

First English Lutheran Church



Our October 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.

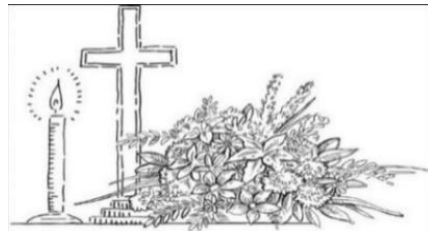
FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

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
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 September

Oct 4	Amelia and Chad Sterner
Oct 11	Matt and Deanna Ronan
Oct 18	Diane Fritz Miller
Oct 25	Mark & Chris Nagel



Altar Candles for the month of October:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Chris Nagel in Celebration of their granddaughters, Nora's 8th and Falyn's 7th Birthdays.

***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	

NALC Disaster Relief may be sent directly to: NALC 2113 Harwood Road Suite, 309 PMB 409, Bedford TX 76021

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, Allison Heffner & Baby Lydia, Mike Nuss, Becky Kohlrieser, Carolyn Eakins and Pastor Lorenzo.

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.

Ministries in Action

	Oct 4 th	Oct 11 th	Oct 18 th	Oct 25 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Sandy Brading	Carly Craft	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Dave Clift	Ken Frame & Chad Sterner	Jon Schmidt & Maeson Roode
Worship Assistant	Jon Schmidt	Marsha Jackson	Makayla Frame	Ken Frame
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Recording	Recording	Darla Frame
Preacher	Pastor Jeff Morlock	Pastor Mark Daniels	Pastor Lorenzo	Michelle Kouse
Greeter	Sandy Brading	Bonnie Davidson	Joy Kantner	Chris Nagel

Altar Guild for October: Marsha Jackson and Char Curry Fellowship Cleanup for October: Marsha Jackson and Char Curry

Weekly Attendance and Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Views</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Current Giving</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
09-06	26	52	\$2720.50	\$ 190.00
09-13	14	39	\$1015.00	\$ 30.00

09-20	16	68	\$1320.00	\$ 135.00
09-27	34	63	\$1145.00	\$ 10.00

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Oct 4 th	Isaiah 5 1-7	Psalm 80: 7-18	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Matthew 21: 33-46
Oct 11 th	Isaiah 25 6-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4: 4-13	Matthew 22: 1-14
Oct 18 th	Isaiah45:: 1-7	Psalm 96 1-9	Thessalonians1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
Oct 25 th	Revelation14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3: 19-28	John 8: 31-36
Nov 1	Revelation 7:2-8,917	Psalm 149	1John3::1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Nov 8 th	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 15 th	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:112	1Thessalonians5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
Nov 22 nd	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95: 17a	1Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 29 th	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7	1Corinthians1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

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 OCTOBER WILL BE FOR OPERATION

SHOEBOX 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. October's list is Baby Wipes, Juice, Snacks ,Brownie 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 1:30 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, Oct 8th at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta. All men are encouraged to come and bring a friend

Ladies' Lunch is scheduled for 12:00pm at Generations Café in St. Marys on October 20th All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend!!

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

On September 20th, Council met following worship. Paula Anderson, our bookkeeper also attended our meeting. She has been working very hard to make the financial reports more understandable to Council and to try to consolidate the budget. Next month, Council will be working on the budget for 2027. The business of the church was approved. We discussed the Worship/Music minutes. The reading from the Bible is going slow as most readers are more comfortable reading from the bulletin. It was decided that everyone should read the Psalm from the bulletin.

Brenda gave an update on 2 leaks from the air conditioning units and that Perry's maintenance needs to be done regularly. The 15 storm window replacements will be installed on October 6th. Council discussed the status of resumes of our secretarial position. Brenda discussed the first online confirmation class held last Thursday. It is looking like a very thorough year of learning for the 6 youth. Char Curry will be teaching the youth acolyte procedures and Brenda will be overseeing their studies and their serving 2 times a month in different manners. She is also helping them choose mentors to meet with once a month.

We then adjourned our meeting
Next meeting will be October 25th.

NOISY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER-

OPERATION SHOEBOX

Dear First English Family,

Grace and peace to you in Jesus Christ.

As many of you know, I have been away on medical leave to attend to my health. Thank you for your prayers, kindness, and understanding during this time. Having the space to focus on recovery has been a gift, and I am grateful for your care.

I especially want to express my heartfelt appreciation for our Church Council. During my absence, they have taken on additional responsibilities and given generously of their time and energy to serve this congregation. Much of that work happens quietly, behind the scenes, but it deserves to be recognized and celebrated. Thank you personally for giving me time and protecting my privacy during this difficult time to the Council.

Their willingness to step forward reflects a deep love for First English and a commitment to the ministry we share. Leadership asks people to listen carefully, make thoughtful decisions, and attend to many needs. I am thankful for the dedication our council has brought to that work and for the care they have shown our church family.

Please join me in thanking and encouraging them. A simple word of appreciation can mean a great deal to those who give so much of themselves in service.

This season reminds us that the church's ministry belongs to the whole body of Christ. Through your prayers, service, generosity, and care for one another, the Gospel continues to be lived and shared. Thank you to our council, our volunteers, and everyone helping sustain the worship and shared life of First English.

May Christ continue to strengthen us in faith and draw us together in love.

With gratitude and peace,
Pastor Lorenzo

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	2 9-11:30 GSH	3 9-11:30 GSH
4 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Jeff Morlock	5	6	7	8 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6pm Men's Night at Astro Lanes	8 9-11:30 GSH	10 9-11:30 GSH
11 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mark Daniels	12	13 1:30 Bingo at the Gardens	14 10am Quilting 7PM Ladies Choir rehearsal	15 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	16 9-11:30 GSH	17 9-11:30 GSH
18 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Lorenzo	19	20 Ladies Lunch 12:00pm Generation Cafe	21 10am Quilting 6PM bells rehearsal	22 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	23 9-11:30 GSH	24 9-11:30 GSH

25 Reformation Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Council	26	27	28	29 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	30 9-11:30 GSH	31 9-11:30 GSH
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8 20th SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship W&M meeting after Worship Pastor Lorenzo	9	10 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens	11	12 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 6:00 Mens night	13 9-11:30 GSH	14 9-11:30 GSH
15 21st SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Council meeting Michelle Kouse	16	17	18 6 PM bells rehearsal 7PM Ladies Choir rehearsal	19 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	20 9-11:30 GSH	21 9-11:30 GSH

22 22 nd t SUNDAY After Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Decorate church for Christmas after worship Pastor Lorenzo	23	24 11:30am Ladies' Lunch at	25 10am Quilting	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27 9-11:30 GSH	28 9-11:30 GSH
29 1 st Sunday of Advent 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse	30					

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