

First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our AUGUST 2026 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.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Council met on July 19, following worship, with Paula Anderson, our bookkeeper and Pastor Lorenzo attending.

Richard gave the devotion and Jon volunteered to do the devotion in September.

Paula came into answer questions and to give her thoughts on our monthly reports. It has been a challenge for most of us on council to understand some of them. After much discussion, it was decided to have Paula condense these reports for an easier and more accurate way to study them so we can make a realistic budget for next year. She will have the changes when we meet in September. Pastor Lorenzo had a question regarding his employee taxes so Paula will get with them and work that issue out.

There were not any committee meetings in July, so we did not need to approve anything. There will be meetings scheduled in August.

New business consisted of Brenda explaining what Trisco will be doing when they come back on Wednesday the 22nd to complete the outside repairs.

All temp-Perry's have started doing maintenance on our heating/cooling units and replaced 2 pumps. They will be back for more inside maintenance.

We then adjourned our meeting. We will be taking August off from holding our monthly meeting. We will still tend to any business that comes up until our regular meeting on September 20, 2026.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Church Council

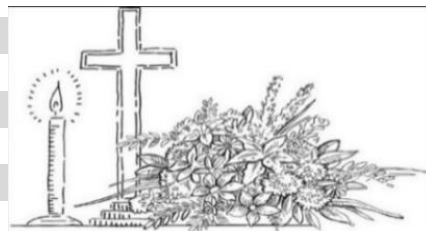
FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

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 AUGUST:

August 2 nd	Mark & Chris Nagel
August 9 th	Denise Kantner
August 16 th	Diana Fritz Miller
August 23 rd	--Available--*
August 30 th	Amelia Sterner



Altar Candles for the month of AUGUST:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
by Dave & Connie Krites in honor of their 2 sons, daughter-in-law, 10 grandchildren,
and soon to be 3 great-grandchildren. They have been richly blessed.

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

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	\$1,100.50
June	Family Life Center	\$365.00
July	Bonhoeffer House, Ambridge, PA	\$1,907.39
August	Servant's Day	

The Ministerial Association's Annual Servants Day will be held on **Saturday, September 19, 8 am to 4 pm** (with September 26 as a rain date).

The Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association
announces the 17th Annual



Servants Day Wapakoneta

Saturday,
September 19,*
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(*rain date: September 26)

Groups of volunteers will spend the day making repairs to the homes of those who need assistance in the Wapakoneta area. Typical projects include painting, plumbing, carpentry, and yard work.

To suggest someone, please complete and return the application form available from the church office, Mercy Unlimited, or God's Storehouse.

Questions? Call Rachel Barber, 419/738-4924.

We're also recruiting volunteers; contact our church's Servants Day representative to help:

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

—Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Be Christ's body and his compassion on September 19!

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



We especially remember in our prayers...

Family & Friends of Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Jim Walls, Marty Rostorfer, Marsha Henderson, Ted Gibson, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Jason Schneider, Bennett Douglas, Kay, Richard & Don Ault, Jerry Dicus, Diane Peterson, Connie Krites, Roman Schlegel, Jill Newland, Lynnette Swink Chestnut, Carol Horrom, Michelle Wannamacher, Carrie Schmidt and Mike 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.*

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Pastor Lorenzo & First English Lutheran, We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting our cause. This donation greatly helps support our mission to love and support both victims and survivors of human trafficking. If you would like to learn more about our cause, host a training for your church, or partner with us please feel free to contact us. We are so grateful for your generosity, thank you!! In Christ, The Dear Dinah Team

Dear FELC, Thank you for providing the opportunity to attend the NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, Virginia. It truly was a blessing for all of us. We can't wait for CYG 2028!! 😊 With Grateful hearts, Michelle Kouse, Hilary, Amelia & Elanor Roeger

Dear Friends, On behalf of the Auglaize Co Crisis Center board, staff & families served, we would like to thank you for most generous donation. We could not continue to serve survivors of domestic violence without community support of our program. Each donation directly impacts adult & child survivors of domestic violence throughout Auglaize Co, offering them safety, support, resources and a chance to live a life free from violence. Your contribution helps to ensure that we can continue providing comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and their children as they escape the cycle of abuse and rebuild their lives. Kind regards, Misty Mihm, Executive Director of Aug Co Crisis Center

Ministries in Action

	August 2 nd	August 9 th	August 16 th	August 23 rd	August 30 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Chris Nagel	Carly Craft	Jennie Grundey	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Dave Clift	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner	Jon Schmidt & Maeson Roode	Jim Kantner & Steve Stienecker
Worship Assistant	Susan Miller	Makayla Frame	Jon Schmidt	Deanna Ronan	Marsha Jackson
Musician	Darla Frame	Karen Luginbuhl	Susan Miller	Recordings	Greg Tabler
Preacher	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas
Greeter	Robin Klock	Sandy Brading	Amelia & Chad Sterner	Frank & Nancy Heffner	Amelia & Chad Sterner

Altar Guild for AUGUST: Jon & Carrie Schmidt

Fellowship Cleanup for AUGUST: Jon & Carrie Schmidt

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
August 2 nd	Isaiah 55: 1-5	Psalm 136: 1-9 [23-26]	Romans 9: 1-5 [6-13]	Matthew 14: 13-21
August 9 th	Job 38: 4-18	Psalm 18: 1-6 [7-16]	Romans 10: 5-17	Matthew 14: 22-33
August 16 th	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11: 1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
August 23 rd	Isaiah 51: 1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 11: 33 – 12: 8	Matthew 16: 13-20
August 30 th	Jeremiah 15: 15-21	Psalm 26	Romans 12: 9-21	Matthew 16: 21-28
September 6 th	Ezekiel 33: 7-9	Psalm 32: 1-7	Romans 13: 1-10	Matthew 18: 1-20
September 13 th	Genesis 50: 15-21	Psalm 103: 1-12	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18: 21-35
September 20 th	Isaiah 55: 6-9	Psalm 27: 1-9	Philippians 1: 12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
September 27 th	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25: 1-10	Philippians 2: 1-4 (5-13), 14-18	Matthew 21: 23-27 (28-32)

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 AUGUST: SERVANT'S DAY 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: AUGUST Items-Saltine crackers, kid's snacks, canned fruit and pancake mix. 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 on **August 11th**!

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, August 13th, at Side Rails in Wapakoneta. All men are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

Ladies' Dinner is scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 18th at La Neta in Wapakoneta. All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend!!

Worship & Music Committee will be meeting on Sunday, August 2nd after worship service.

Christian Ed/Youth Committee will be meeting on Sunday, August 9th after worship service.

Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 23, 2026, 4:30pm-6:30pm, with St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp to have freewill donation benefit Kenzlee & Barrett Randall. See more details on fliers around church bulletin boards.

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
07/05/2026	17	55	\$1,959.00	\$150.00
07/12/2026	23	67	\$7,267.00	\$140.00
07/19/2026	11	60	\$1,179.00	\$25.00
07/26/2026	9	55	\$758.00	\$10.00

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



**Wednesday, August 12th 11-1pm
at St. Paul's UCC Church in Wapakoneta.**

Free Food, Free Backpacks and school Supplies for the first 80 kids! Free games and fellowship for caregivers as we prepare our children for the next school year.

All are welcome to gather and celebrate our young people!

Thank you to our local Wapakoneta churches, Mercy Unlimited and Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association and the North West Ohio Lutheran Innovate grant.
If you would like to donate school supplies or help us serve the kids please contact Pastor Melodi Hagen at Trinity Lutheran Church, 419-738-6647

SCHOOL LIST SUPPLIES NEEDED:

12 Pack of #2 Pencils, Pens, Bottle Glue, Glue Sticks, Pink Erasers, Pocket Folders, Scissors, Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, 24ct. Crayon box, Markers, Tissue Boxes & Clorox Wipes



Northwestern Ohio Synod



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9-11:30 GSH
2 10 th SUNDAY after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas Music & Worship Meeting	3	4	5	6 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	7 9-11:30 GSH	8 9-11:30 GSH
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16 12 th SUNDAY after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship- Backpack Blessing Michelle Kouse 12:30pm-1:30pm 9-Square	17	18 6pm Ladies' Dinner at LaNeta	19 10am Quilting	20 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	21 9-11:30 GSH	22 9-11:30 GSH
23 13 th SUNDAY after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	24	25	26 September info for Newsletter DUE	27 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	28 9-11:30 GSH	29 9-11:30 GSH
30 14 th SUNDAY after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	31 September Newsletter available					

~ SEPTEMBER 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tentative Schedule finalized in September Newsletter		1	2	3 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	4 9-11:30 GSH	5 9-11:30 GSH
6 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	7 Happy Labor Day! Office Closed	8 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	9	10 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at	11 9-11:30 GSH	12 9-11:30 GSH
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