

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



First Evangelical Lutheran

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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fair Worship 7 p.m.	8 AA 7-9p	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 10 a.m.	15 Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p	16	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9 a.m. Children's Worship 10 a.m. Potluck & Fill BackPacks	22 Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p	23 Council 6 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 10 a.m. Potluck & Fill BackPacks	29 Rotary 11-1 AA 7-9p	30				

A message from Pastor Mark



We're going to try an experiment in worship this fall on the Sundays that we have Sunday School – that is, on Sept 7 and 21, Oct 5 and 19, Nov 2 and 16, and Dec 7.

On those Sundays we will do our Sunday liturgy with Communion first and the Scripture readings and sermon last! I know that's a big change, but I think it will work.

The purpose for this change is as follows. Our Sunday School kids and families will have just learned from the same Scripture readings that we use in worship. They can then follow up their learning with Communion together with all of us, and then they can leave if they wish. The rest of us will continue on worshipping with the Scripture readings and the sermon.

So here's the layout for this coming Sunday worship:

The Greeting	The Scripture Readings: First Reading, Responsive Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Reading
The Prayer of the Day	The Sermon
The Gathering Hymn	The Hymn of the Day
The Sharing of the Peace	The Apostle's Creed
The Offering and Offering Prayer	The Prayers of Intercession
The Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer	The Benediction
Communion Hymn	The Sending Hymn
Communion	Our Mission Statement
The Prayer after Communion	The Dismissal
Sending Blessing for those leaving at that point	

On Sunday Sept 14 we'll then worship our usual way. Then on Sept 21 we'll try this new way again, and so forth.

Don't miss it! See you all in church!
Pastor Mark

Please remember the Wyandot County Fair Worship Service at 7pm on Sunday Sept 7, at the Master's Building! It's by far the most ecumenical event of the year, and it's also a great way to kick off the Fair!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

August 26 2025 6 p.m.

Members present: Dan Altvater, Marty Denney, Skip Glover, Janine McMillan, Renee Nieset, Chad Stoneburner, Mary Wright Also present: Pr. Mark Rich & Kristin Ealy

Opening Prayer

Pr. Mark's Report: developing Sunday School for the 7th and 21st of Septmeber, 7th is the Fair worship at the Masters building at 7 p.m., working on getting with Father Savio to do a pet blessing again this year...Also on October 4th the installation of our new Churchwide Bishop will be live streamed. Plans for Pastor to be on vacation October 14-21.

Old Business

1. Harris Electric has completed 2/3 of the security lighting project per insurance.
2. Property Sign: with donations and the farmers market efforts we are over \$3000 (new total not in yet). Marty and Janine spoke about having a dinner, it is set for September 24th from 4-8 sold out, more information to come and opportunities for people to help! We will not be cooking this dinner!
3. Church Use Guidelines: Council has approved the following statement to amend our Church Use Guidelines. This statement will be added to the existing Church Use Guidelines regarding Garage Sales/Fundraisers

Garage Sales/Fundraisers: Only church sponsored (and approved non-profit organizations) fundraisers are to be held on church premises:

The Church may allow other non-profits or businesses ("Vendors") to use its property for the sale of goods, services, or food during organized events, markets or recurring pop-ups. Permission to use Church property is subject to approval by the Church Council, which may grant or deny access at its sole discretion. Any fees collected for rental space will be put towards outreach committee to use for outreach and missions, as this allowance if for fundraising opportunities.

Explanation: The council wants the church to be used, when asked and approved, for fundraising efforts using outside profit-making vendors and fees associated with this type of use to be placed into Outreach Missions for use here at First and outwardly as well. Profit making individuals/businesses will be paying a fee and also any other donation they give will be put into Outreach, for the committee to use for outreach and missions. Regular donations from non-profit organizations and individuals utilizing the building will continue to be donated to our current fund. Moved to accept this by Skip Glover and Janine McMillan second. MC

Committee Items

Christian Ed- Pastor has scheduled Sunday School for the first and third Sundays at 9 a.m. Interest emails and a short survey sent by him to all families with school age children.

Facilities Men's urinal in Cross Hall fixed, A/C was also looked at for Cross Hall- outside unit cleaned up and working well again, Trash can will stay on back patio and wheeled to parking lot for city pickup, furnace filters have all been changed out. Shelf hung for DVD player and electric behind TV in the Cross Hall Meeting Room so cords aren't a visual nightmare. Kristin will be working in all areas of the church as time allows to see what can be organized, cleared or fixed. If you have suggestions, let her or Chad know.

Finance- giving looks good despite lower attendance this summer.

Outreach- LWR school supply drive in full force, almost complete! Kristin organizing a Church workday September 21st after church to fill the bags and ready them for shipping.

Worship & Music- will need to get a meeting on books to talk about the November recognition meal.

Next Meeting: September 23 6 p.m. September council person: Marty

Call Committee News

So far, the only thing to report is that the Call Committee has submitted our Ministry Site Profile (our resume) to the Synod and it has been approved to be included in the ELCA postings for prospective candidates. So, in other words: our hat is now in the ring!

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

Christian Food Center

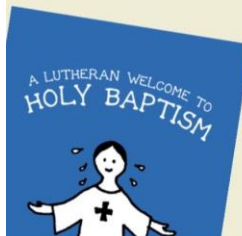
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Boxed Helper Meals,
Canned Meats

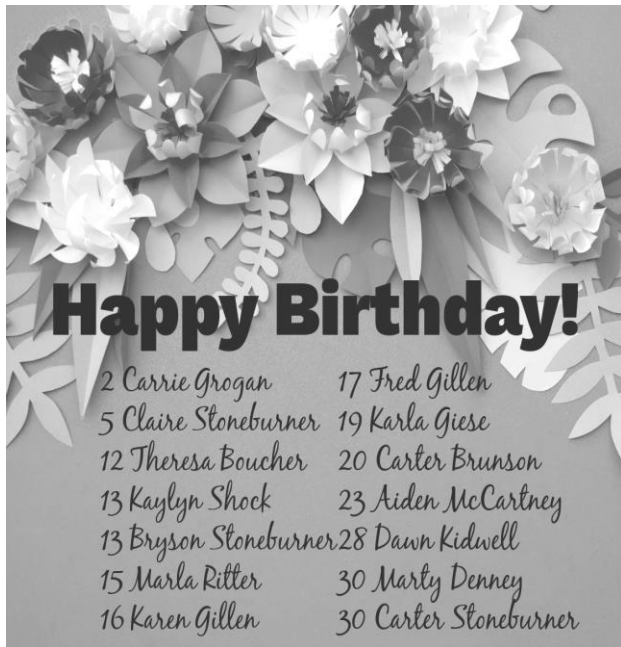
Interested in
a Baptism for
your little
one...



Or any age?

contact the
office today!





Happy Birthday!

2 Carrie Grogan 17 Fred Gillen
5 Claire Stoneburner 19 Karla Giese
12 Theresa Boucher 20 Carter Brunson
13 Kaylyn Shock 23 Aiden McCartney
13 Bryson Stoneburner 28 Dawn Kidwell
15 Marla Ritter 30 Marty Denney
16 Karen Gillen 30 Carter Stoneburner

September Anniversaries

2 Karl and Laura Wines
5 Ray and Carrie Grogan
18 Loren and Lois Dillon
22 Randy and Jenna McCartney

HOW TO CONTACT & STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH

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Kristin: 419.310.0107



<http://www.upperfirstlutheran.org>

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

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SAVE the DATES (more info to come)

October 4th – Blessing of Pets

October 16th – Chocolate Walk

October 25th – Trunk or Treat

October 30th – Halloween Parade

Senior Day

2025 WYANDOT COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30AM

☞ Coffee & Donuts ☞ Give-a-ways

☞ Door Prizes ☞ Lunch (Ticket Required)

☞ Live Entertainment

ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST LONNIE JAY FREEMAN
BUCKEYE BLEND QUARTET

LOCATION:

Masters Building

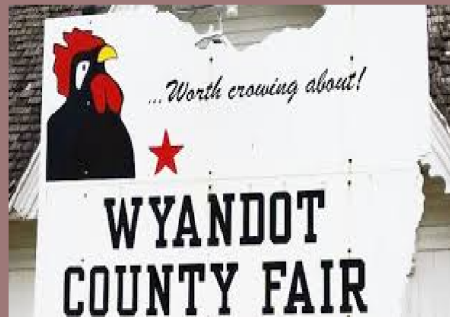
Wyandot County Fair Grounds

LUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

SENIOR CONNECTION WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Fair Admission Not Included - Senior Discount Available

Ridin ⚡ Ropin ⚡ Rockin Rollin



This year's Wyandot County Fair Worship Service will be held in the Master's Building at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th. Rose Hartschuh who serves as a professional agvocate will be the featured speaker and the offering will go to the Upper Sandusky Area Ministerial Association for local ministries! Hope to see you all there!

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

PORK CHOP DINNER

DRIVE THRU ONLY

SEPTEMBER 24

4 p.m. until sold out



2 Boneless Pork Chops,
Green Beans, Cheesy
Potatoes, Roll and Water

\$14 EACH

Desserts
\$2 extra



Dinner
benefits our
Digital
Roadsign
Fundraising
Efforts!

601 North Sandusky Avenue (corner of Church and Sandusky)

Monthly Scriptures



September Scriptures

7th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon

Luke 14:25-33

September Scriptures

14th

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September Scriptures

21st

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September Scriptures

28th

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



Mission for September will be the Wyandot County Sheriff Good Samaritan Fund. This fund helps to get needed money for gas and lodging for people passing through town and aides the sheriff station in providing needs at their discretion for those that ask for help.

Monthly Mission Focus



We will gather on September 28th for a potluck following worship and then those interested in helping will assemble the backpacks and get them ready for travel to their next destination! All hands and abilities will be able to participate! Mark your calendar for this amazing mission as it is also our God's Work, Our Hands project for 2025!

School Kits

Equip a child with the supplies they need to keep learning even in a crisis.

Note date change for this potluck from the 21st to the 28th!

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