

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



June 2024

Rev. Dr. Mark Rich

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

Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship 10 a.m.	3 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	4 NA 7-9	5	6 Worship 6:30p.m.	7	8
9 Worship 10 a.m.	10 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	11 4H 6-7 NA 7-9	12	13 Worship 6:30p.m.	14	15
16 Worship 10 a.m.	17 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	18 NA 7-9	19	20 Worship 6:30p.m. Council 7:15p.m.	21	22
23 Worship 10 a.m.	24 VBS 9-11:30a Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	25 VBS 9-11:30a NA 7-9	26 VBS 9-11:30a	27 VBS 9-11:30a Worship 6:30p.m.	28 VBS 9-11:30a	29
30 Worship 10 a.m.						

A message from Pastor Mark



When it became obvious that 'going to the lake for the weekend' is a thing here in Upper, it was an easy step to figure out that we need to offer another worship service during the summer.

So, we'll be doing 45-minute communion services each Thursday evening in June and July, from 6:30-7:15pm! The first one will be next week!

Obviously, a 45-minute service won't be the Sunday morning liturgy. So, then it was another step to decide to make it a healing service. Each service will include specifically prayers for healing in the name of Jesus.

The final step for this service was to decide on an overall theme for the two months. Rather than just follow the lectionary (which is not a bad thing to do!), I thought 'Let's focus on the fruit of the Spirit!' - of which there are nine, so a bit more than eight weeks worth of worship services. So that gives us:

June 6 -- Love

June 13 -- Joy

June 20 -- Peace

June 27 -- Patience

July 4? (we'll figure this one out together) -- Kindness

July 11 -- Goodness

July 18 -- Faithfulness

July 25 -- Gentleness

??? -- Self-control

Kristin has made up some great FB posts for this, so please share them on your own social media feeds when you see them! There's no reason at all that we shouldn't share these worship services with everyone! See you in church!

Pastor Mark



FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



May 16, 2024-----Council Members present:

Dorothy Blackburn, Karen Magers, Tom Martin, Chad Stoneburner, Mary Wright and Brenda Zeigler.

Excused: Kristin Ealy, Maureen Hawkins, Dan Altvater

Also present: Pr. Mark Rich

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and report.

Old Business:

1. Sanctuary Screen Information was given to council for review. Questions of Insurance and Service Plans were brought forth. No decision to be made as of yet. Kristin directed to inquire with insurance and find out about service plans.
2. Transition Team – Chad Stoneburner will be council representative. He and Pastor will get with the team and find a date to meet.
3. NWOSynod Assembly JUNE 1. Betty Martin and Dorothy Blackburn to attend.
4. As directed at the April meeting, Kristin will reach out to the director of food services at the schools the day after school I out next week. We have earmarked up to \$1500 to assist.

New Business:

1. Church Scholarship- It was discussed to raise the amount that we award for our Church Scholarship as \$300 was decided years ago in a different financial climate. After discussion, Karen Magers motioned to raise the amount of the scholarship to \$1000 and retroactive that amount to the ones that received this year. Second by Chad Stoneburner, MC.

Facilities: held meeting, looked over a few items on property. Niederkohr finished up, bill was paid and money came from Memorial Money Market and the Memorial Fund. Will be talking to him about the concrete patchwork that is still wanted. There is an issue of the spouting in corner above office that is being addressed.

AED information from Tom to council: Tom has requested that we withdraw on this item for now, after further investigation into the project.

Christian Ed met as well and discussed Study groups that Pastor Mark will be looking into sharing here. Also mentioned that the Thursday Summer Worship will also double as some Christian Education.

Next meeting – June 20

June member of the month: Dorothy Blackburn

LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF
UPPER SANDUSKY

VBS 2024

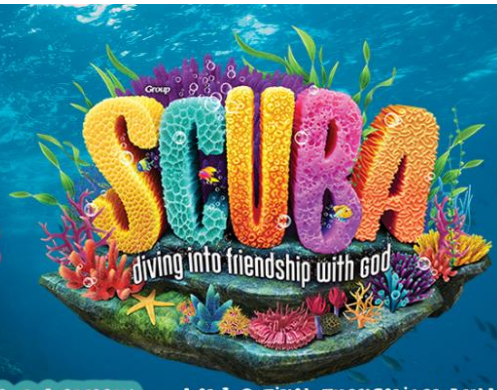
JUNE 24-28

9-11:30 a.m.

entering PRE-k thru 6th grades

7th grade and up register to be a helper!

held @ First Evangelical Lutheran
601 NORTH SANDUSKY



ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN!

<https://forms.gle/4DFeMDioTQjgvmRK6>



Rhonda Stoneburner – 2nd
Remington Newell – 3rd
Chuck Gottfried – 3rd
Patti Glover – 9th
Hannah Johns – 9th
Phil Nieset – 13th
Dorothy Sammet – 16th
Harrison Kimmel – 17th
Eli Kidwell – 18th
Dan Altvater – 19th
Dalton Shock – 19th
Randy McCartney – 19th
Missy Zimmerman – 24th

John Stoneburner – 26th
Pam Hight – 26th
Maggie Bower – 29th
Sharon Lee – 29th
Carter Grogan – 30th
Bryson Stoneburner – 30th



9th – James & Terry Walter
19th – Chuck & Jean Gottfried
21st – Roger & Karla Giese

NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ASSISTING MINISTERS

We would love to take this summer time to explore a few different ways to be CHURCH on Sunday mornings. One of those ways is to incorporate a more hands on and intergenerational feel to our worship.

For the many years, our Youth have been Acolyte and offering collectors. Then they also assisted the minister with the Offering and Post Communion Prayer.

We are gonna tweak that a bit...

Beginning June 2nd we will be having "Assisting Ministers" These individuals of ANY AGE (alone or do it with a friend) will Read Scripture, Offering Prayer, Prayers of the Church and Post Communion Prayer. Whew...that sounds like a lot.. but it's not. 😊

It's going to take a bit to get used to, but that's the fun of exploration. This is the time for us to forge new paths and look to see how we may want to do "church" in this time.

An email will be going out and information during verbal announcements throughout May. We'd love to fill this calendar of Assisting Ministers up. There are many of us that are able to do this and only 52 weeks...it shouldn't be hard. 😊

Along with this experiment of sorts we will be looking to get some folks that are willing to **greet, light candles and take up offering**. This could be a one person job. There will be separate sign ups.

And acolytes? We will be taking a break from this with just "kids"
Anyone can light the candles before service and put them out after 😊_

Be watching for the **NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** signups!

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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Interested in
a Baptism for
your little
one...



Or any age?

Contact the
office today!

A LUTHERAN WELCOME TO
HOLY BAPTISM



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



CHRISTIAN
FOOD CENTER

This month let's focus on
Canned Veggies and Body
Wash/Bar Soaps

2 locations
in
Upper Sandusky!



A bake sale
& food available
at St. Peter's

**St. Paul
Lutheran Church**
120. N. 8th Street

Friday, June 21 9am-6pm
Saturday, June 22 9am-noon

Donation drop off dates:
Monday, June 17 9am-6pm
Tuesday, June 18 9am-6pm
Wed, June 19 9am-6pm

**St. Peter's School
Gymnasium**
310 N. 8th Street

(organized by Catholic Ladies of Columbia #86)
Thursday, June 20 8am-6pm
Friday, June 21 8am-5pm
Saturday, June 22 9am-noon

Donation drop off dates:
Monday, June 17 10am-6pm
Tuesday, June 18 10am-6pm
Wed, June 19 10am-4pm

Items accepted:

Furniture (please no TV's)
Small appliances
Kitchenware
Dishware
Home décor/frames

Tools
Toys/Games
Books
Jewelry

Holiday items
Plants
Purses/scarfs
Craft items

Blankets/Quilts
Pictures/Art work
Sports items
Bedding/Towels

Clothes/shoes accepted only at St. Peter's

Please encourage your family and friends to donate!

New and slightly used clean items are appreciated.

Be sure appliances, etc. are in working condition with necessary parts and cords.

2024 Graduates

Congratulations to the 2024 Graduates!
May God's Blessings be on your new journey in life!



Eli Kidwell graduated from Upper Sandusky High School. In the fall, he plans to attend UNOH for Diesel Mechanics in the Agricultural Industry.

MacKenzie Kidwell graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She will be attending OSU Marion and her future plan is to attend Vet School.

Jacob Rife also graduated from upper Sandusky High School. His plans are to head out west and join in the Custom Combining Industry.

Monthly Mission Focus

Our Mission Focus for June will be Open Door. Usually we support in July, but they moved their Stars and Stripes up a month...so we will too!

All loose and designated offerings for this mission will be sent to them for their campaign! You are welcome to donate as an individual to them as well, just send directly to them and they will recognize you on their FB page for being a donor!



OpenDoor **STARS**
in **STRIPES**
GIVING CAMPAIGN

Honor your organization and help us serve the families of Wyandot County

Purchase a Star for \$100	Receive a Thank You Message on Facebook
Purchase a White Stripe for \$500	Receive a Thank You message on Facebook and your organization's name on a stripe on our downtown flag display
OR	
Purchase a Red Stripe for \$1000	



Kaylyn Shock and Nicholas Wines were both awarded the Scholarships from First Evangelical in May. Kaylyn is studying at MTC in the Physical Therapy Assistant program and Nicholas in at Capital University majoring in Accounting with a minor in Mathematics. We are so proud of them and continue to follow them on their paths!



2024 SCHEDULE

WYANDOT *Mission Church*

SERVICES @ 8 AM

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

Easy like Sunday Morning...

'cause they went to church Thursday!



join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in June and July (not the 4th)
 First Evangelical Lutheran
 601 North Sandusky Avenue - Upper Sandusky



Sunday Scriptures



JUNE *scriptures*

2nd

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalms 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

JUNE *scriptures*

9th

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

JUNE *scriptures*

16th

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

JUNE *scriptures*

23rd

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

JUNE *scriptures*

30th

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

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