

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church



## November 2024

Worship Sunday 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.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 All Saints Worship 10 a.m.	4 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	5 NA 7-9	6 Wednesday Walk 9:30 a.m.	7	8	9
10 Worship 10 a.m.	11 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	12 NA 7-9	13 Wednesday Walk 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16
17 Fellowship/Coffee Talk w/ Bishop Beaudoin 9 a.m. Recognition & Children's Worship 10 a.m. Church Family Luncheon to follow	18 Under 50s Mtg 7 p.m.  Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	19 NA 7-9	20 Wednesday Walk 9:30 a.m.	21 Council 7 p.m.	22	23
24 Worship 10 a.m. Decorate for Advent/Christmas/Winter	25 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	26	27 Wednesday Walk 9:30 a.m.	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

## A message from Pastor Mark



As part of our celebration of 175 years of God's presence here at First Lutheran Church, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be joining us in worship on Sunday Nov. 17!

We'll start things at 9am with a coffee hour talk with the bishop. Then we'll have worship, with him preaching and presiding at Communion. After that, we'll head downstairs for a catered meal by the Corner Inn for more refreshments (second Communion!) and visiting.

I first met Bp. Beaudoin in 2017, when he came to Tanzania for a consultation between Tanzanian bishops and church leaders and their American synod partners – in the case of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, that's the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. I've since come to know him as an excellent pastor, leader, and preacher. It's going to be a treat to have him join us!

Here's more about him from the synod's website:

"Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin was first elected May 21, 2016.

"He served as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stony Ridge from 2004-2016. He served as the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio, from 1996 to 2004. From 2013-2015, he served as the Dean of the North Central Conference.

"Bishop Beaudoin earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and a Master of Arts in Medieval History from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

"Bishop Beaudoin enjoys running with the Toledo Roadrunner's Club, reading good books, studying Scripture, and eating Mediterranean food."

I look forward to seeing and hearing him on the 17<sup>th</sup>! See you in church!  
And remember, CHURCH MATTERS!!

Pastor Mark Rich

# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

October 17, 2024 5 p.m.

Members present: Dan Altvater, Dorothy Blackburn, Tom Martin, Chad Stoneburner, Mary Wright, Brenda Zeigler Also present: Pr. Mark Rich  
Members Excused early: Kristin Ealy (chocolate walk duties)

## Opening Prayer

## Old Business

1. Rehire Pastor Mark- Yes, that's what that says. Due to ELCA guidelines a minister should not exceed more than 3 years without being in a call. Since Pr. Mark was a missionary and then upon returning to the U.S. has been in position of Interim for us and another church, and so the decision was made for the following: On September 30<sup>th</sup> Rev. Dr. Mark Rich retired from the ELCA as a rostered minister and on October 2<sup>nd</sup> he began his journey as a retired minister, continuing to perform duties as Interim Pastor for us. Chad Stoneburner motioned to re-hire Pr. Mark as a retired interim minister, seconded by Dan Altvater, MC. No changes were made to his current financial package as that will be addressed at our November meeting.

## New Business:

1. Insurance Underwriter requiring the church to obtain a water sensor for flooding. Installed and Kristin Ealy and Chad Stoneburner will be the persons of notification for this. Also, the fuse boxes in the church were also a concern. Outdated boxes could lead to potential hazards. Harris Electric gave estimate to complete the project in a two-part bid. \$4000 to complete the furnace room replacement of fuse box and \$1800 to replace Kitchen and Cross Hall fuse boxes. Tom Martin motioned that we move forward with Harris for the Furnace Room Fuse box replacement in the amount of \$4000 with Chad Stoneburner second, MC. Council realizes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate will have to be entertained soon as well, but to satisfy insurance purposes the major project would be first.

2. Council Elections- This year we will have 5 seats (of 9) open for election. Brenda Zeigler and Kristin Ealy will be finishing their 2<sup>nd</sup> terms and cannot go back on. Dorothy Blackburn is finishing her 1<sup>st</sup> term and if available can return to ballot. Maureen Hawkins would have been finishing her term this year and Karen Magers would have had one year remaining before their resignations were given. The tally is this for 3 people each term: 1-1yr term, 1-2yr term, 3-3y terms. At least 5 candidates will be favorable to fill and at the January organizational meeting the newly elected council can choose their term lengths, as done in the past.

## **Committee Items**

### Facilities:

Russell Smith- Sanctuary Pew tightening, light covers in South room, office door lock was jamming up, moving a banner in prep for TV to be installed. Halls-looked at Cross Hall a/c, toilets water pressure in Cross Hall. Women's room seems to be flushing better. Bookies- reseeded the retaining wall area.

### Outreach-

55 backpacks were collected and taking to a donation collection this weekend. We will be doing Trunk or Treat with Vancrest this year. We are bringing the love of Jesus with Children and activities for the residents there to integrate with and enjoy. Volunteers are needed for various jobs, see Kristin if you want to help. Chocolate Walk is tonight at Open Door. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year participating.

Parade is October 31 and we will line up around library at 6 p.m.

### Fellowship- potluck 10/27

Worship and Music- Dorothy okayed getting Corner Inn for 11/17 recognition Sunday meal. Bishop Daniel will also be participating and joining us this day. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. this year.

Finance- Stewardship Sundays will be November 10<sup>th</sup> + 17<sup>th</sup> Pledge cards will be available for all.

Transition Team- follow-up from Transition follow up meeting on Discussion Night that was held.

## November Anniversaries



23 Skip & Patti Glover  
25 Eric & Janine McMillan  
25 Wes & Amanda Rowlinson  
26 Dawn & Earl Kidwell

# November Birthdays

3 Averie Rowlinson, Sullivan Kimmel  
4 Audrey Gottfried  
5 Anderson and Alissa Rowlinson  
6 Brian Gillen  
9 Mariah Bowen, Wes Rowlinson  
13 Walker Karg, Jim Karg  
15 Lois Dillon  
17 Bev Bennett  
21 Briahna Stinehelfer  
26 Jake Nieset, Dean McMillan  
28 Luke McMillan  
29 Elaine Tschanen, Charlotte Weir



## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.**

## Membership Recognition

**Join us November 17th as we  
celebrate our members as a  
Church Family! We will be  
recognizing all 50+ year  
members and new member of  
the club Marla Steward Boes.**

*All are welcome to join in a catered  
meal following worship, please RSVP  
by November 13th.*

# Opportunities to Serve

**READERS**...easiest duty for us to get filled and requires nothing more than reading our prepared scriptures for the day, which you can get beforehand!

**GREETER**... This position requires you to be at church by 9:40. Greeting and offering a bulletin. This is a great job for just a few people and doesn't require much more than a smile and friendly greeting! You can even sit on the back pew to do it!

**COMMUNION PREPARER**...setup communion prior to worship (Sat or Sun) Those interested in learning, just ask!

## November Acolytes

3- Ben  
10- Dalton  
17- Jake  
24- Kloe

## November Scripture Readers

3- Dan  
10- Pat  
17- Youth  
24- Marty

## November Greeters

3- Nieset  
10- \_\_\_\_\_  
17- Youth  
24- \_\_\_\_\_

## November Flowers

3- Chuck & Jean  
10- John & Theresa  
17- Skip & Pat  
24- Nieset Family

## November Communion Prep

3- Dan Altvater  
10- \_\_\_\_\_  
17- Kristin Ealy  
24- \_\_\_\_\_

We will be holding Stewardship Sundays on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the coming year.

Pledge cards will be available those Sundays to complete! This will help our Financial People have a better handle on what's in store for 2025!

Thank you!

# Monthly Mission Focus

For November, we will be focusing on our annual Christmas Family gift drive. This year we will be including some much-needed items for nursing home residents at the County Home as well!

We will be getting the needed information around for gift tags to be on a tree by November 17<sup>th</sup>. All gifts will need to be returned by December 16<sup>th</sup>, wrapped with their gift tag attached.

All of our loose offering and designated giving will be given to the cause to buy additional gifts and or food/gas cards.

We are so very excited to be able to do this each year for a family and this year adding the Nursing Facility! Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

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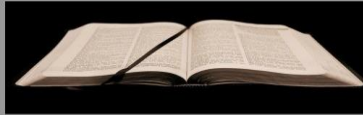
## **UNDER 50s DISCUSSION NIGHT**

**This discussion group will focus on our  
19-50 year old group.  
Led by Chad Stoneburner & Kristin Ealy.**

**All adults 19-50 years old, please consider  
coming to share some REAL TALK about our  
Church while we are in this Time of  
Transistion. A letter will be going out to all  
those in that age category.**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 @ 7 p.m. in South Room**

# Monthly Scriptures



## Scriptures November 3

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

## Scriptures November 10

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

## Scriptures November 17

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

## Scriptures November 24

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

# 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.**

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**Wyandot County Home- 7830 OH-199 Upper Sandusky Ohio 43351  
Phil Walton, Lisa Reinschell, Michael Huntley  
temporary: Pat Tong**

**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)**

**Temporary stay for Karen Rogers at Laurels of Walden Park  
5700 Karl Road, Columbus OH 43229**

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

Pastor Mark: 614.381.4520

Kristin: 419.310.0107



<http://www.upperfirstlutheran.org>

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# 2024 HALLOWEEN PARADE



# 2024 TRUNK OR TREAT





## CHRISTIAN FOOD CENTER

This month let's focus on  
Pasta and Toothpaste



## WISH ALL DAYS LOOKED LIKED THIS?

Unfortunately the time has come where walking outdoors may be hard for some.

Some people enjoy flat surfaces and climate controlled places to walk. Add some music and fellowship to that and you get our new Wednesday Walk hour!

Walking the Church with plenty of places to sit and catch your breath or just talk to a friend!  
Great way to stay fit and have some fellowship!

**9:30 a.m. Wednesdays until April**



# Coffee Talk w/ Bishop Daniel

won't just be coffee, but it's a catchy title

Please join Bishop Daniel Beaudoin at 9 a.m. on November 17th as he will be leading a Coffee Talk for us prior to worship!

# CHURCH COUNCIL

**First Evangelical Lutheran council is seeking nominations for election on December 15th. We will be looking at filling 6 seats.**

**Prayerfully consider adding your name to the ballot.**

**Any questions please see a member of council**

**TRIM A TREE**  
**We will begin decorating for Advent/Christmas/Winter after worship on November 24th. Many hands make light work on this and can be completed within an hour. A sign up sheet will be in Cross Hall!**



# CARE FUND

*@First Evangelical*

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.

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