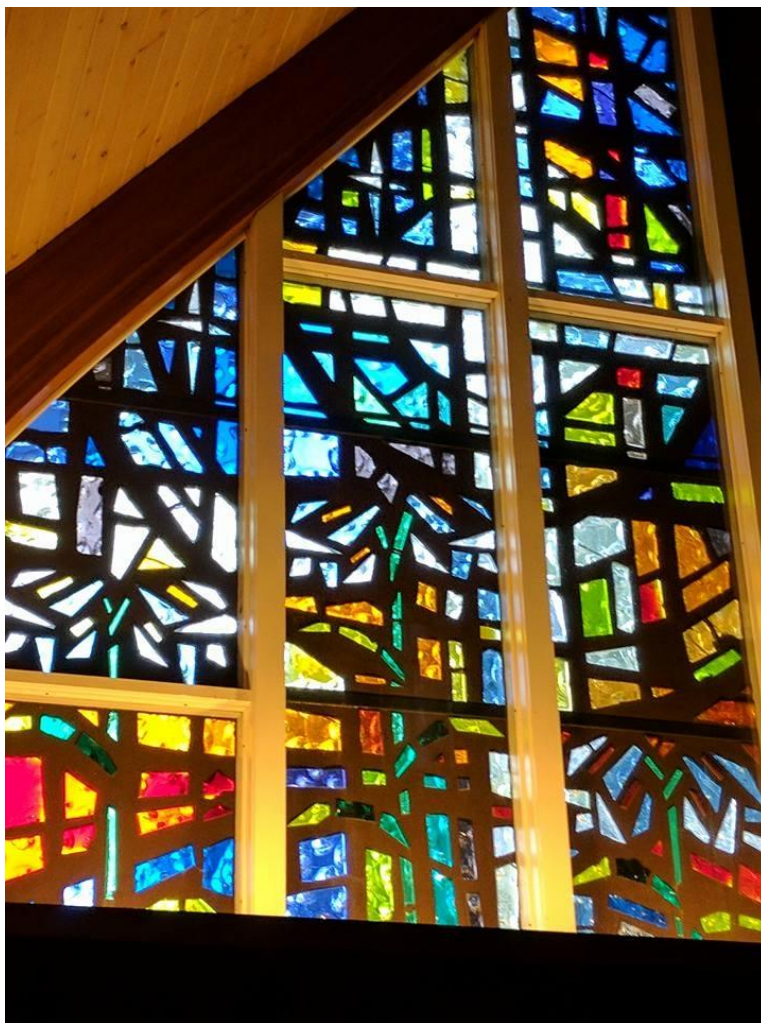


OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>5</p> <p>Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Homecoming Parade 6:30 p.m. (goes by us)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AA 7-9p</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship led by Council 10 a.m. Euchre Party 6 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Council 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Trick or Treat @ Vancrest 3-4:30</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship 10 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Parade 6p.m.</p>	<p>31</p>	

A message from Pastor Mark



Planting seeds and bulbs – and trees!

Our gospel reading for the first Sunday of October includes these verses:

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. [Luke 17:5 & 6]

My wife and I are trying to figure out which bulbs we need to buy and plant around our house for next spring. Of course, October is the ideal time for such planting, because the bulbs can get their roots established before winter. Then they will be able to spring up next spring!

Both our Sunday School and our worship are times when we plant the seeds of the gospel in our children and in our adult selves. It’s always a good time to plant gospel seeds, because we always need to keep learning – that is, to keep growing – in the gospel.

Christians who don’t keep planting these gospel seeds – who don’t keep learning the gospel – will end up learning the seeds of the world. For example: selfishness, the love of wealth, the inability to forgive, the endless search for reasons to be offended, the love of dominating power, etc., etc.

But the gospel seeds bear fruit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Who wouldn’t want to live this way, to be this kind of person?

Whether with seeds or with people, it is always God who gives the good growth, and we must always remember to thank God for God’s power – God’s spirit – that gives this good growth!

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

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Council met on September 23 with all members present as well as Pastor Mark and Kristin Ealy.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and then went on with his report. He will be out of the country from October 13-24. Please direct all pastoral needs to Kristin and we will make sure you are taken care of.

An addition to the Vendor/Food Truck decision made in September, a revision will be made to clarify that if the church requests a food truck to be present at a church event, only a donation from the vendor of at least 10% of sales would be requested. If a food truck/vendor requests use of our parking lot, then the \$50 fee would be accessed, based on timing.

Council spent the majority of the time discussing the Pork Chop Dinner and the preparations for that. And began to think of more ways to fundraise for the sign effort.

Next meeting will be October 21 at 6 p.m.

Call Committee News

No update to report at this time. Please keep the church in your prayers as we await a candidate or two!

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**



Interested in a Baptism for your little one...



Or any age?

contact the office today!



Halloween Parade

Pencil in October 30th for Upper Sandusky Parade!

We will meet in the Chase Parking Lot @ 6 p.m. We will be walking, but a few spots will be available to ride!

Candy donations would be appreciated as well! Please leave in South Room in the basket marked **CANDY!**

WELL WISHES CARD PARTY

**For well over 50 years,
Dean Clausing provided those sweet
hymns and endless preludes and
postludes, but most know that this last
spring he fell and in the process of his
rehab at Vancrest, he made the
decision to stay at the home and found
peace with that.**

**But we never got to celebrate him! So
let's do a little something that I know
he will love...let's shower him in cards!**

**Please join in on sending a card to Dean
at Vancrest~ 850 Marseilles Avenue.
(can also leave in the office to be
delivered) He will be tickled to sit and
read these and I know he will feel the
love!**



Happy Birthday!

2 Jim Waller	12 Jesse Weir	23 Roger Giese
5 Chad Stoneburner	12 Joyce Kuenzli	24 Kristin Ealy
5 Cooper Grogan	15 Nick Niesel	24 Layla Powers
6 Tom Martin	18 Linda Slater	25 Ethel Jean Factor
6 Mary Wright	18 Kloe Ealy	26 Brian Tschanen
6 Karen Rogers	20 Robert Hall	28 Waylon Verity
	21 Mark Kimmel	31 Nate McMillan

October Anniversaries

8 Ryan and Lisa Rife
10 Kurt and Margie Kimmel
10 Andy and Kristin Ealy

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>

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COUNCIL

It is that time of the year that the council will be looking to add nominees to the ballot for election in December. If you are willing to be put onto our nomination list, please notify any member of council, pastor, or Kristin. We will have 2 seats able to run for a second term as well as well as 2 empty seats.

Flowers

oct 5- nieset family
oct 12- steve & mindy bowman
oct 19- ealy family
oct 26- chad & ronda stoneburner

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

Communion Prep

oct 5-kristin
oct 12- _____
oct 19- _____
oct 26- _____

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

Acolytes

oct 12-kristin
oct 19-bryson
oct 26-jake

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

Scripture Reader

oct 5- dan altvater
oct 12- marty denney
oct 19- YOUTH
oct 26- dorothy blackburn

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



OCTOBER 19

beginning at 6 p.m.

Come hang out and play
some Euchre with your
Church Family!

Drinks will be provided, but
come with your favorite
appetizer or snack to share!



TRICK OR TREAT PARTY

@ Vancrest of Upper Sandusky

850 Marseilles Avenue Upper Sandusky OH 43351

sponsored by First Evangelical Lutheran Church

FREE FAMILY EVENT WITH FOOD,
GAMES, CRAFTS AND COSTUME CONTEST!

Categories: Character, Pretty/Handsome, Scary & Miscellaneous

SATURDAY OCT. 25TH

3-4:30 P.M.

Judging @ 4:15 p.m.

OpenDoor
2025
CHOCOLATE
WALK

Enjoy shopping
Downtown Upper
Sandusky and get a
Chocolate Treat at
each location.

Buy your \$25 ticket
at Open Door

Proceeds benefit the
work we do for
Wyandot County



OCTOBER
16TH

5:30-7:00

Monthly Scriptures



October Scriptures

5

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October Scriptures

12

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October Scriptures

19

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October Scriptures

26

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Monthly Mission Focus

We will be contributing to the efforts of the Salvation Army for October!

All loose and any designated money will go toward their good work they do for those that are in need. We will also be supporting them in December, as we normally do, by Ringing the Bell!



Membership Recognition

Looking ahead into November! We will be recognizing our 50+ year members November 16th. We will be adding Marty Denney and Sharon Lee to that list of fine people! Be looking for more information to come!

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