

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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
			1	2	3	4
				National Day of Prayer event 7 p.m. John Stewart		
5 Worship 10 a.m.	6 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	7 NA 7-9	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 10 a.m.	13 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	14 4H 6-7 NA 7-9	15	16 Council 7 p.m.	17	18
19 Worship 10 a.m.	20 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	21 NA 7-9	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10 a.m.	27 AA 7-9	28 NA 7-9	29	30	31	

Pastor Mark will be out of the office May 6-14. He will not be here for our May 12 worship service. We will be led by our youth using the Service of the Word Setting. Then on May 19th we will go to Setting 10 in the ELW for the duration of Summer ☺

A message from Pastor Mark



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

First, about the National Day of Prayer event. It will be held on Thursday May 2 at 7pm at John Stewart Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! And thanks especially go to Randy Sorg, who will speak briefly as a representative from the Upper Sandusky business community!

Second, we will once again be having evening worship times! This summer, we'll have communion worship on Thursdays at 6:30pm through June and July. PLUS, the format will be much simpler than Sunday morning worship.

We'll open with a hymn, have one scripture reading and a message/discussion, have an offering and pray together, and then have communion and another hymn. It will be a lot simpler than our Sunday morning service. Also, our prayers will focus on healing more so than they do on Sunday mornings.

We'll publicize these services for the whole community, because I think there might be interest from more folks than just our members. For folks who go away on weekends during the summer, this will be a natural way to worship weekly. Be sure to tell folks about this – word of mouth (or Facebook!) is more effective!

We will use the apostle Paul's list from Galatians 5 of the fruit of the Spirit: "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Each week we will discuss one of these, starting with love on Thursday June 6 at 6:30pm.

See you all in church!

In the peace of Christ, Pastor Mark



FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS



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

Dan Altwater, Dorothy Blackburn, Kristin Ealy, Maureen Hawkins, Karen Magers, Tom Martin, Chad Stoneburner, Mary Wright and Brenda Zeigler. Also present: Pr. Mark Rich.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and report. Has been doing visits and meeting more of our Church Family. Beginning to plan summer services that will be held on Thursdays for those that are not able to make Sunday Worship. Will be taking a vacation Sunday on May 12.

Kristin reported more information on acquiring a screen for the sanctuary. With equipment and setup she estimates that it can be done for under \$3000. Tom Martin motion that Kristin proceed with getting the detailed information to council for a vote, Chad Stoneburner second. MC

Pastor Mark brought up that it is time to form a transition team. This is one of the ways of readying a church for the call process. Council discussed those individuals it would like to be asked. Kristin will draft up a letter to send to those individuals to begin forming a Transition Team.

New Business:

1. Monthly Missions need to be decided for a few months. May will be Global Mission. June will be VBS, July will be for Open Door and August is for Habitat for Humanity.
2. Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly June 1.
3. In 2023 we helped to cover overdue lunch fees for the school district. We allocated more money than they needed so we will be looking to do this again. Mary Wright motioned to pay up to \$1500 to school lunch fees for this year. Dorothy Blackburn 2nd, MC. Kristin will contact the director of food services following the last day of school to finalize.

Tom Martin approached Council regarding AED information. Council will continue to talk about it and gather information to see if this is something we'd like to do. Kristin was directed to contact our insurance to find out their involvement if any and how to handle adding that to the church.

2024 SCHEDULE

WYANDOT

Mission Church

SERVICES @ 8 AM

MAY 5 - Chief Ted Roll

MAY 12 - Pastor Ken Gray

MAY 19 - Loren Atkins

MAY 26 - Pastor Barry Halter

JUNE 2 - Chief Billy Friend

200th Anniversary of Building

JUNE 9 - Pastor Amy Vittorio

JUNE 16 - Pastor Jim Stauffer

JUNE 23 - Janet Dunlap

JUNE 30 - Pastor Jay Scott

JULY 7 - Chaplain Steve Sturgeon

JULY 14 - Pastor Mark Rich

JULY 21 - Pastor Christopher Thacker

JULY 28 - Pastor Steve Anstine

AUGUST 4 - Pastor J-Mac Geissinger

AUGUST 11 - Pastor Ken Wessler

AUGUST 18 - Pastor Scott Moore

AUGUST 25 - Pastor Betsy Bowen

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

Last Youth Sunday MAY 12th

(note, that's the 2nd Sunday, but Pastor Mark is gone the 12th so it's perfect for the kids to lead us, plus it's like a mother's day gift)

Youth Sunday will be looking a bit different moving forward, so since it's the end of the school year we will say "see ya later" to this 3rd Sunday event.

YOUTH- we will still be looking to have you join us **ANY SUNDAY** to read scriptures! Kristin will be sending out information to all families soon!

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)



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 24-28
9-11:30 A.M.

LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF UPPER SANDUSKY VBS

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MAY 1st

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2- MacKenzie Kidwell

3- Renee Nieset, Lisa Welker, Brittany Glover

5- Jean Gottfried

10- LeAnne Laudick

12 - Emma Rife

16 Logan Tschanen

25 James Whitemore

27 Mary Lou Gillen and Margie
Kimmel

28 Reese Stansbery

29 Karen Magers

31 Janine McMillan

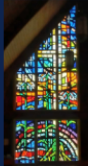
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Wishing you God's
Blessings today,
tomorrow and always!

have a super day!

Opportunities to Serve Your Church



Altar Flowers

May 5

May 12

May 19 Tom and Betty Martin

May 26 Phil and Michele Walton

SCRIPTURE READERS

May 5- Dorothy Blackburn

May 12- YOUTH

May 19- Dan Attvater

May 26- Marty Denney

Greeters

May 5- _____

May 12- Graduates

May 19- _____

May 26- _____

Acolyte Schedule

May 5- Bryson

May 12- Dalton

May 19- Nick

May 26- Averie

Help Wanted

We will be looking for help with various opportunities within the church soon. To help in the search of volunteers for certain jobs a questionnaire will be going out. Please consider taking the time to fill it out and to also be willing to help with areas in which you are able.

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 and take up offering**. This would be a one person job.

And acolytes? We will be taking a break from this with just "kids"
Anyone can light the candles when Dean begins to play.

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>

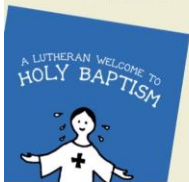
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Interested in
a Baptism for
your little
one...



or any age?

Contact the
office today!



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



CHRISTIAN
FOOD CENTER

This month let's
focus on
Cereal, Pasta & Sauce
and Hand Soap

RALLY IN THE ALLEY

121 W. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky

Star Players' 2024-2025
Membership Drive

May 2

Ron Boose &
Sara Grote
First Thursday
Food Trucks
Theatre
Tours



May 9

Erica Bickhart
in Karen
Carpenter Tribute
Wailing Onion &
Flav J Snow Cone
Food Trucks
Video
Testimonies on
Big Screen



May 16

Larry Thiel
& Brad
Baker

Star Theatre Hot Dogs & Mark's
Homemade Ice Cream Truck
Photo Contest



May 23

The Marvelous
Wonderettes
Wailing Onion &
Flav J Snow
Cone Food
Trucks
Mini-Car Show



May 30

Ethan Korte &
Open Mic Night
for Kids
Chick-Fil-A Food
Truck
Crazy Photos



Every
Thursday Night
in May 6-8 pm

Live
Entertainment
and Food

Rain or Shine • Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

Monthly Mission Focus

Our Mission Focus for May will be for our Northwestern Ohio Synod Global Ministry and Mission work. This aids those around the world.

Seventy million Lutherans do make a difference! As a member of The Lutheran World Federation, the Northwestern Ohio Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are one of 142 member churches in 79 countries all over the world. We are called to walk alongside our Lutheran brothers and sisters to grow the church and to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities everywhere.— NWOS WEBSITE

All loose and designated gifts will be collected during May for this worthy cause.



Sunday Scriptures



SCRIPTURES

May 5

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

SCRIPTURES

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

SCRIPTURES

May 19

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SCRIPTURES

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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