

First Evangelical Lutheran



June 2025

Rev. Dr. Mark Rich

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

Sunday Worship Time: 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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 10 a.m.	2 *Rotary 11-2 *upstairs reserved 1-5 *AA-7-9	3	4	5 Worship 6:30	6	7
8 Worship 10 a.m.	9 Council 6 p.m. *Rotary 11-2 *AA-7-9	10	11	12 Call Cmte 5:30p.m. Worship 6:30	13	14
15 Worship 10 a.m.	16 *Rotary 11-2 *AA-7-9	17	18	19 Worship 6:30	20	21
22 Worship 10 a.m. *lower level reserved 1-5	23 VBS 9-11:30 *Rotary 11-2 *AA-7-9	24 VBS 9-11:30	25 VBS 9-11:30	26 VBS 9-11:30 Worship 6:30	27 VBS 9-11:30	28
29 Worship 10 a.m.	30 *Rotary 11-2 *AA-7-9					

A message from Pastor Mark



Last summer we tried out a short worship service on Thursday evenings (6:30-7:15pm) during June and July. **Let's do it again!!**

Last year we talked about the nine facets of the fruit of the Spirit. This year I would like to discuss the ideas of a book titled "7 Things I Wish Christians Knew about the Bible", by Australian Anglican priest and biblical scholar Michael F. Bird. Anyone is welcome to buy and read the book themselves, but that won't be necessary for coming to worship that evening.

Here's the schedule:

June 5 "The Bible Didn't Fall from the Sky" – we look at how the Bible came to be

June 12 "The Bible Is Divinely Given And Humanly Composed" – we look at how the Bible can be both from God and from humans

June 19 "Scripture Is Normative, Not Negotiable" – the meaning of biblical authority

June 26 "The Bible Is *for* Our Time, But Not *about* Our Time" – respecting the historical distances of the Bible

July 3 "We Should Take the Bible Seriously, But Not Always Literally" – the trinity of meaning: authors, texts, and readers

July 10 "The Purpose of Scripture Is Knowledge, Faith, Love, And Hope" – what it says...

July 17 "Christ Is the Centre of the Christian Bible" – Christ's gospel is the goal of scripture

July 24 Bible study on creation stories

As we did last year, we'll start out with learning and discussion time, then pray together, and then share communion.

Please join us – and I'll see you in church, both on Sundays and Thursdays!

Pastor Mark

Church Council News



Council did not hold their May meeting due to lack of urgent council business. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 9th at 6 p.m.

Monthly Mission Focus

In June, we will be supporting our joint effort with St. Paul for our Lutherans of Upper Sandusy Vacation Bible School. All designated and any loose offerings will be given to help sustain this awesome opportunity to reach our youth here, at St. Paul and in our community!

The logo features a central bear silhouette filled with a scenic landscape of mountains, a lake, and trees. Below the bear, the words 'TRUE NORTH' are written in a stylized, blocky font. Underneath that, a small banner reads 'Trusting Jesus in a Wild World'. The background of the entire graphic is a vibrant, colorful sky with a rainbow and a mountain range.

Lutherans of Upper Sandusky VBS

**June 23-27
9-11:30a.m.**

**Entering PK
thru 6th**

**Grades 7-12
are encouragd to
be helpers!**

**held at First Evangelical Lutheran
601 North Sandusky Avenue**

Celebrations



Rhonda Stoneburner – 2nd
Remington Newell – 3rd
Chuck Gottfried – 3rd
Jason Zimmerman – 5th
Patti Glover – 9th
Hannah Johns – 9th
Phil Nieset – 13th
Dorothy Sammet – 16th
Harrison Kimmel – 17th
Eli Kidwell – 18th
Dalton Shock – 19th

Nancy Stalter – 19th
Nathaniel Stansbery – 20th
Makala Burks – 21st
Chandler King – 23rd
Missy Zimmerman – 24th
John Stoneburner – 26th
Pam Hight – 26th
Maggie Bower – 29th
Sharon Lee – 29th
Carter Grogan – 30th
Blane Stoneburner – 30th



9th – James & Terry Walter
19th – Chuck & Jean Gottfried

If you or someone you know were inadvertently left off the special days list, please notify the office!

Monthly Scriptures



June 8

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 22

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 29

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

**Interested in
a Baptism for
your little
one...**



A LUTHERAN WELCOME TO
HOLY BAPTISM



or any age?

**contact the
office today!**

**CHRISTIAN
FOOD CENTER**

**This month let's
focus on
Pancake Mix, Syrup
and Toilet Paper**

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, 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)**



**Thursday Summer
Worship**

6:30 p.m. June 5-July 24
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2025 SCHEDULE

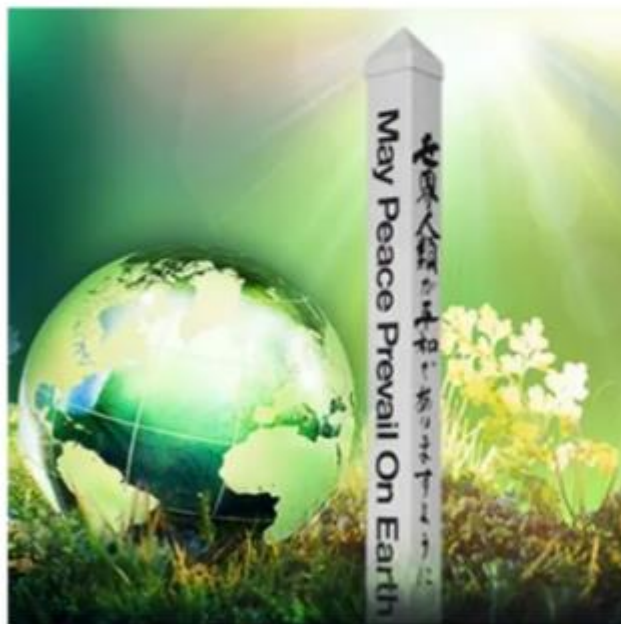
WYANDOT
Mission Church

SERVICES @ 8 AM

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

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PEACE POLE DEDICATION CEREMONY



ROTARY PEACE POLE

The Peace Pole serves as a silent sentinel urging reflection and inspiring a culture of peace within its community and beyond. Rotary International has embraced the Peace Pole project as a way for clubs to actively contribute to world understanding and peace.

**LOCATION: UPPER
SANDUSKY COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**

DATE: JUNE 22, 2025

TIME: 2:00 PM

SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS: Wyandot Chief Billy Friend will read the Wyandot inscription, Upper Sandusky Community Library Director Kathleen Whitt will read the message in German, and Yajaira Ayala of Wyandot County Public Health and the founder of Upper Sandusky Hispanic Involvement will read the Spanish message.



Looking for people interested in learning how to

- open and close up church**
- run the livestream camera**
- setup and use laptop to run the monitor**

Kristin is ready and willing to share how to perform these tasks. Please reach out if you are able to help out!



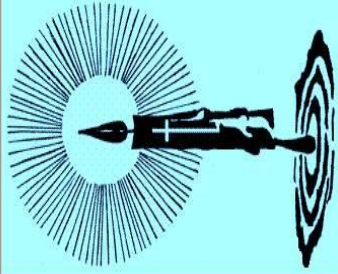
Congratulations to Dalton Shock and Kaylyn Shock!

Dalton graduated with honors from Upper Sandusky High School and will be moving on to Bowling Green next year!

Kaylyn graduated from the Physical Therapy Assistant Program from Marion Technical College and will be taking her board examination soon!

Now that we have the screen in place for the last month, we are looking for any questions, concerns, thoughts on how it's going. What do you like? What do you want to see up there for worship... Utilizing the screen for more of the "bulletin" would be good to cut down on paper. But people may still want bulletins... So many thoughts and feedback from you is welcomed. Please let Kristin or a member of council know your thoughts.

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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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