

First English Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, Ohio



Our November 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.

October Council Meeting Summary

Council met on October 25, following worship, for the monthly meeting. Paula Anderson came to the meeting to discuss the 2027 budget draft she put together. It is a very realistic budget for us. We went through and made a few adjustments and will finalize it for the November meeting.

Brenda gave a building project update. Halker bros will be starting the plastering inside Library, Chapel, and Hallway the 1st or 2nd week of November. There will need to be some moving things around. Confirmation youth will helping take books off a shelf and then putting things back when the Library is complete. This will be one of the service jobs they will need in November that Brenda oversees.

Brenda also gave a report on how the classes are going online. Our youth are doing a great job, answering questions, and reading scriptures.

Council discussed our recent security issue and voted to change our policy. We will be sending an email out to everyone explaining some changes.

Georgeann brought up a possible community event at our church by Capital University Choir. We will share more details when we get more information. Our next meeting will be November 15, following worship.

Church Council

To Everyone at First English

A week ago, we had an incident at the church, while we were worshipping. A man came in our back entrance and stole a coat hanging on a rack. The ring cam showed him doing this and the pictures were shown to the police. they identified him and he has been banned from our premises. Council met yesterday and decided to implement the same policy that our neighboring Church does. Effective Sunday, November 1, the back foyer, and Melching Hall doors will be locked during our service. To be clear, the doors in the sanctuary on Blackhoof and Mechanic streets will remain unlocked. This in no way will keep anyone from leaving the church at any time through all of the doors. This is being done to improve security to protect our worshippers. Thank you for your understanding,

Church Council

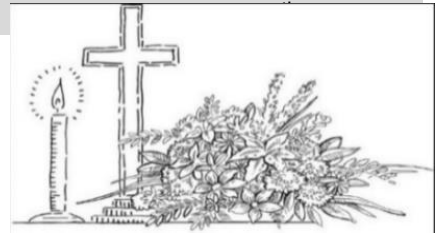
FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Richard Yocum
Christian Education/Youth		Jon Schmidt
Evangelism	Brenda Shoffstall	Catherine Fisher
Finance/Stewardship	Georgeann Stienecker	Georgeann Stienecker
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 November

Nov. 1 st	Marsha Jackson
Nov. 8 th	Brenda and Marc Shoffstall
Nov. 15 th	Tracy Sawmiller
Nov. 22 nd	Amelia and Chad Sterner
Nov. 29 th	Glory of God



Altar Candles for the month of November:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Marsha Jackson in honor of Dave and Char's Wedding Anniversary

***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	\$1907.39
August	Servant's Day	\$230.00
September	Miracle Meal	\$933.00
October	Operation Shoebox	\$172.00
November	Angel Tree	

**ALL DONATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:
NALC 2113 HARWOOD ROAD, SUITE 309 PMB 409, BEDFORD TX 76020**

OUR PRAYER CORNER

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

The Gardens	Betty Lietz
Otterbein-Cridersville	Jim Walls
Homebound	Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson

We especially remember in our prayers...

Betty Lietz, Jim Walls, Marty Rostorfer, Marsha Henderson, Ted Gibson, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Bennett Douglas, Kay, Richard & Don Ault, Jerry Dicus, Diane Peterson, Connie Krites, Roman Schlegel, Jill Newland, Lynnette Swink Chestnut, Carol Horrom, Michelle Wannamacher, Carolyn Eakin, Carlene Koch, Robert Brincefield, Judy Metz, Allison Heffner & Baby Lydia, 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

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
10-18-26	18	79	\$1101.00	\$125.00
10-25-26	13	66	\$ 792.00	\$ 10.00

Ministries in Action

Reader	Richard Yocum	Matt Ronan	Doris Fisher	Chris Nagel	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Doug Thrush & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Dave Clift	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner	Jon Schmidt & Maeson Roode	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
Worship Assistant	Susan Miller	Darla Frame	Deanna Ronan	Marsha Jackson	Ken Frame
Musician	recording	Karen Luginbuhl	Greg Tabler	Susan Miller	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Lorenzo Thomas	Michelle Kouse
Greeter	Frank & Nancy Hefner	Chris Nagel	Joy Kantner	Brenda Shoffstall	Denise Kantner
Acolyte	Mckenna Roode	Elanor Roeger	Jacob Schlosser	Annie Yocum	Knox Yocum

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Nov 1 st	Revelation 7: 2-8 9-17	Psalm 149	1John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov 8 th	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 15 th	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 22 nd	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 29 th	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7	1Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13: 24-37
Dec 6 th	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Dec 13 th	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11	Psalm 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec 20 th	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-5, 19-29	Romans 6:16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Dec 27 th	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 111	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

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 NOV: Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month. This month is for Angel Tree

Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center We are **IN NEED of collecting** food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center. November's list is, Cleaning Supplies (can be generic), Trash Bags, Kleenex. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly. Everyone has been doing a great job of donating the items they 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 in Wapakoneta at 1:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to join and help!

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 12th at the Inn Between.. All men are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

Ladies' Night is scheduled for November 17th , at Mason Jar at 6:00pm All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend!!

Advent Calendars- Advent Calendar Making Join us following worship service on **November 8th** in the Fellowship Hall to make Advent Calendars for some of our special FELC members, friends and youth. All are welcome to help us assemble calendars. If you know of someone that would enjoy a calendar, please let Rebecca Van Meter know so we have enough supplies for everyone.

NOISY OFFERING FOR November

Angel Tree Giving





On November 22nd following worship, We will be making our Church beautiful for the Christmas Season, so please mark your calendars. After the work is done, there will be pizza provided!

Thursday November 26, 2026, St. Joseph Paris Center will be hosting the community meal from 11am-1pm. Homebound meals will be delivered from 12:30-1:00pm only, so call our office for reservation at 419-738-3911

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Thomas Acolyte McKenna Roode	2	3	4	5 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes-	6 9-11:30 GSH	7 9-11:30 GSH
8 24 th Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship-Bell Choir Pastor Lorenzo Thomas Acolyte- Elanor Roeger	9	10 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	11	12 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at Inn Between	13 9-11:30 GSH	14 9-11:30 GSH
15 25 th Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Acolyte-Jacob Schlosser	16	17 Ladie's Night@ Mason Jar 6:00pm	18 10am Quilting	19 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	20 9-11:30 GSH	21 9-11:30 GSH
22 Christ The King 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Acolyte Annie Yocum	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 9-11:30 GSH	28 9-11:30 GSH
29 Advent 1 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Acolyte Knox Yocum	30					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	4 9-11:30 GSH	5 9-11:30 GSH
6 h Advent 2 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Acolyte Lillian Schlegel	7	8 1;30 Bingo at the Gardens	9	10 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at TBD	11 9-11:30 GSH	12 9-11:30 GSH
13 Advent 3 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo Acolyte Mckenna Roode	14	15	15 10;00 Quilting	17 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	18 9-11:30 GSH	19 9-11:30 GSH
20 Advent 4 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Acolyte Elanor Roeger Congregation Meeting Council meeting	21	22	23	24 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service Pastor Lorenzo Acolyte Jacob Schlosser	25 Christmas Day	26 9-11:30 GSH
27 Christmas 1 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Lessons and Carols Council Acolyte Annie Yocum	28	29	30	31 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm No Loaves and Fishes		

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