

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wapakoneta, Ohio

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

*...He looked up to heaven
and said, "Father, the
hour has come; glorify
your Son so that the
Son may glorify you".*

John 17:1

7th Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
May 17, 2026

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Your presence today makes us more complete.

Thank you for being here and worshipping with us.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in worship.

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

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 Hilary, Mike, Amelia & Elanor Roeger
in memory of Ty G. Miller and Leota/Jerry Fritz
& all the wonderful blessings happening at FELC.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of our 5 youth confirming their faith today:
Vivian Fisher, Amelia Roeger, Nolan Roode,
Kaidence Schmidt & Faith Whetstone.

MINISTERS for TODAY

Audio/Visual.....	Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
Reader.....	Elanor Roeger
Ushers.....	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner
Worship Assistant.....	Michelle Kouse
Musician.....	Greg Tabler
Pastor.....	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
Greeter.....	Confirmands
Altar Guild.....	Darla Frame & Deanna Wisener
Fellowship Cleanup.....	Darla Frame & Brenda Shoffstall

*Please rise if able.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*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

On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)

*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.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast (ELW p. 187)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca Van Meter

WORD

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

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:12-26

A reading from Acts. ¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM: 68: 1-10

We will read responsively.

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

²As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4: 12-19; 5: 6-11

A reading from 1 Peter. ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a

roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia (ELW p. 188)

***GOSPEL: JOHN 17: 1-11**

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

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Lorenzo Thomas

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

You are Mine (ELW 581)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We invite confirmands and their parents, siblings and Godparents to join at the altar.

PRESENTATION

People of God, sisters and brothers in Christ: We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people, one with us in the body of Christ.

Before you and before God, I present ...

***Vivian Fisher, Faith Whetstone, Amelia Roeger,
Nolan Roode & Kaidence Schmidt***

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for our sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence ... I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin and to confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all forces that defy God?

(Confirmands) **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

(Confirmands) **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

(Confirmands) **I renounce them.**

People of God ...

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to hell.
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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence ... You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through Word and Deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

(Confirmands) **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers of confirmands ...

Do you promise to support our confirmands in their journey of faith, guiding them to a continued relationship with God, and will you pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

People of God, sisters and brothers in Christ ...

Do you promise to support Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence and will you pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence ... please kneel.

Parents & family, please place your hand on your confirmand as Pastor Lorenzo & Michelle reads their chosen bible verse and prays for God's blessings upon them.

BIBLE VERSES

Vivian Fisher: *Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward.* *-Hebrews 10: 35*

Faith Whetstone: *Gracious words are a honeycomb. Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* *-Proverbs 16: 24*

Amelia Roeger: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.* *-Luke 6: 37*

Nolan Roode: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.* *-Colossians 3: 23*

Kaidence Schmidt: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* *-Philippians 4: 13*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence*) the gift of your Holy Spirit: confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Parents and siblings may return to their seats. Confirmands, please stand and face the congregation.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news.

Hilary & Cari will present gifts to confirmands.

***PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

Lord God, you call us together as the church as people from around the globe who are one in Christ, still we suffer divisions and separation. For the sake of your glory, strengthen our witness and make us bold to proclaim the gospel. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom and knowledge, we give you thanks for the school year now drawing to a close, for opportunities you have given us to learn and grow as your students. Give us ears that are open to hear your Word, and lead us in lives of faithful discipleship, as we live out that Word in our everyday lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, be present and bring comfort among those in need: the poor, the homeless, the suffering, the afflicted, the ill and hospitalized. This day we pray especially for Family & Friends of Judy Kentner, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Jim Walls, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Bennett Douglas, Norma Jarrells, Jeanie Schnell, Michelle Kouse, Wanda Nuss, Tom Meyer, George Anderson, Jerry Dicus, Pastor Lorenzo & Anastasia Thomas, Kingdom Harvest Ministries and WHS-Fellowship of Christian Athletes. And anyone that we name out loud or quietly in our hearts. (Brief silence). Make known to them the wholeness that only you can bring. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather these young people who stand before you today – Vivian, Faith, Amelia, Nolan & Kaidence – as they reaffirm their baptismal calling to live and witness to your holy name. Be a presence in their lives; walk with them, talk to them, protect and guide them as they begin the next chapter in their faith journey. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your 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 p. 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***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. Jesus 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

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

Borning Cry (ELW 732)

***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.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION VIDEO

***SENDING SONG**

Thine the Amen (ELW 826)

***DISMISSAL**

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

Please join us in the fellowship hall for cake and celebration of our newest confirmed members. All are welcome!

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

Vivian Fisher

The daughter of Catherine & Brian Fisher. She currently attends Wapakoneta High School and is in the 8th grade. Her extracurricular activities include Choir & Show Choir; she participated in the WHS musical this year. She likes to draw and paint in her free time. She also loves to dance. Baptized on October 3, 2011. Her chosen song is *On Eagles Wings* (ELW 787). She is looking forward to joining the Worship & Music Committee.

Her chosen verse is Hebrews 10: 35 ³⁵*Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward.*

Amelia Roeger

The daughter of Hilary & Mike Roeger. She currently attends Wapakoneta High School and is in the 8th grade. Her extracurricular activities include Impulse Drumline, Wapakoneta Waves Swim Team, and playing the Alto Saxophone in band. Baptized on March 18, 2012. Her chosen song is *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471). She is looking forward to joining the Worship & Music Committee and the Christian Education/Youth Committee.

Her chosen verse is Luke 6: 37 ³⁷*Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Nolan Roode

The son of Carrie & Jon Schmidt and Matt & Destany Roode. He currently attends Wapakoneta High School and is in the 8th grade. His extracurricular activities include Basketball, Soccer, Guitar, video games, working out and hanging out with family & friends. Baptized on June 12, 2011. His chosen song is *Amazing Grace* (ELW 779) He is looking forward to joining the Christian Education/Youth Committee.

His chosen verse is Colossians 3: 23 ²³*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*

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Kaidence Schmidt

The daughter of Carrie & Jon Schmidt. She currently attends Wapakoneta High School and is in the 8th grade. Her extracurricular activities include Band, Dance, Volleyball, Track & Field, Octagon Club, camping, fishing, manicures, crafts and music. Baptized on July 7, 2019. Her chosen song is *You are Mine* (ELW 581). She is looking forward to joining the Christian Education/Youth Committee.

Her chosen verse is Philippians 4: 13

¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Faith Whetstone

The daughter of Roseann Whetstone & Cody Schlegel. She currently attends Wapakoneta High School and is in the 8th grade. Her extracurricular activities are Baking, Reading and Listening to music. Baptized on March 4, 2012. Her chosen song is *Amazing Grace* (ELW 779). She is looking forward to joining the Music & Worship Committee.

Her chosen verse is Proverbs 16: 24 ²⁴*Gracious words are a honeycomb. Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*

**Join us in Fellowship Hall for a reception with
cake to celebrate our newest Confirmed Members!
All are welcome!**

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens	Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz
Primrose Assist. Living	Jim Walls
Homebound	Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz

We especially remember in our prayers...

Family & Friends of Judy Kentner, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Jim Walls, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Judy Metz, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Bennett Douglas, Norma Jarrells, Jeanie Schnell, Michelle Kouse, Elaine Carlson, Wanda Nuss, Tom Meyer, George Anderson, Jerry Dicus, Pastor Lorenzo & Anastasia Thomas, Kingdom Harvest Ministries and WHS-Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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 MAY: DEAR DINAH Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month. Dear Dinah is a Christ-centered ministry that shares the love and hope of Jesus with individuals impacted by human trafficking and exploitation through outreach, relationships and long-term support.

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.

Bingo at the Gardens in Wapakoneta at 1:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to join and help!

Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center We are **IN NEED of collecting** food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme: MAY Items-Fruit juices, rice, peanut butter, pasta sides & pizza kits. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

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.

Pentecost Sunday May 24th is Day of Pentecost, please be sure to **wear RED** for Sunday's service!

Class of 2026 Will be recognized on May 24th. Join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

9-Square Monthly It will be a time for Middle/High Schoolers to come together and play 9-Square while learning about God's word. We encourage youth to invite friends from other churches, school, dance class, sports teammates and any other place they feel called to invite someone. **We will meet once a month, 1pm-2:30pm, see flyer for all dates.** We will have a short Bible Time to learn about God's Love & Good News. Adults are also welcome to join! No need to RSVP, just come! Any questions, contact office/Hilary. Those attending 9-Square Monthly, lunch will be provided after fellowship hour is over, around 12noon-ish.
Next Date: June 7th!

Pool Party Join us **June 6th, 1pm-6pm**, at Chad & Amelia's house! Bring a snack to share, your own drinks, lawn chairs & a pop-up tent if you have one. Chad and Amelia Sterner are graciously letting us use their beautiful spacious pool. Contact Hilary/office with any questions.

Congregational Meeting Join us for a congregational meeting on **May 24th** following worship service.



MINISTERS for Next Week 5-24-26

Audio/Visual Noah Kirby & Jeff Ritchie
 Reader Marsha Jackson
 Ushers Jon Schmidt & Maeson Roode
 Worship Assistant Marsha Jackson
 Musician..... Recordings
 Pastor Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
 Greeter..... Class of 2026
 Altar Guild Darla Frame & Deanna Wisener
 Fellowship Cleanup..... Darla Frame & Brenda Shoffstall

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
04/19/2026	14	71	\$1,703.00	\$35.00
04/26/2026	15	75	\$1,433.00	\$10.00
05/03/2026	12	63	\$9,565.00	\$230.00
05/10/2026	16	105	\$1,983.00	\$20.00

FELC Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sun, May 17th	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
		Acolyte-Jacob Schlosser
		Confirmation of Faith
Mon, May 18 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
Tues, May 19 th	5:00pm	Ladies' Night @ Do Good Restaurant
Wed, May 20 th	10:00am	Quilting
	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
Thurs, May 21 st	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	4:30pm	Community Loaves & Fishes
Fri, May 22 nd	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sat, May 23 rd	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sun, May 24th	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship – Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
		Class of 2026 Recognition
		Congregational Meeting
		Council Meeting
Mon, May 25 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
Tues, May 26 th		June Newsletter information Due!
Wed, May 27 th	5:15pm	Spiritual Movement Class
	3:00-8:00pm	Kids Against Hunger in Jackson Center
Thurs, May 28 th	9-11:30am	God's Store House
	4:30pm	Community Loaves & Fishes
Fri, May 29 th		June Newsletter Available
	9-11:30am	God's Store House
Sat, May 30 th	8:15am	Spiritual Movement Class
	9-11:30am	God's Store House

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Mission Statement

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