

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church



Mid July/ August 2024

**Rev. Dr. Mark Rich**

601 North Sandusky Avenue Upper Sandusky Ohio 43351 419-294-3544

Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

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*First Evangelical wishes to acknowledge and give our gratitude to the Wyandotte Nation, who once called the land our church sits on their home.*

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>NA 7-9</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Worship 6:30p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>NA 7-9</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Aug 1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>NA 7-9</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>NA 7-9</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Council 5:30 p.m. Transition Team 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Worship 10 a.m. Blessing of Backpacks VBS Review Cookout</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>NA 7-9</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
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## A message from Pastor Mark



What do we mean when we use the phrase 'the word of God'? For many Christians, they immediately think of the Bible.

The Bible does indeed contain the gospel of Jesus Christ, but it also contains non-gospel and anti-gospel. It is only the gospel that saves the world, not the non-gospel nor the anti-gospel. So, it can't be as simple as saying the Bible is the word of God. We need to think further than that.

In August I'm going to preach on the word of God in all its meanings: Jesus as the word of God, our speaking and hearing the gospel as the word of God, and the Bible as the word of God. There's a LOT of uses of the Bible that are contrary to the gospel, and many people get either fooled or turned off to Christianity by them.

So, we have to learn how to think while reading the Bible, while hearing it read or referred to, while doing our own praying and worshipping and living.

On Aug 4 I'll show how it's necessary to see the gospel within the Bible.

On Aug 11 and 18 I'll show some examples of how Jesus used scriptures (the Bible didn't exist at that time, only some scriptures - and of course, none of the New Testament). Jesus was certainly not a literalist when using the scriptures!

On Aug 25 I'll tie that together by showing why we Christians say that Jesus himself is the word of God, and how his identity as the word of God connects to the Bible and to our lived experience of life and faith.

Be sure to catch this sermon series this coming August!!

See you in church!

Pastor Mark



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



July 18, 2024-----Council Members present:

Dan Altvater, Dorothy Blackburn, Kristin Ealy, Tom Martin, Chad Stoneburner, Mary Wright and Brenda Zeigler.

Excused:

Also present: Pr. Mark Rich

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There was no June meeting of the council.

Pastor Mark opened with Prayer

Letter of Resignation of Council Seat by Maureen Hawkins read to council.

Pastor Mark reported he will be doing a sermon series in August. The details will be in the newsletter and on Facebook.

## **Old Business:**

1. Sanctuary Screen- information presented on up-to-date availabilities to meet our needs. Discussed about lower attendance and if this is needed. Thoughts of it being a good look to a prospective Minister in the future. Chad Stoneburner motioned to proceed with the purchase of equipment to install a screen in sanctuary using Memorial Funds. Dan Altvater second, MC.
2. Council agreed to have Habitat for Humanity be our Mission for the Month in August.

## **New Business:**

1. Pastor Mark brought to council a question of interest in Sunday School or another programming option for children and youth ministry. Council was of course in favor, with qualms of participation commitment. The idea will be further explored.

**Transition Team:** met in July and had good discussion about the church and its history. Will be planning a night with the church members in September. Next meeting August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Exterior Windows were washed, Tom working on Landscaping issue near new retention wall. Outreach has begun the LWR Backpack collection drive. Finances look okay, attendance low in summer slump.**

**Next meeting – August 15**

**August member of the month: Brenda Zeigler**

# CARE FUND

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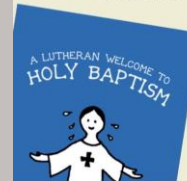
First Evangelical created a fund for its members to share love during a difficult time. If you or someone you know within our congregation has a hardship and would benefit from some financial help, please reach out to the Council President, Outreach Chairperson or the Minister for assistance. This is confidential and only the above mentioned members know who benefits from this fund.

Interested in  
a Baptism for  
your little  
one...



Or any age?

Contact the  
office today!



**Don't  
miss a  
thing,  
make sure  
you are  
following**



**CHRISTIAN  
FOOD CENTER**

This month let's focus on  
Pasta and Toothpaste

## 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  
Phil Walton and Lisa Reinschell**

**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)**

# Back to School Blessings



All students, teachers & staff members returning to school are invited to be blessed on August 18th during our Worship!

# Back to School CookOut

Blessings given at worship but then stay for lunch!  
Hot Dogs, Brats and Chips will be served downstairs!  
Bring some outdoor games to enjoy with others!

Sunday August 18th



# COME AND SHARE

LET'S SING A FEW SONGS @ CHURCH TO SHOW WHAT WE LEARNED AT VBS

AUGUST 18 2024 \* 10 A.M.

# SAVE the DATE September 25

Our Transition Team will be holding a social hour town hall type event for the members to come and share their thoughts with the Team. This is key and vital for our Church to hold these awesome, thought provoking sessions.

ALL are encouraged to attend!  
(oh! And there will be ice cream involved)



## HOW TO CONTACT & STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH

Church Phone: 419.294.3544

Pastor Mark: 614.381.4520

Kristin: 419.310.0107



<http://www.upperfirstlutheran.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/FELCUpperSandusky>

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# Monthly Mission Focus

Our Mission Focus for August will be Habitat for Humanity! All loose and designated offerings given will go to this organization. They currently have builds in Marion and any monies gifted to them go a long way!

**2024 SCHEDULE**

# WYANDOT

*Mission Church*

**SERVICES @ 8 AM**

<b>MAY 5</b> - Chief Ted Roll	<b>JUNE 30</b> - Pastor Jay Scott
<b>MAY 12</b> - Pastor Ken Gray	<b>JULY 7</b> - Chaplain Steve Sturgeon
<b>MAY 19</b> - Loren Atkins	<b>JULY 14</b> - Pastor Mark Rich
<b>MAY 26</b> - Pastor Barry Halter	<b>JULY 21</b> - Pastor Christopher Thacker
<b>JUNE 2</b> - Chief Billy Friend	<b>JULY 28</b> - Pastor Steve Anstine
*200th Anniversary of Building*	<b>AUGUST 4</b> - Pastor J-Mac Geissinger
<b>JUNE 9</b> - Pastor Amy Vittorio	<b>AUGUST 11</b> - Pastor Ken Wessler
<b>JUNE 16</b> - Pastor Jim Stauffer	<b>AUGUST 18</b> - Pastor Scott Moore
<b>JUNE 23</b> - Janet Dunlap	<b>AUGUST 25</b> - Pastor Betsy Bowen

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# Opportunities to Serve YOUR Church

## FLOWERS

July 28- Randy & Sherri Sorg  
August 4- Mary Wright  
August 11- Nieset Family  
August 18- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 25- \_\_\_\_\_

## GREETER(S)

July 28- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 4- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 11- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 18- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 25- \_\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE and/or PRAYERS

	<b>SCRIPTURES</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>
<b>July 28-</b>	_____	_____
<b>August 4-</b>	_____	_____
<b>August 11-</b>	_____	_____
<b>August 18-</b>	_____	_____
<b>August 25-</b>	_____	_____

## CANDLES and OFFERING

July 28- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 4- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 11- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 18- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 25- \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

July 28- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 4- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 11- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 18- \_\_\_\_\_  
August 25- \_\_\_\_\_



# Sunday Scriptures



*July 28*

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

*August 4 August 11*

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

*August 18 August 25*

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69



**A huge  
thank  
you to  
everyone  
involved  
in VBS  
this year!**

**Co-Leaders: Janine McMillan and Amanda Barth**

**Imagination Station- Kelly Fahle**

**Sticky Scriptures- Pr. Barry Halter**

**Bible Story Adventures- Pr. Mark Rich**

**Music- Kristin Ealy**

**Snacks, Photos & Support- Renee Nieset & Laura Wines**

**Teen Helpers: Robert Roszman, Bryson Stoneburner,  
Kloe Ealy, Harper Fahle, Raelyn Hahn, Alexis Lehnhart,  
Grady Loverich, Leah Hahn, Evie Bramel, Hailey Quint**

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