

First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our July 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.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

On June 22, 2025, Council met following worship, for our monthly meeting. Chris gave us an interesting devotion to follow. Georgeann will do the July devotion. Treasurer, Cari Frame was unable to join the meeting, so everyone looked over all the reports and Georgeann informed all of us that starting this month direct deposits for salaried positions are all set.

There were no actual committee meetings scheduled to discuss. Richard will be putting together a staff support meeting with everyone involved, in the near future. Brenda discussed several property issues happening right now. We did get a bid back to paint outside Melching Hall and the high white fascia places around the outside that will require a lift and the black railing around the church needing repainted. Council discussed the difficult time that property has had even getting any bids for this work, so with the help of Richard, we looked over the very reasonable bid from Wes Boyer which is approximately \$ 8000 and approved this job of maintaining our building, using the generous money from the Vohs fund.

We also had to replace our garbage disposal in our kitchen that will be paid for by the Loaves and Fishes. The storm of last week caused the council room and nursery air units to malfunction. Perry's came out and reset them.

Adam's window washing came and cleaned almost all of our windows inside and out. They did a great job. Dave Krites reattached the outside light at the back foyer. The rest of this meeting continued in executive session.

Meeting was then adjourned, and next meeting was set for July 20, 2025.

As always everyone on council would love to answer any questions or get feedback at any time.

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

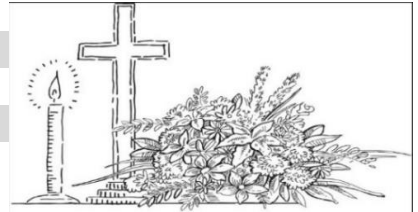
Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
06/01/2025	12	50	\$4,170.00	\$35.00
06/08/2025	16	67	\$2,255.50	\$30.00
06/15/2025	14	56	\$1,218.00	\$105.00
06/22/2025	17	60	\$2,215.00	\$10.00
06/29/2025	16	50	\$905.00	\$10.00

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of July:

July 6 th	<i>Connie Krites</i>
July 13 th	<i>--Available--</i>
July 20 th	<i>--Available--</i>
July 27 th	<i>Marsha Jackson</i>



Altar Candles for the month of July:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by Dave & Char Curry in honor of the Curry Family.

2025 Noisy Offerings

Month	Recipient	Amount Collected
January	Wapak Women's Crisis Center	\$130.16
February	California Wildfires	\$750.10
March	Generations of Love	\$171.51
April	Family Life Center of Wapakoneta	\$272.00
May	Ethan Jeanneret, Double-Lung Trans.	\$1,081.38
June	NALC Disaster Relief	\$186.00
July	"Flying Horse Farm"-Mt. Gilead, OH	



OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

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

We especially remember in our prayers...

Lynda Hampton & Family, Janet Case Family & Friends, Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Ike Schnell, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Jenn Douglas & Baby Benette, Joyce Brincefield, Liam Kramer, Jean Thompson, Norma Jarrells, Doris Fisher, 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:

6-1-25

Dear God, as we continue on this journey of seeking a pastor, we ask for your divine guidance. Your word reminds us that you are the Good Shepherd, and we trust in your leading us to find the right pastor for our church family. May our search be guided by the same love and care that Jesus has for his flock. Lead us to the pastor who will nurture, lead and protect our congregation. In your name, Amen.

6-8-25

Heavenly Father, as we seek a new shepherd to lead our church, we humbly come before You, asking for Your guidance and wisdom in this important decision. Grant our call committee the wisdom to identify the individual You have chosen to be our pastor, one with heart for Your word, a passion for ministry and a love for our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

6-15-25

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son to be our Savior. Help us in the busy season to refocus on your Son and your Will. Be with us as we wait patiently for the pastor You have chosen and prepared for our church. Help this pastor to hear Your call loud and clear. Continue to help this pastor and their family prepare to take this call and help this congregation to prepare for their arrival. We continue to be servants of Your will and plan. Help us to give our worries and concerns to You. In your glorious name, Amen.

6-22-25

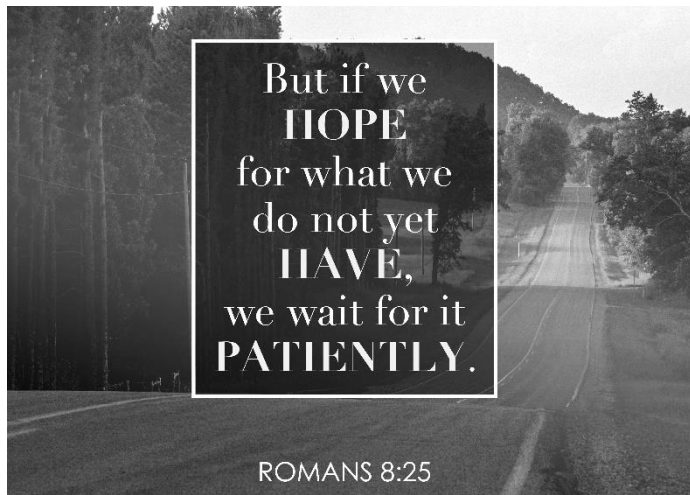
Heavenly father, we humbly pray, asking for help from Your Holy Spirit to guide us and give us wisdom to do what is best for your people who abide in this place of worship. We thank you for those who have shared their time and talents during this interim, but you know we are in need of a spiritual leader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

6-29-25

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.

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



Ministries in Action

	July 6 th	July 13 th	July 20 th	July 27 th
Lector	Elanor Roeger	Georgeann Stienecker	Ken Frame	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Needed	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Deanna Ronan	Susan Miller	Darla Frame	Char Curry
Musician	Darla Frame	Karen Luginbuhl	Recordings	Susan Miller
Preacher	Pastor Bill Schultz	Michelle Kouse	Michelle Kouse	Jennie Grundey
Greeter	<i>Frank & Nancy Heffner</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>

Altar Guild for July: Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger

Fellowship Cleanup for July: Cari Frame & Hilary Roeger

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalms	2 nd Reading	Gospel
July 6 th	Isa 66: 10-14	Psalms 66: 1-9	Gal 6: 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 13 th	Lev 19: 9-18	Psalms 41	Col 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
July 20 th	Gen 18: 1-10a	Psalms 27: 7-14	Col 1: 21-29	Luke 10: 38-42
July 27 th	Gen 18: 20-33	Psalms 138	Col 2: 6-15	Luke 11: 1-13
August 3 rd	Eccles 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-26	Psalms 100	Col 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
August 10 th	Gen 15: 1-6	Psalms 33: 12-22	Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
August 17 th	Jer 23: 16-29	Psalms 119: 81-88	Heb 11: 17-31; 12: 1-3	Luke 12: 49-53
August 24 th	Isa 58: 9b-14	Psalms 103: 1-8	Heb 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
August 31 st	Prov 25: 6-7	Psalms 112	Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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.

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 Youth & Parents: We need your help for July 10th! Each youth needs to donate 3-4 dozen cookies (pack 2 cookies per Ziplock bag), bring to church the Wednesday/Thursday of July 10th. Any youth (12 yrs & older) that can help prepare meals or have questions please contact Brenda Shoffstall.

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. July's theme is Snack Foods. 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.

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.

Plastic Bag 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.

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

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, July 10th in St. Marys at Beer Barrel.

Ladies' Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 15th at Hilary Roeger's backyard. Please bring lawn chair and drink, dinner will be provided. All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend! Call office if you need address.

Miracle Meal 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

Christ Candle Explanation We follow the NALC guidelines with lighting the Christ Candle. These are the times the Christ Candle will be lit: Easter and the Sundays after through Pentecost; Christmas Eve and the weeks after through Epiphany; Baptism; Funerals; All Saints Sundays and Christ the King Sunday. The Christ Candle will be lit ½ hour before the service starts by an usher. The Christ Candle will be put out by the usher after the dismissal at the end of church. There is a schedule at the back of the sanctuary and in back room of sanctuary.

Noisy Offering for the month of JULY:
“FLYING HORSE FARMS”-MT. GILEAD, OH.

Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month of July.



To learn more about Flying Horse Farms click on link to view news story on Channel 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S38Rh0ojnk>

If you have paper newsletter, type link into address bar on search engine. Call office if you need assistance.

2025 Vacation Bible School – YeeHaw

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

We had another successful year! A HUGE thank you to Makayla Frame for taking on VBS and thank you to our volunteers for helping make it so successful. We had 26 youth attend and 14 youth helpers. We had VBS in the evening, 5:30pm-7:30pm, and a week later than normal, June 8-June 12. VBS volunteers will be meeting later to discuss 2025 VBS and 2026 VBS. We do need more adult volunteers, if interested please contact the office. Again, thank you to all volunteers and to the parents that sent their children to VBS 2025!



The Fields of Justice collaborative invites the gardeners of Auglaize and Shelby counties to Plant a Row for Hungry in 2025.

The concept is very simple:

1. Plant a row or even a few extra plants in your garden.
2. When the produce is ready, take it to your local food pantry for distribution to people in need in our county.
3. Hungry people have the opportunity to eat fresh, nutritious food!

Plant a Row for the Hungry programs exist across the United States. Plant a Row is organized locally by the social justice collaborative “Fields of Justice.” Fields of Justice includes individuals and representatives of parish families in the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Its efforts serve people of all faiths.

The following organizations are participating in Plant a Row for the Hungry:

Auglaize County Agape Ministries, 1220 East Spring Street, St. Marys

God’s Storehouse, currently located at First English Lutheran Church 107 West Mechanic Street, Wapakoneta

Mercy Unlimited, 38 East Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta

Shelby County

Fish Pond Food Pantry, 310 Davis Street, Jackson Center
(Please call Barb, 937/596-5463, before dropping off donations to Fish Pond.)

Agape, 209 Brooklyn Avenue, Sidney

TIPS FOR DONATING TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES:

If you have a large amount of produce, please call in advance to let the food bank know that you are coming.

No rotten produce—if you can’t eat it, pantry clients cannot eat it!

Offer only good quality, freshly picked produce to food pantries.

Handle fresh fruits and vegetables safely to minimize the risk of foodborne illness.

Don’t mix produce types. Keep each type in separate, clean containers or bags.

Clean as much mud and dirt as possible off of the produce you plan to donate.

Choose produce without mold, spoilage, bruising, or insects.

For more information, contact Rachel Barber, 419/738-4924.

~ July 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	3 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	4 Office Closed 9-11:30 GSH  Happy 4 th of July!	5 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
6 4 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz Worship & Music Meeting	7 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	8 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	9 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	10 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes – FELC Hosting 6pm Men's Night at Beer Barrel in St. Marys	11 9-11:30 GSH	12 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
13 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse	14 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	15 6:00pm Ladies' Night at Hilary's backyard	16 10am Quilting 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	17 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	18 9-11:30 GSH	19 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
20 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Council Meeting	21 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	22	23 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	24 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	25 9-11:30 GSH	26 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
27 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Jennie Grundey	28 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class August info Newsletter DUE!	29	30 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	31 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes August Newsletter Available		

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