

# First Evangelical Lutheran



**August 2025**

**Rev. Dr. Mark Rich**

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**Sunday Worship Time: 10 a.m.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Worship 10 a.m.	4 Cross Hall R'vd *Rotary 11-7 *AA-7-9	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10 a.m.	11 *Rotary 11-2 *AA-7-9	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 10 a.m. Back to School Blessings Church Cookout Potluck	18 *Rotary 11-2 *AA 7-9	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 10 a.m.	25 *Rotary 11-2 *AA 7-9	26 Council 6 p.m.	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 10 a.m.						

## **A message from Pastor Mark**



School begins again this month! We also do a lot of teaching in the church; in fact, we do it all year long.

Teaching is one of the most important activities of Jesus and his church. The evangelist Mark records 28 instances of Jesus teaching or being called Teacher. In 1 Corinthians Paul lists all the forms of church leadership in order: “And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues” (1 Cor 12:28). Teacher is listed third, right after apostle and prophet and ahead of miracle-worker (exorcist) and healer!

In Acts 2:42 Luke records about the early church in Jerusalem: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and sharing, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” This describes the four parts of our own worship! The apostolic teaching part of our worship is the very first part – the scripture readings and the sermon (for both kids and adults).

To be Christian is to learn and to teach (among other things, of course!). We need to see to it that our teaching of our kids is not limited to our very successful Vacation Bible School. We’ve got to extend it throughout the year in various forms, whether children’s sermons, Sunday School, adult forums, and any other forms of teaching. In all these ways, we should remember that Christ himself is always our divine Teacher, just as he was 2000 years ago.

**See you in church!**  
**Pastor Mark**

# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

**Council did not have a July meeting.  
August 26 is the next meeting date.**



## **READERS**

August 3- Dan Altwater

August 10- Pat Denney

August 17- YOUTH

August 24- Marty Denney

August 31- Dorothy Blackburn

## **FLOWERS**

August 3- Mary Wright

August 10- Nieset Family

August 17-

August 24-

August 31-

## **GREETERS**

August 3- Glovers

August 10- Denneys

August 17- YOUTH

August 24- Sally Kirian

August 31- Dorothy Blackburn

## **COMMUNION PREP**

August 3- Ealys

August 10- Marins

August 17-

August 24-

August 31-Niesets

## **ACOLYTES:**

August 3- Kloe Ealy

August 10- Nick Nieseet

August 17- Kloe Ealy

August 24- Bryson Stoneburner

August 31- Jake Nieset

# Happy Birthday!

5 Michele Walton	13 Brian Kimmel
8 Kathy Kimmel	21 Amanda Rowlinson
9 Mary Lou Harbour	22 Madelon O'Neil
12 Benjamin Nieset	25 Lesa Howard
13 Ronald Wright	29 Matt Weir
13 Larry Bennett	31 Jan Stoneburner

## August Anniversaries

15 Brandon and Rachel Sigler  
 18 Chad and Ronda Stoneburner  
 23 Brian and Jodi Kimmel  
 25 Roy and Linda Slater

## CHRISTIAN FOOD CENTER

This month let's focus on  
 Canned Fruits and Dish Soap

Interested in a Baptism for your little one...

Or any age?

contact the office today!

A LUTHERAN WELCOME TO HOLY BAPTISM

# Care and Prayers

Our Prayer List is everchanging, if you or someone (with their permission) would like added to our weekly prayers, please let Pastor or Kristin know.

If you feel like you or someone you know within the congregation is in need of some visits, we have a few different ways to help:

**Eucharistic Team** - Trained individuals that will go out and administer Holy Communion to those that are possibly homebound or that find it difficult to make it to church.

And of course....our own minister, Pr. Mark will provide needed visits, when requested.

To reach out to those that are in area care facilities, please use the addresses below. Please remember that we do not know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or now living somewhere else, unless we are told.

**Wyandot County Home- 7830 OH-199 Upper Sandusky Ohio 43351**  
Lisa Reinschell, Michael Huntley, Jon Zimmerman (temp)

**Westbrook- 101 Westbrook Blvd. Upper Sandusky Ohio 43351**  
Jean Factor and Dorothy Sammet

**Sandusky Veterans Home- 3416 Columbus Avenue Sandusky OH 44870**  
Francis Ronald Wright (make sure you use full name)

**Vancrest- 850 Marseilles Avenue Upper Sandusky OH 43351**  
Dean Clausing(temp) Maggie Bower (temp)

## Volunteer in Wyandot County

*Did you know?*

- It's legal to study the Bible during the school day
- Weekly classes -7 schools: most grades
- 2 volunteers needed in each class



How can you help?

- Pray
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Tell others
- Be an ambassador



Scan to Volunteer



More Information

**BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO BE REMOVED FROM EDUCATION**

2025 SCHEDULE

# WYANDOT *Mission Church*

SERVICES @ 8 AM

<b>MAY 4</b> - Chief Ted Roll	<b>JULY 6</b> - Pastor Jay Scott
<b>MAY 11</b> - Pastor Tom Harrison	<b>JULY 13</b> - Pastor Steve Anstine
<b>MAY 18</b> - Pastor Amy Vittorio	<b>JULY 20</b> - Loren Atkins
<b>MAY 25</b> - Pastor Mark Rich	<b>JULY 27</b> - Pastor Bill Williamson
<b>JUNE 1</b> - Pastor Barry Halter	<b>AUGUST 3</b> - Rev. Elaine Sturtz
<b>JUNE 8</b> - Pastor Ken Gray	<b>AUGUST 10</b> - Pastor Christopher Thacker
<b>JUNE 15</b> - Pastor Betsy Bowen	<b>AUGUST 17</b> - Pastor Ken Wessler
<b>JUNE 22</b> - Chief Billy Friend	<b>AUGUST 24</b> - Pastor Scott Moore
<b>JUNE 29</b> - Chaplain Steve Sturgeon	<b>AUGUST 31</b> - Pastor Jim Stauffer

498 N. 4TH ST. UPPER SANDUSKY, OH 43351



*We're Looking For*  
**Volunteers**

Today is the day YOU can make a difference in a child's life!

*Join Us!*

www.wyandotconnections.org



# Monthly Mission Focus

WXML RADIO here in Upper Sandusky (90.1)

<https://newvision.fm/>



**NewVision FM**

More Music More Ministry



### Lutheran World Relief BackPacks!

This year we are going to try a little something different...buying items for the packs instead of complete kits!

Collecting between now and September 21st!

We will gather together after worship on September 21st for a potluck and to assemble and pack the kits! This will be an all ages and all abilities project for us to do together as a church family! Assembly lines in full force!!

The List is in Cross Hall and on an e-mail but what we are looking for in groups of 10 are the following: Crayons (16/24pk), Blunt Scissors, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers (with cm on them)

Please bring all donation to a tub near the piano in the South Room!

# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



AUGUST 17TH

KIDS! BRING YOUR BACKPACKS TO CHURCH!

## Back to School CookOut

Blessings given at worship but then  
stay for lunch!

Potluck style lunch with burgers, brats  
and dogs provided!

Bring some outdoor games to enjoy  
with others!

Sunday August 17th

Get back at it Sunday will be August 17th

**And what is this all about?**

With summer winding down and school starting back up it's a perfect time to get back in church too!

We have exciting things happening and we want you all to be part of this journey of rediscovering who we are as a church family! We will be looking at potential ministers soon and our newly called minister will be looking through MANY churches to find their US! Let's be ready, full force with all our might for when the time comes!

This all begins with seeing each other more often on Sundays and August 17th is a great time to GET BACK AT IT! Back to School shopping should include fueling your soul!!

We will have Youth Sunday with the Blessing of Backpacks (kids, really bring your backpacks!) and a church family cookout (potluck style with brats, dogs and burgers provided!)

Come spend the morning and have some lunch with your church family before you finish up that last weekend before school!

**August 10**

*Scriptures*

**Genesis 15:1-6**

**Psalms 33:12-22**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

**Luke 12:32-40**

**August 17**

*Scriptures*

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

**Psalms 82**

**Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

**Luke 12:49-56**

**August 24**

*Scriptures*

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

**Psalms 103:1-8**

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

**Luke 13:10-17**

**August 31**

*Scriptures*

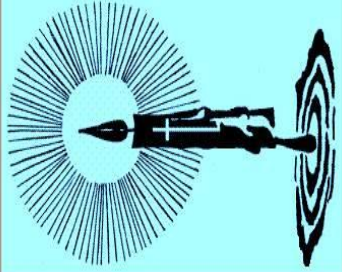
**Proverbs 25:6-7a**

**Psalms 112**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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*As a congregation we are...  
called to be disciples of Christ.  
Going where God leads.  
Focusing on all people as the family of God  
through worship, education,  
outreach and fellowship.  
Seeking grace through faith for salvation.*

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