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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, we heard of eleven people being stabbed at a Walmart in Traverse City. Then there was a mass shooting in Manhattan just a few days ago. Everyday, we hear of violence on the streets around us, across the country and across the world. Although I am aware that there will be sin and people committing evil acts until Jesus bodily returns, I believe that the greatest way to reduce this violence and for people to be able to handle the difficulties and the troubles of this world is Jesus.

This is one more reason why the church is commissioned by Jesus to baptize, make disciples and teach others what he has commanded. As a follower of Christ, I have never heard Jesus call me to randomly shoot people at the grocery store, or blow-up a building, or do harm to anyone. I would think that this is true for you as well. Imagine if every person believed and followed Jesus. If every person listened to Jesus teachings, followed Jesus, loved God and then loved their neighbor. This would be a very different world.

Every person who hears the word and comes to believe in Jesus is a person who is transformed into a new creation, a person who will live differently and love differently. A person who will see the world in a new way and will seek ways to love and not harm their neighbor. As well, as someone comes to faith they are better prepared for all that the world does to bring them down. They are better able to withstand the evil that will assail them and work for what is right and just with courage and mercy.

Everyone needs Jesus, and everyone needs everyone else knowing and following Jesus. We are the church and we will continue to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, risen from the dead, with healing, new life, forgiveness and grace in his wings. We will grow as disciples of Christ in sharing this good news and bearing the light of Christ to the world.

God bless you and all of First English as we seek to fulfill the mission He has given us.

Yours In Christ<><

Pastor Sean

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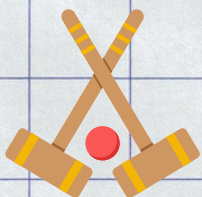
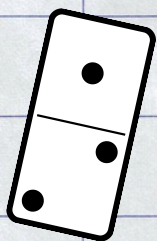
On June 21st, six representatives of First English departed for Workcamp in to serve in Jesus' name. They stopped overnight to rest at camp Allegheny and visit the Flight 93 National Memorial. Upon arriving in Wrightsville, PA, they met 192 others from 11 churches and 8 states, all there to perform free repairs for 24 residents in need. Projects included painting, replacing mobile home skirting, and building ramps, porches, & steps. They also studied scripture, worshiped, made new friends, and had a ton of fun.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."





Game Night!



“We are all mere beggars showing other beggars where to find the bread.” –Martin Luther

We have been fed with the bread of life, let us tell and show others.



SUNDAY PICNIC

at First English

August 10th at 10:00 AM

We'll start in the sanctuary for worship, featuring the children leading VBS songs.
Then join us in the gym for hot dogs, mac'n'cheese, a **BOUNCE HOUSE**, and more!
The event is free for all, but you are welcome to leave a donation.



Cedar Point

Aug 28

7:15AM Drop Off
10:30PM Pick Up

For 6th-12th graders, parents, and friends!

Join our annual Cedar Point trip!
Tickets are \$50; extra funds for gas, parking, and food are TBD.



[Purchase tickets here](#)

August



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Christie Schenburn Shirley Lamar Jillian Nixon
3 Jason Barger Jeffrey Homuth	4	5	6 Madeline Verman	7 Sherril Wolford	8 Eric Liebold	9
10 Jack Kline Evan Nyquist Evan Smith	11 Pat Thomas	12	13	14 Waynette Hostetler Colleen Motley	15 Kylie McClendon	16
17	18	19 Jonny Trowbridge Dane Wilson	20 Jacob Campbell	21	22 Lauren Vallee	23 Jane Stevens
24	25	26	27 Parker Rustmann	28 Kristen Smith	29 Alice Rustmann	30
31 Debbie Strandhagen						

Council Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025

Attended by: John Nyquist, Patrick Quinlan, Claudette Momenee, Waynette Hostetler, Kylie McClendon, Patty Foster, Diann Ohman, Amy McIntyre President John Nyquist called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. John Nyquist shared a short devotional on Philippians 4.

SECRETARY REPORT – There was no quorum, thus no motions were approved.

TREASURER REPORT – John Nyquist shared March and April financial statements provided by Cindy Jevons. Items that were of note were the elevator repair costs were all accounted for in the March statement and Building Rent year-to-date income through the end of April includes \$11,400 from pickleball gym rentals.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – No report

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE – Claudette Momenee reported that the Board will be working on the budget in the fall, and requested that all Boards send their budget estimates to Stewardship & Finance by September 14.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – John Nyquist shared information regarding a \$1000 discount in having parking lot lights repaired if work order is submitted by the end of June.

EVANGELISM – Patrick Quinlan reported that the goals for Grow 300 Action Plan have been streamlined, moving from 12 to 6 total goals. Prayer requests that were asked for include the following: having committed people in place ASAP for the Goal 1 team, and it was discussed that having as many people as possible on the prayer team is desirable, as well as praying for the success of all the goals and the goal leaders that were detailed in the Action Plan. Patrick further reported that there will be a “Leader Driven” culture for the Goal Leaders. There is an upcoming meeting with the Goal Leaders on July 13 with the Evangelism Committee and Pastor Sean. Patrick further suggested thinking and praying about adding a seventh goal regarding a long term financial plan for the Church.

SOCIAL ACTION – No report.

FELLOWSHIP – No report.

PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY – Kylie McClendon reported that Vacation Bible School has more than 80 participants registered, with registration open for 3 more weeks. More volunteers are needed for the number of participants, hoping to increase volunteers from 30 to 50 volunteers for the program. 6 of the youths arrived at Workcamp in Wrightsville, PA today. The youth will be sending thank you postcards to donors who supported this workcamp trip, and they also continue to accept more donations towards this workcamp.

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WORSHIP & MUSIC – No report. **ENDOWMENT** – No report.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – Waynette Hostetler shared that Grace Circle provided a meal to Vets Returning Home on May 9.

PASTOR'S REPORT – No report.

Old business – None presented.

New business – Request by the Berkesch family to approve serving beer/wine at wedding reception in the gym on July 5. This motion will be sent to the Church Council for an email vote due to lack of quorum at today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM. Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is tentatively September 21 at 12:15 PM.