

Welcome

to

*First English Lutheran
Church*

Wapakoneta, Ohio

Sunday, May 6th, 2012

5th Sunday of Easter

Confirmation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church

(419) 738-3911

website - www.myfelc.com

During the Worship service, we do have a staffed nursery and aids for the hearing-impaired available. Please ask the Ushers for assistance.

Welcome

Prelude

* Hymn #660

"Lift High the Cross"

* P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

* C: **And also with you.**

* Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Women): 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

(Men): 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his, (Refrain)

(Women): 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory and might, be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

(Men): 4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

* The Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem

"I Have Felt the Touch of God" -McCutchen/Larson

Children's Time

* The Reading of the Good News from **John 15:1-8**

Meditation

* The Order for the Affirmation of Baptism

Michaela Ary, Dakota Austin, Morgan Fisher, Daniel Ehrenberg and Mason Schmallerberger, have presented themselves to make public their affirmation of their baptism. I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces of that defy God?

If so please respond by saying, **"We renounce them."**

Do you renounce the power of this world that rebel against God?

If so please respond by saying, **"We renounce them."**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so please respond by saying, **"We renounce them."**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, and communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If this is your promise please respond, **"I do and I ask God to help and guide me"**

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and to pray for them in their life in Christ and to continue to help them grow in faith? If so, please respond, **"We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."**

Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen.**

(Friends and family are invited to come forward and place their hands on the confirmand for the prayer)

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The Offering

* The Offertory Response

"Let the Vineyards..."

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Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response

"The Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Continuous Distribution – please come forward to receive the bread and the wine.

Distribution Hymns - #471 – *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*, #574 – *"Here I Am, Lord"* #504 – *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

* Prayer

* Benediction

* Hymn #807

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

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Pastor		Steven L. Nelson
Organist		Susan Morgan
Lay Reader		Georgeann Stienecker
Acolyte		Rob Gerstner
Worship Assistant		Char Curry
Communion Assistants (May 6 th)	Chris Nagel & Diane Yocum	

Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday – 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

THOSE TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS:

Luke Bemus	Family & Friends of Roger Carnes	Mary Geren Lutz	Judy Metz	
Jim Coons	Corky Slife	Cindy John Geren	Patience Simms	Ross Mincks
Ferd Heller	Jake Braun	Lisa Braun	Tasha McPeek	Dane Craft & Family
Jim Walls	Edward & Maxine (Jean) Doseck	Todd Lishness	Norma Rickert	Becky Mosler
Larry Longsworth & Family	Bob & Lois Bogart	Deb Shenk	Pat Katterhenry	
Mabel Jackson	Seth Thuman	Jill Starrett	Margaret Kantner	Ashley (Slife) Rostorfer
Tim Jurosic	John Klock	Sally Moellenkamp & Family	Our Troops & their families	

We don't want to leave anyone off who is in special need of our prayers, and without your assistance, we don't always know who those individuals are. Once on our prayer list, we don't always know when those individuals are no longer in need of our special prayers, so

please give the church office a call to update us! If someone needs to be added back on our prayer list, please don't hesitate to let us know.

IF YOU HAVE NEED FOR A PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST, Chris Nagel can be contacted by calling (419) 657-2554. *If an urgent need arises during the morning, you can reach Becky @ the church office @ (419) 738-3911 Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

Good Morning" and "Welcome" to all this morning!!
If "Everyone" could please sign our attendance books this morning!

OUR STEWARDS FOR THIS MORNING

Mechanic St. Greeter(s) – Brenda Shoffstall

Melching Hall Greeter(s) – Gae Kassel

Ushers – Roger Moellenkamp, Joe Morey, Charlie Brading & Trell Yocum

Nursery Volunteer – Matt Roode

Altar Guild – Darla Frame & Deanna Wisener

Pew Straightener – Mary Klock

Fellowship Time Clean-up – Brenda Shoffstall

Fellowship Refreshments – Rebecca & Bailey VanMeter

This morning's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jake & Katie McCullough in honor & celebration of granddaughter, Abby's, 8th birthday on Friday, May 4th. Happy Birthday Abby!

Altar flowers are also given to the Glory of God by Carl, Angie, Marc & Kelsey in honor & celebration of son & brother, Cameron's, 12th birthday on Friday, May 4th. Happy Birthday Cameron!

April Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God by Dale & Becky Dicus in honor & celebration of grandson, Jack's, 5th birthday on May 30th & in memory of granddaughter, Kennedy, on the anniversary of her birth, May 24th.

Council-persons for May

Cari Frame & Todd Oren

If anyone has questions or concerns this month, please see *Denise &/or Kevin.*, as representatives of church council. If they don't have the answer at that very moment, they as council members, will be glad to obtain the details from you & inquire with the appropriate person(s) for an answer to the question or concern.

Please also remember our FELC family members who are both suffering and homebound. Please let them know we are thinking of them daily & keeping them in our prayers. Expressions of love & concern are very much appreciated and needed for healing and our general overall health & well-being.

Auglaize Acres – *Ruby Kinninger, Bob & Lois Bogart*

Independent Living – *Leo Chiles*

Otterbein - *Ruth Howell, Margene Graessle*

The Garden's – *Millie Yocum, Margaret Kantner*

Wapak Manor – *Sally Moellenkamp*

Roselawn, Spencerville – *Anna Binkley*

Brookdale Place @ Finneytown, Cincinnati, OH – *Eloise Garrod*

Homebound – *Gaynell Market, Kate Harris (currently residing*

@ 25 Main St., Leipsic, OH 45856)

Mercy Unlimited's needed items from FELC for 2012 are hair-care products, i.e. shampoo & conditioner.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services and are encouraged to participate, as they are able. The ability and desire to participate in worship comes in different stages and at different ages for each child. To assist parents as their children learn about worship, we have the following options:

The nursery is available for children 3 years old and younger. We have children's activity sheets & bags available in the back of the sanctuary, to occupy children age 4 thru elementary during worship. Also, at our Worship service following Children's Time, children age 4 thru 5th grade can go to Jr. Church (during summer) & Sunday School (during school year).

There were 0 items & \$18.00 in the pantry jar from last Sunday. Thank you everyone for sharing of your gifts with others much less fortunate than ourselves!!

Sunday School is now in session. The High School class is in the Parlor and the Youth are meeting in the basement after the children's sermon.

Richard Chenoweth proudly presents & invites you to his Pen & Ink Exhibit "The Dick Chenoweth Retrospective" now thru June 17, 2012 at the Riverside Art Center. Dick's "pen & Ink" exhibit is open to the public.

FELC is scheduled to serve the evening meal for Loaves & Fishes on Thursday, May 10th! Please see Rollie Kent if you are perhaps willing to assist w/ preparation of, serving the meal, &/or clean up following the meal. Many hands make light work & it also provides a chance to have some fellowship w/ others! There will be a clipboard going around during the Worship services to give everyone a chance to provide desserts for that evening's meal!

Letter-Carrier Food Drive – May 12, 2012 Please donate generously to this important effort to relieve hunger in our community and area. Place food by mailbox just prior to the normal arrival time of your mail (**NO glass containers please**).

All food will be brought to the back of Mercy Unlimited to be sorted and divided with God's Storehouse, Inc.

Youth from the Wapakoneta Middle School will be assisting with this day-long event this year for the first time. If any questions, please call Carol @ (419) 738-5456.

The Auglaize County Agricultural Society and the Gospel Tent Committee are making preparations for the upcoming 12th Annual Auglaize County Fair Gospel Tent. They are excited about the opportunity to continue to bring the Performers, to the Gospel Tent, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, through their Music Ministries. There will be approximately \$20,300 to cover the week's expenses, they are asking for your financial support, to help make the Gospel Tent possible. The following groups will perform during the fair: Just Us Quartet, Gold City, Mark Trammell Quartet, Soul'd Out Quartet, Brian Free & Assurance and The Isaacs. Wednesday night is set aside for the YOUTH with bands performing, which they hope the youth will enjoy.

They would like to "thank you for your support" and look forward to hearing from you. Please make your check payable to the AUGLAIZE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY and mark to the Attention: Gospel Tent. Please mail your check to the Gospel Tent treasurer, Audrey Knoch, P. O. Box 105, Uniopolis, OH 45888.

2012 FELC Confirmands

Dakota Lynn Austin was born on August 8, 1997 to Steve Austin & Angela Rosebrook and has an older sister, Chanda Hittepole. She is an 8th grader at Wapakoneta High School and has interest in Cheer, listening to music, shopping, drawing and painting.

Dakota was baptized April 30, 2011 here at First English Lutheran. Her chosen scripture verse is from Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." The reason I chose this verse is because, God wants me to do this."

Daniel Ehrenberg was born on April 1, 1998. His parents are George Ehrenberg & Jennifer Ehrenberg and he has two brothers; Simon & Jacob. He is an 8th grader at Wapakoneta High School and has interest in playing baseball, sometimes hanging out with his brothers. Daniel's favorite subject in school is Algebra. He is also in Wapak Jr. High Track, band and enjoys playing the piano.

Daniel was baptized October 26, 2006 here at First English Lutheran. His chosen scripture verse is from: Daniel 2:6 "But if you show the dream and its interpretation you shall receive from me, gifts & rewards & great honor. Therefore, show me the dream and its interpretation."

Mason Matthew Schmalenberger was born on December 23, 1997 to Matt Schmalenberger & Amy Hager and he has a brother, Cobi and a sister, Alexis. He is an 8th grader at Wapakoneta High School and has interest in track & field (discus-throw), swimming, listening to music, bike-riding and playing football.

Mason was baptized on June 14, 1998 here at First English Lutheran. His chosen scripture verse is from: Psalm 31:1 - "I chose this verse because it lets me know I can always trust God and have faith in Him".

Michaela Ary was born on September 23, 1987 to Ben & Amy Swaney and has 3 sisters; Carlee, Grayce and Kristin. She is an 8th grader at Botkins School and has interest in cheerleading and other sports, texting, hanging out with friends and family.

Michaela was baptized on October 26, 1997 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Botkins. Her chosen scripture verse is from: Joshua 1:9 - "The reason I chose this one, is because this verse reminds me to stay strong when I go through stuff in school."

Morgan Michelle Fisher was born to Terry & Teresa Fisher on January 25, 1998 and has two sisters, Audrey & Taylor. She is an 8th grader at Wapakoneta High School and has interest in Cheer, drawing, listening to music, 4-H (sewing and cake decorating), serving as President of Jooi Club and shopping.

Morgan was baptized April 26, 1998 here at First English Lutheran. Her chosen scripture verse is from Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him." - "This verse lets me know that the Lord will always be there to help me."

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Lutheran Disaster Response needs our assistance to help victims of the deadly storms on March 2, 2012 that caused considerable damage in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. If you would like to make a difference and assist with the recovery efforts, please consider helping in the following ways:

DONATE

- Bibles
- Gift cards to Lowe's for building materials
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Kmart for household items
- Pots, pans, kitchen utensils and spices
- Bedding and quilts
- Cleaning supplies, school kits and health kits
- New socks and underwear – Infant through 12 years and adults
- Women's personal hygiene items
- Money – Thrivent Financial will supplement monies raised, \$1 for every \$3 donated. Checks should be made out to "Ohio Lutheran Disaster Response". Please note Thrivent Financial on subject line to ensure matching dollars.
- They have a great need for Construction Estimators who can drive to Moscow, Ohio and assess homes, then compile a materials list and determine the cost of the materials.
****Georgeann Stienecker** has generously donated her time and van to deliver our donations to Lutheran Disaster Response in Caldwell, Ohio.

Please bring donations to the church by MAY 12th.