>Plastic Bag Ministry</u> 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.

<u>Altar Flower/Candles Signup calendar & Greeter Signup</u> We still have many dates available. Please check your calendars and sign up for a date or two!

<u>National Day of Prayer</u> will be held on Thursday, May 1st, 12:00 noon at the Wapakoneta Fire Station (St. Paul UCC if bad weather location).

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, May 8th at Meyer's Tavern in Botkins.

<u>Youth Sunday School</u> There will be no Youth Sunday School on May 11th, enjoy Mother's Day morning with your children. We will have class on May 4th & 18th. May 18th, we will have a little celebration for the wonderful year we had together.

<u>First Communion</u> will be given on May 18th. Please join us as we celebrate our youth in their First Communion.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 20th at JT's in St. Marys.

<u>Miracle Meal</u> Dear Area Churches, wanted any leftover garage sale items or from Spring clean-up that you would like to donate or give away at this year's Miracle Meal. Contact Rollie Kent, 419-905-9360 or rkent1@woh.rr.com for pick-up. Please no clothing except coats, sweaters, hats or gloves. Thank you, Rollie Kent & Miracle Meal Board

<u>**Class of 2025 Recognition**</u> on June 1st. Please join us as we recognize, celebrate and pray for the graduating class as they start their next chapter. Contact office if you have a Senior to be recognized.

VBS Please see flier for NEW TIMES and DATES! We hope you can join us!!

Interest-free loans for college students the Pierstorf interest-free loans are open to students in all of Ohio. Eligibility: the applicant and/or one parent or guardian must be active members of a Lutheran church in Ohio. The applicant must be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at an accredited college or university. Applying: application becomes available online on April 15 of each year, with a deadline for complete application submission of June 30. Applications collected during this time period for loans for the upcoming school year (beginning august or September). Borrowers must apply each year to continue to receive their Pierstorf loan. If you need more information or if you have questions, Rebecca Van Meter may be able to help. Application and information can be found at pierstorf.org.



MOVIE NIGHT

Join us May 16th @ 6:00pm Pizza & popcorn will be provided



For the Adults in the Fellowship Hall Sight & Sound: Joseph.

Summary:

Straight from the Sight & Sound vault comes JOSEPH! Filmed in front of a live audience, this exhilarating story about dreams and the power of forgiveness is one of our most beloved productions. From the fields of Canaan to the stunning palaces of Egypt, join this adventurous dreamer on a journey to discover God's plan for his life.



Recommended for Adults, Musical, Theatre, Christians

In the parlor check out A Week Away.

Summary:

A story about a high school boy that is left with nowhere to go, he finds himself at church camp for the first time. His instinct is to run, but he finds a friend, a father figure and even a girl who awakens his heart. Most of all, he finally finds a true home that loves him unconditionally.



Recommended for Teen/Adult, Musical, Drama, Pop, Family Cast: Kevin Quinn, Bailee Madison, Sherri Shepherd ...



Upcoming Fundraisers!

Mark your calendar.

We like to get a group to go together to this event, Sunday, June 22nd.

If you are interested in going, please contact Cari Frame.

Dine-to-Donate at Sidney Culver's Monday, May 5, 2025 5:00 until 8:00 PM

Culver's calls it "Make Your Meal Matter". A percentage of the cost of each meal will be donated to Morgan's Place. All meals count (dine-in, drive-through, carry-out). (No need to present this flyer at time of purchase.)

Morgan's Place Day at the Dayton Dragons Sunday, June 22, 2025 Afternoon Game

Tickets are now on sale using the link : <u>https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Morgansplace3</u> Half of each ticket price will be donated back to Morgan's Place. Please order as soon as possible as this may allow Morgan's Place to increase the number of tickets for our supporters. Always a great family fun day!





Movie Night

on May 16th at 6:00pm. We will have pizza and popcorn. Ask friends, all are welcome!



Vacation Bible School

Hosts: First English and St. Paul Churches Held at: First English, 107 W. Mechanic St., WPK Sunday, June 8 – 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Registration form (One per child/Volunteer)

Name		
Home Church		ALL ARE WELCOME (no matter home church
Allergies/Health Concer	ns	
T-shirt size: Yo	uth S M L Adul	S M L XL 2XL Other:
	F	or ALL Volunteers
Phone		Email
Where would you like to	help?	
		e 3 - completed 4 th grade as of May 30 th) leted 5 th grade – 17 years old as of May 30 th)
Age	Birthday	Grade Competed
Parent/Guardian Info		
Name		Name
Relationship		Relationship
Address		
Phone numbers during V		Phone numbers during VBS
Email		
Who should we contact	in an emergency? (on	y complete if different from above)
Name		Phone
Relationship		
I would like to be in the	same group as	ALL ARE
	nay not be able to fulfill this r	quest but will try) WELCOME!
I give the church permis	sion to use my child's	ohoto Yes No

DEADLINE to register & guarantee a shirt is May 30th

Noisy Offering for May



Ethan is 12 years old, son of Dustin and Rebecca (Kinninger), and brother to Isabella (5). Ethan is a 7th grade student at Wapakoneta Middle School and active in their choir. Ethan was born with a hole in his heart, and had open heart surgery at 22 months old. At the time of surgery it was discovered he had two holes. One hole was repaired and they left the other hole open in the hopes that it would help alleviate the pressure

in his lungs. It was determined he has pulmonary hypertension and he was started on medicine via a portal pump. Through the years, his heart was monitored closely by Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. In 2022 they started talking about a lung transplant being in the future. Things escalated pretty quickly with test results not being where the doctors felt comfortable. Monday, October 7, 2024 Ethan's mother was called telling her to get Ethan to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus as guickly as possible. His reported test results were not favorable to the doctors so he was immediately admitted to ICU and tests were started to determine if they can preserve the heart. Open heart surgery was done October 9, 2024 to repair the remaining hole, insert a pacemaker, and insert a pump that would act like his lungs. He was placed on a transplant list for double lungs. Ethan had to stay in the hospital until after a double lung transplant could take place. Prayers were answered when Ethan received his double lung transplant surgery on December 5, 2024. The surgery was successful, and the March 2025 follow-up appointment went well. He will continue life with frequent check-ups and many medications daily. The first year after surgery he is being tutored at home. Ethan loves playing video games and spending time with his sister. Your generous donations will help pay for Ethan's ongoing medical bills. Thank you and God bless! *Text taken from Do Good Restaurant flyer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes National Day of Prayer 12pm At Fire Station	2 9-11:30 GSH NALC Convocation	3 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH NALC Convocation	
4 ^{3rd} Sunday of Easter 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse	5 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	6	7 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Ladies' Choir	8 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at Meyer's Tavern	9 9-11:30 GSH	10 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH	
11 4 th Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship-Bells Makayla Frame ♥ Happy Mother's Day! ♥	12 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	13 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	14 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	15 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	16 9-11:30 GSH 6:00pm Movie Night	17 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH	
18 5 th Sunday of Easter 9am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10am Worship-Ladies' Chr First Communion Michelle Kouse Council Meeting	19 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	20 5:30pm Ladies' Night at JT's	21 10am Quilting 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	22 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	23 9-11:30 GSH Last day of school for Wapakoneta City Schools!	24 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH	
25 6 th Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	26 Office Closed 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class Happy Memorial Day!	27	28 2-4pm Food Packaging in Jackson Center 6pm Worship in Tent-Jcksn Cntr 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class June info Newsletter DUE!	29 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	30 9-11:30 GSH June Newsletter Available VBS Reg Due	31 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH	

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