

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 2025

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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2 All Saints Worship 10 a.m.	3 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 10 a.m.	10 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	11	12	13	14	15
16 Recognition & Children's Worship 10 a.m. Church Family Luncheon to follow	17 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	18 Council 6 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 10 a.m. Decorate for Advent/Christmas/Winter	24 Rotary 11-2 AA 7-9	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 Worship 10 a.m.						

A message from Pastor Mark



Last January I led a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. So naturally, I'm still reading books about it. I've especially been enjoying Justo Gonzalez's *Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church and Today*. In writing about the very first word of the prayer – Our – Gonzalez quotes from a very wise early church leader, Cyprian the bishop of Carthage:

"Before all things, the Teacher of peace and the Master of unity would not have prayer to be made separately and individually, as by one who prays to pray for himself alone. For we say not "My Father, which art in heaven," nor "Give me this day my daily bread"; nor does each one ask that only his own debt should be forgiven him; nor does he request for himself alone that he may not be led into temptation, and delivered from evil. Our prayer is public and common; and when we pray, we pray not for one, but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one. The God of peace and the Teacher of concord, who taught unity, willed that one should thus pray for all, even as He Himself bore us all in one."

This is exactly why our worship to God is so very important. We individual Christians must join together as God's priestly people to pray together. The world needs us to do this, because the world doesn't know how to get to peace and unity and concord. It is so consumed by fear, greed, and hate that it struggles to get to faith, hope, and love. WE need to do this, so that we also do not become consumed by fear, greed, and hate, and instead we can help the world live out the faith, hope, and love of Jesus' gospel.

The culture we live in has many more things for us to do on Sunday mornings, such that the worship of God becomes just one more option on a list of options. The culture leads us to turn worship and prayer into MY worship and MY prayer.

So, I have two recommendations for this problem: pray and pray! First, join us in Sunday morning worship every time you can. I know some of us are made to work on Sundays, and I get it – people need to make a living. But most of us don't have to work on Sunday mornings. So, we should join Christ's church in prayer.

Second, my wife and I have come across a very handy prayer app called

Daily
Prayer

It comes from the Church of England, so it follows the same lectionary as us and uses the same format for morning, evening, and night (or Compline) prayer as we do in our worship book, the ELW. We've just decided to use this each morning before we get out of bed, so we'll see how that goes!

See you in Sunday School and in church, because Church Matters! Pastor Mark

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Council did not meet in October. Their next meeting will be November 18th @ 6p.m.

Council is seeking individuals to place their names on the ballot for the 2026 Church Council. We will have 4 seats up for election. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the ballot.

**are you looking
to become more
active in your
church?**

**add your name to
the ballot for
CHURCH
COUNCIL**

Community That Marked the Acts 2 Church

The first generation of believers embraced the idea of “church” in a way that impacted every aspect of their lives and empowered the gospel to spread far and wide.

This six-session Bible study invites us to challenge our distinctions between “Sunday Church” and the rest of our lives, to go all in with our faith and commitment to church community, and to live the truly dynamic, impactful life God has always intended for Christians to live.

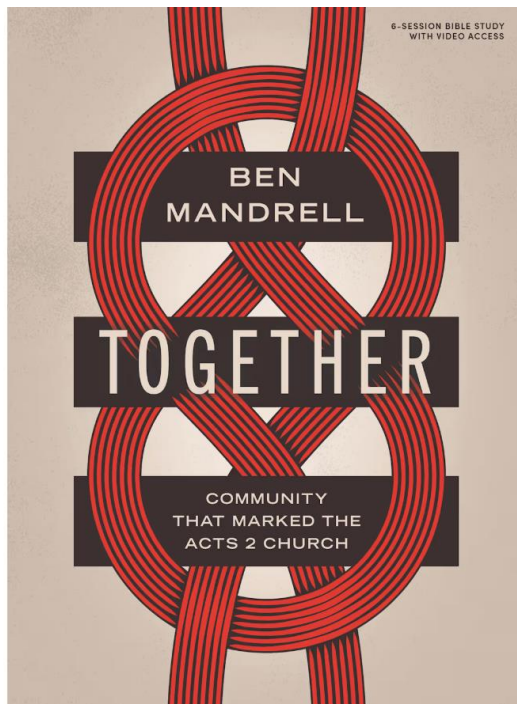
As we study the foundations and rhythms of the early church, we can more intentionally emulate their way of life to make a greater impact in our world today while also experiencing the fullness of God in our own lives.

Discover how being deeply connected in the community of believers can transform our lives, our cities, and the world.

Join us in the Cross Hall Meeting Room as Lisa Rife, chair of the Call Committee, leads us in this journey, with heartfelt discussion and exploration.

November 16- December 21 - 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Check out <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/together-bible-study> to learn more. Contact Lisa (rife_lisa@yahoo.com) or reply to this e-mail if you are interested in participating.



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
Lisa Reinschell, Michael Huntley, Jon Zimmerman**

**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**

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Shine HIS Light
one pixel at a time

each pixel - \$500
goal - \$27,500

Help First Evangelical Lutheran Church purchase a digital roadsign!

Monthly Mission Focus

For November, we will be focusing on the Hub (Wyandot Community Connections) This after school program that now has 2 locations for grades k-9 is a vital part of our community. With faith-based care and snacks, games, crafts and tutoring it is a wonderful option for after school care!





Happy Birthday!

3 Averie Rowlinson

3 Sullivan Kimmel

6 Alissa Rowlinson

6 Anderson Rowlinson

9 Wes Rowlinson

13 Jim Karg

15 Lois Dillon

17 Bev Bennett

26 Jake Nieset

26 Dean McMillan

28 Luke McMillan

29 Elaine Tschanen

29 Charlotte Weir

November Anniversaries

23 Skip and Patti Glover

25 Eric and Janine McMillan

26 Dawn and Earl Kidwell

26 Wes and Amanda Rowlinson

SCRIPTURE READERS

nov 2- pat denney
nov 9- marty denney
nov 16- YOUTH
nov 23- dan altvater
nov 30- _____

ACOLYTES

nov 2-bryson
nov 9-kloe
nov 16-nick
nov 23-kloe
nov 30-jake

nov 2- _____
nov 9- _____
nov 16- _____
nov 23-martins
nov 30- _____

COMMUNION PREP

FLOWERS

nov 2- brian & jodi kimmel family
nov 9- randy & sherri sorg
nov 16- skip & pat glover
nov 23- nieset family
nov 30- weir family

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.

HOW TO CONTACT & STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH

Pastor Mark: 614.381.4520

Kristin: 419.310.0107



<http://www.upperfirstlutheran.org>

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

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2025 TRUNK OR TREAT



Thank you

To all that participated and donated to the Trunk or Treat Party!
And to Vancrest for letting us share our love!

Membership Recognition

**Join us November 16th as we
celebrate our members as a
Church Family! We will be
recognizing all 50+ year
members and new members
Sharon Lee and Marty Denney.**

*All are welcome to join in a catered
meal following worship, please RSVP
by November 12th.*



TRIM A TREE
We will begin decorating
for
Advent/Christmas/Winter
after worship on
November 23. Many
hands make light work
on this and can be
completed within an
hour. A sign up sheet
will be in Cross Hall!

All Saints Day
November 2 2025

We will remember those that have passed since
last All Saints Day during our worship.
If you have a name you would like added, please
let the office know.

Everyone will have the opportunity to light a
candle, for a saint in heaven close to their heart.

Monthly Scriptures



November Scriptures **9th**

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November Scriptures **16th**

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November Scriptures **23rd**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November Scriptures **30th**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



Word Search

W	G	E	W	G	E	W	G	H	T	L	A	E	H	E
A	N	Q	G	N	Q	P	O	L	I	T	E	S	N	Q
P	V	W	L	R	W	Y	V	W	L	V	W	R	V	G
P	H	A	O	H	A	O	A	A	O	H	A	E	H	N
R	G	I	P	G	I	T	G	D	P	G	I	N	S	I
E	J	O	I	C	O	I	E	O	I	J	O	N	S	V
C	G	T	H	A	N	K	S	F	K	L	P	A	E	I
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F	T	L	R	T	D	F	T	D	F	T	D	F	T	T
C	R	J	C	R	E	D	U	T	I	T	A	R	G	J

See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. GIVING | 5. GRATEFUL | 9. FAMILY | 13. RESPECT |
| 2. THANKS | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS | 11. HEALTH | 15. POLITE |
| 4. HOLIDAY | 8. CARING | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS |

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