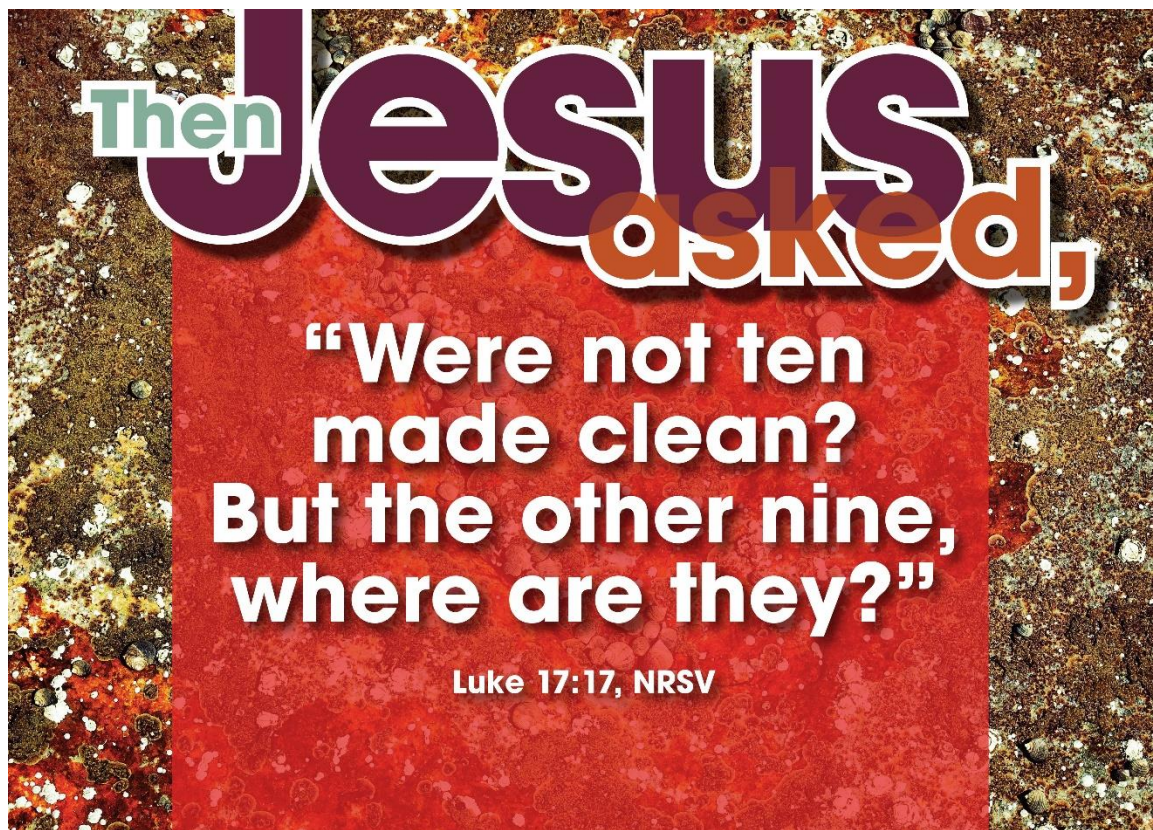


FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio



18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your presence today makes us more complete.
Thank you for being here and worshipping with us.

We invite all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present
in the meal to join us for Holy Communion when served.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in worship.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God
by Chuck & Joy Kantner in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

MINISTERS for TODAY

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Carly Craft
Ushers	Dave Krites & Dave Clift
Worship Assistant	Makayla Frame
Musician	Susan Miller
Pastor	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
Greeter	Joy Kantner
Acolyte	Vivian Fisher
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Marsha Jackson & Brenda Shoffstall
Altar Guild	Marsha Jackson & Brenda Shoffstall

This worship service is live streamed and recorded and
is published on YouTube and Facebook.

* Please rise if able.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Majesty by Jack W Hayford arr Douglas E Wagner

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840)

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast (ELW p. 187)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cari Frame

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: RUTH 1:1-19a

A reading from Ruth. ¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find

security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you, or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” ¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, “Is this Naomi?”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him,
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever;
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise
endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

A reading from 2 Timothy. ¹ You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³ Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵ And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶ It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia (ELW p. 188)

***GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God

except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lorenzo Thomas

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

For the Church, the world, and all people, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, thank you for your steadfast love. Thank you for every good gift that you give us. We are so blessed. Tune our hearts to sing your praise. Make our feet lovely with the eagerness to run to others with tokens of your mercy and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to your Church the faithful love for you and for one another that Ruth had for Naomi. Let it be like the little Hebrew girl who pointed Naaman to the One who could heal his body and capture his heart. Stir up in it the thankful worship of the Samaritan leper. Grant it the bold and truthful witness of Paul and Timothy. In other words, give your church righteous pastors and people! And use your Church to show your goodness toward those who fear you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation – its people, its ministries, and its mission. In all things, use us to point others to Jesus, so that many people may receive his life and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to remember, defend, assist, and walk with Christians who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Let their faith, hope and love be a shining witness in places of spiritual darkness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world, broken by evil and bruised by violence. By your Spirit, cause all of us to love your Word and seek to obey your commandments. Give wisdom, integrity, and common sense to our elected and appointed leaders. Guide all who are entrusted with authority in government, commerce, education, and whatever else affects your people in their everyday lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be gracious and merciful to widows and widowers, to the chronically ill and marginalized, and to all are embittered by loss and grief. Help us to walk with them, encourage them, and show them kindness and understanding.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Lord Jesus, in his infinite compassion, healed ten lepers. We pray that he do the same for everyone afflicted by disease, despair, or the shadow of death. Today we lift before you the needs of 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, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Ike Schnell, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Jenn Douglas & Baby Bennett, Joyce Brincefield, Norma Jarrells, Bobbi Bendele, Connie Krites, Makenna Roode, Jeanie Schnell, Pastor Jenn, Kate Cunningham, Tim Cunningham, Judy Fisher, Michelle Kouse, Sunda McDonald, Nolan Roode and Wanda Nuss. And anyone that we name out loud or quietly in our hearts. (Brief silence). Grant them healing, hope, and grateful hearts; and reunite them with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most Holy and blessed Father, bring your perfect, eternal healing to all who have died trusting in your promises. Comfort all who mourn. Give us devoted friendship, diligent service, and grateful hearts. For Jesus' sake, deliver us from evil and forgive us our sins. Heal us in body, soul, mind, and heart, so with our whole being, we may love and praise you eternally in the company of everyone you have redeemed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the Lord's peace and grace with one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

TITHES AND OFFERING

Please be seated.

As the ushers come forward, we would like to thank you for the work you have been doing, for the support and care provided, and for the gifts you share.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we humbly offer to you the gifts of our treasures, talents, and time. Use them to your glory, and for the benefit of all your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(ELW p. 190)

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As we come to this time of Holy Communion, please let me extend to you an invitation to come forward and share in this Holy supper. You do not need to be member of this church or any Lutheran church to participate. If you have been baptized and profess faith in Christ Jesus, you are welcome. He is extending this invitation and that is His only requirement. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Eat This Bread (ELW 472) x 2
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (ELW 883)

***AS WE ARE BLESSED**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and always. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER**

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.**

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
09/14/2025	11	54	\$2,943.00	\$115.00
09/21/2025	16	51	\$1,589.00	\$20.00
09/28/2025	13	40	\$8,193.00	\$500.00
10/05/2025	12	56	\$2,695.00	\$310.00

MINISTERS for Next Week 10-19-25

Audio/Visual	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Lector	Ken Frame
Ushers	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant	Jon Schmidt
Musician	Recordings
Pastor	Vicar Michelle Kouse
Greeter	Needed
Acolyte	Faith Whetstone
Fellowship Cleanup	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry
Altar Guild	Marsha Jackson & Char Curry

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, Judy Metz
Roselawn in Spencerville	Joyce Brincefield

We especially remember in our prayers...

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, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Ike Schnell, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Jenn Douglas & Baby Bennett, Joyce Brincefield, Norma Jarrells, Bobbi Bendele, Connie Krites, Makenna Roode, Jeanie Schnell, Pastor Jenn, Kate Cunningham, Tim Cunningham, Judy Fisher, Michelle Kouse, Sunda McDonald, Nolan Roode 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.*

What's Happening at First English....

Noisy Offering for the month of OCTOBER: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.

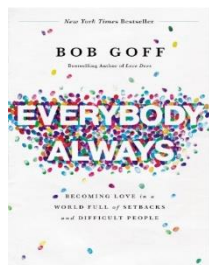
Collection for the Women's Crisis Center We are collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme. October's theme is Octoberfest Items. The crisis center is also in need of basic personal hygiene items. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

Egg Carton Ministry Asking for only 12 count size clean empty egg cartons. Please put them in the box 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.

Bingo at The Gardens is on October 21st at 1:30pm. Please join us!

Ladies' Night will be on October 21st at 6:00pm at FELC Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. Bring a friend for a Halloween themed evening of games and fun! Meal will be provided.



Book Club We heard everyone, Book Club is back, started October 6th through November 17th, we will have Book Club every other Monday at 6pm. If you can't make a Monday, that's ok, attend as many Mondays as you can. The book will be *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff. Books will be in office, call or stop by to get yours!

VanDemark Farms Congregation Outing will be October 26th following service. Fellowship Committee will provide lunch for all at church before we go (even if you aren't able to attend VanDemark Farms) and then we will head to Van Demark Farms by 1pm (Christian Ed Committee will pay for all youth attending) to have a short Bible time and then enjoy their corn maze, putt-putt, hay mound and other fall activities. Mark your calendars now and let the office know if you have any questions. See flyers around church.

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct 12th	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Lorenzo Thomas Acolyte-Vivian Fisher Worship & Music Meeting
Mon, Oct 13 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
Wed, Oct 15 th	10:00am	Quilting
	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class
		Bell Choir
Thurs, Oct 16 th	7:00pm	Ladies' Choir
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
Fri, Oct 17 th	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Saturday, Oct 18 th	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sunday, Oct 19th	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Vicar Michelle Kouse Acolyte-Faith Whetstone
Mon, Oct 20 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:00pm	Book Club
Tues, Oct 21 st	1:30pm	Bingo at The Gardens
	6:00pm	Ladies' Night at FELC-Halloween Party
Wed, Oct 22 nd	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	6:00pm	Confirmation Class
		Bell Choir
Thurs, Oct 23 rd	7:00pm	Ladies' Choir
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes
Fri, Oct 24 th	No School-Wapakoneta City Schools	
Sat, Oct 25 th	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sun, Oct 26th	REFORMATION SUNDAY – WEAR RED!!	

Following service-VanDemark Farms Congregation Lunch & Outing

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Mission Statement

The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to love one another as He loves us.

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Please pray the Call Committee Prayer throughout the week:

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.



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