

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio



June

Our JUNE 2026 Newsletter

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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

MAY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Council met for the monthly meeting on May 24, 2026
After a quorum was established, Chris Nagel gave the devotion.

We discussed some questions on our business reports and looked at secretary minutes from last month. They were then approved.

Committee reports were evangelism and Finance. Evangelism committee helped God's Store house with moving some shelves in their pantry room and Brenda will be trying to determine what the money being used under this committee entails. Finance committee met in order to approve the maintenance project.

Brenda reminded everyone that we will be participating with other area churches for the Kids Against Hunger in Jackson Center on Wednesday May 27. Pastor Lorenzo will be helping on our team.

Spiritual Movement Yoga will be leaving at the end of this month to return back to Holy Face of Jesus Parish. They have discussed with Brenda the wish to have a meal, for our congregation in order to thank us for our hospitality. More to come on that topic.

We then adjourned.

Our next meeting will be on June 28, 2026, at 8:30am.
Thanks to everyone for their support in favor of this maintenance project and the 2 amendments.

Church Council

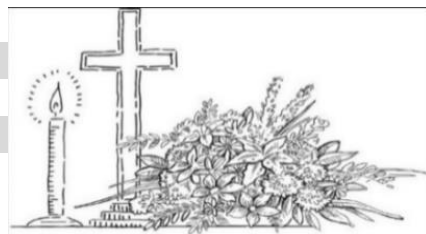
FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Richard Yocum
Christian Education/Youth	Hilary Roeger	Jon Schmidt
Evangelism	Brenda Shoffstall	Catherine Fisher
Finance/Stewardship	Georgeann Stienecker	Georgeann Stienecker
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	Darla Frame
Staff Support	Char Curry	Char Curry
Stewardship	Meets with Finance	Brenda Shoffstall
Worship & Music	Darla Frame	Chris Nagel

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of JUNE:

June 7 th	--Available--*
June 14 th	--Available--*
June 21 st	Marsha Jackson
June 28 th	Hilary Roeger



Altar Candles for the month of JUNE:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by AVAILABLE.

***Please consider signing up for Flowers & Candles on 2026 calendar.**

Thank You Notes:

Dear First English Lutheran Church, Thank you for the bible cover. I love how it looks on my bible. Love, Amelia Roeger

2026 Noisy Offerings

Month	Recipient	Amount Collected
January	Kingdom Harvest Ministries	\$127.00
February	Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries	\$915.00
March	Camp KNO-KOMA	\$1,970.35
April	Morgan's Place	\$623.23
May	Dear Dinah	
June	Family Life Center	



Family Life Center of Auglaize County in Wapakoneta, OH provides pregnancy medical services, STD testing, referrals, and education to women and families experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or in need of additional support. We believe women have the right to get information from a resource that will not profit from their choice.

All our services are confidential and available at no cost to you.

Hours

Tuesday: 10am-2pm

Wednesday: 10am-2pm

Thursday: 10am-2pm &

5:30pm- 8pm

Get in Touch

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OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz
Otterbein-Cridersville 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, Kay, Richard & Don Ault, Jerry Dicus, Makayla Frame, Tom Judge, Mike Nuss, 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.

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
05/03/2026	12	63	\$9,565.00	\$230.00
05/10/2026	16	105	\$1,983.00	\$20.00
05/17/2026	15	85	\$971.00	\$25.00
05/24/2026	11	65	\$2,311.50	\$110.00



Ministries in Action

	June 7 th	June 14 th	June 21 st	June 28 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Ken Frame	Joyce Brincefield	Elanor Roeger
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Dave Clift	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner	Jon Schmidt & Maeson Roode
Worship Assistant	Darla Frame	Susan Miller	Jon Schmidt	Deanna Ronan
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Recordings	Susan Miller	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
Greeter	Chris Nagel	Dave & Chris Clift	Brenda Shoffstall	Chris Nagel

Altar Guild for JUNE: Carrie & Jon Schmidt

Fellowship Cleanup for JUNE: Carrie & Jon Schmidt

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
June 7 th	Hosea 5:15 – 6:6	Psalm 119: 65-72	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13
June 14 th	Exodus 19:2-8	Psalm 100	Romans 5:6-15	Matthew 9:35 – 10:8
June 21 st	Jeremiah 20: 7-13	Psalm 91: 1-10	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:5a, 21-33
June 28 th	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalm 119: 153-160	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 10: 34-42
July 5 th	Zechariah 9: 9-12	Psalm 145: 1-14	Romans 7: 14-25a	Matthew 11: 25-30
July 12 th	Isaiah 55: 10-13	Psalm 65: 9-13	Romans 8: 12-17	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
July 19 th	Isaiah 44: 6-8	Psalm 119: 57-64	Romans 8: 18-27	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 26 th	Deuteronomy 7: 6-9	Psalm 125	Romans 8: 28-39	Matthew 13: 44-52

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.

Noisy Offering for the month of JUNE: FAMILY LIFE CENTER Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month.

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: JUNE Items-Cereal, Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars, Brownie Mix and Soups. 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.

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

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, June 11th, at Woody's in Kettlersville. All men are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

Ladies' Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am on Tuesday, June 16th at Eagles in Wapakoneta. All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend!!

FELC attended a Faith Meal Packing Event on May 27th at Jackson Center Volunteer Fire Department. There were 19 churches/organization/businesses



that donated or attended the event presented by **Kids Coalition Against Hunger**. Thank you to the 10 members that volunteered at event from FELC.

9-Square Monthly Schedule

Invite friends to come and play and for a short bible time.

Once a month at FELC, **12:30pm-1:30pm**.
Come when you can and invite friends each month to join us!
Geared for Middle & High School aged youth, adults welcome.
Save these dates so you don't miss out!

March 15th • April 19th • May 3rd • June 7th • July 19th
August 16th • September 13th • October 18th
November 15th • December 13th



Pool Party

June 6th, 1pm-5pm at
Chad & Amelia's pool!!

Come join in the fun!
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.

Intensive Classes Pastors, deacons, lay leaders and seminarians for a week of study, worship and life together at NALS. Led by Dr. Michael Goheen. Michelle Kouse will be attending, June 8-12, 2026.

~ June 2026 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt	2	3 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt	4 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	5 9-11:30 GSH	6 9-11:30 GSH 1pm-5pm Pool Party at Sterners
7 2 nd SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas 12:30pm-1:30pm 9-Square	8	9 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	10	11 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at Woody's in Kettlersville.	12 9-11:30 GSH	13 9-11:30 GSH
Intensive Classes –Michelle Kouse in Ambridge, PA						
14 3 rd SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	15	16 11:30am Ladies' Lunch @ Eagles in Wapak	17 10am Quilting	18 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	19 9-11:30 GSH	20 9-11:30 GSH
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! 4 th SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse	22	23	24	25 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes July info for Newsletter DUE	26 9-11:30 GSH 5:30pm Fellowship Comm Mtng @ 5Vines	27 9-11:30 GSH
28 5 th SUNDAY After Pentecost 8:30am Council Meeting 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	29	30 July Newsletter available				

~ JULY 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tentative Schedule finalized in July Newsletter			1	2	3 9-11:30 GSH Office Closed	4 9-11:30 GSH  Happy 4 th of July!!
5 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	6	7	8	9 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	10 9-11:30 GSH	11 9-11:30 GSH
NALC Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA						
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26 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	27 August Newsletter info DUE!	28	29	30 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	31 9-11:30 GSH August Newsletter Available	

NALC Youth Gathering will be in Roanoke, VA. Michelle Kouse, Hilary, Amelia & Elanor Roeger will be attending, July 6-11, 2026. Please pray for safe travels & the fruits of building a relationship with God.

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