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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Not overly long after we had moved here, we needed tires for our car. I mentioned this to Chris Judson who told me about a specific tire store that she and Nate always went to because they had received such great service. (I'm not advertising for businesses in the Clef so I won't mention the name here but would be glad to tell you outside of this article.)

I have gone exclusively to this business for tires and for rims and tires and TPMS repair for the Buick we had because the service has been better than I have received from any shop ever before. I will continue to go to them for tires and related needs as they have offered such a great product.

Renata announced at worship that the workcamp we are sponsoring for July of 2026 has filled, meaning 450 people have registered and there is a waiting list in case some of those drop out. It has not only been popular with groups around the country registering but the staff from Group that will be serving here have been fighting over who gets to come here next summer.

I believe this is because in the summer of 2024 you sponsored a workcamp and you provided an experience for the groups and staff that came here that was amazing, powerful, caring, and made the love of God come alive in their lives. You connected people in need in the community with these workcampers that welcomed them and had projects that were safe, challenging and life changing.

People want to come back here and serve because you have something wonderful to offer them, better even than tires, the same thing that you have to offer anyone who comes here. You have something wonderful to offer the people of our community all the time. God has called you to this place and you have answered that call and as well have created a family that is welcoming, loving, caring, and is a beautiful witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

This is a place that allows people to hear the word of God in numerous ways, worship, and join with a family, the body of Christ to live the abundant life that Jesus brings. We know that when we invite friends or neighbors or even people we have just met to join us here they will receive something wonderful, they will hear and feel the good news.

God has offered you life, life in Jesus, life that is better than anything in the world, you have received this gift and you have made First English a place that offers people the opportunity to live out this grace in a loving family of faith.

In Christ, as a family in Christ, you have something wonderful and life-giving to offer anyone you know or meet so be bold in inviting others to join with you, with us, here in a life of faithful witness and wonder.

Yours In Christ<><
Pastor Sean





Thanksgiving **FOOD DRIVE**

This fall the Board of Social Action is providing food boxes to 30 families just before Thanksgiving. We will be collecting through Thursday, November 20th. To make this happen we need your support. When you grocery shop, please consider picking up a few extra items for the food drive. We could use the following boxed or canned items:

Potatoes (Mashed, etc.)
Chicken, Tuna (canned)
Beef Stew/Hash
Jams/Jellies
Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Peanut Butter Hot cocoa mix
Jams/Jellies
Cereal (hot & cold varieties)
Rice Pasta/Noodles

Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Soups
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Vegetables (canned)
Fruit (canned)
Beans (baked, chili, etc.)
Stuffing Mix

Bring items to church and place in front of pantry door.
We thank you for your generous support!

BE A SPONSOR BRING HOPE

Because of Jesus, we can:

- ✓ provide building materials for a neighbor in need
- ✓ support the work crews, who donate their time and expenses in order to serve
- ✓ BRING HOPE to our community, the work crews, and all who hear their stories

Help us
serve
those in
need!

What will your gift do?

- \$250 patch & paint 3 rooms
- \$500 paint whole exterior
- \$1000 porch, steps, & railings
- \$2500 wheelchair ramp



FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Workcamp is July 12-18, 2026.
Funds accepted through April 12th.



Scan here to give online or setup recurring contributions. Checks made out to First English can be brought or mailed to the office.



ALL 5TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO
SERVE OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME!

Rake & Pray

NOON—3PM | NOVEMBER 9

Meet at church for pizza

Adult drivers needed

Dress for the weather

Bring a rake



Winter Retreat!

register
here!



JANUARY 23-25 AT
MICHINDOH

\$150 PER PERSON
REGISTER BY NOV. 19

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE



Sermon Series:
GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP,
LIVING OUR BAPTISM

Starting on November 2nd, we will have a sermon series on the Gifts of Discipleship, Living our Baptism. As baptized children of God, our focus will be living in that baptismal covenant that God has made with us. We will look at the gifts of discipleship that God has given and how this leads us in sharing the Good News with others.

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| 11/2 Gifts of Discipleship: Baptized in Jesus | 11/30 Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed |
| 11/9 Live Among God's Faithful People | 12/7 To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus |
| 11/16 Hear the Word of God | 12/14 To Strive for Justice |
| 11/23 Share in the Lord's Supper | 12/21 To Strive for Peace |

**BIBLE
STUDY**

**EVERY
THURSDAY
MORNING
9:30AM**

MEET IN THE LOUNGE

**We will be
studying the
prophet Isaiah.**



Christmas



SUNDAY

December 14th

Attention all singers 16 and older!

You are invited to join us in rehearsing for our Christmas Season Music Sunday. We will rehearse this music every Thursday at 7:30 in the choir room.

Almost that time of year!

Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Will need homemade cookie donations, to be dropped off before the 10am service.

Same day as Christmas Music Sunday

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

SUNDAYS

Nov 16, 23, 30 & Dec 7
10:30–10:50 AM
(right after worship
so save donuts for after)
Parent Helpers Needed!

SATURDAYS

Nov 15 & Dec 6
10:45 AM–noon
in the Sanctuary
Parent Helpers Needed!

THE PAGEANT TAKES PLACE DURING

Carol-a-Long

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:15 PM

CAROLS AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT



4:00 PM CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Choose from a variety to do as a family or on your own. Drop in anytime but we clean up at 4:45.



5:00 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER

Pasta, meatballs, a variety of sauces, and salad will be served. Free-will donations are appreciated.



7:00 PM COOKIES WITH SANTA

Celebrate the birth of Jesus, our humble and glorious Savior, with the spirit of generosity himself!

It's the holiday season again!

Upcoming at First English



Ministry & Events



to: any and all! Please
join us in celebrating the
holidays this season.
from: First English Ev.
Lutheran Church

November

9th - Christmas Crafternoon
at 12:15pm

17th - Giving Tree Thanksgiving
Food Drive items due

27th - Thanksgiving Worship
at 7pm



December

9:30 & 11 Advent Worship Sundays

7th - Carol-A-Long:

3:45 Crafts

5:00 Spaghetti Dinner

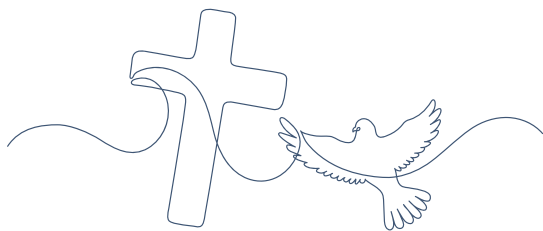
6:15 Carols & Children's Pageant

7:00 Cookies with Santa

14th - 1 service Music Sunday at 10am,
Congregational Meeting, & Cookie Walk

TBD - Women's Advent Service at 7pm

24th - Christmas Eve Services:
4:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm





[E]vangelism is about loving people with our lives and with our words--about showing them Jesus and then telling them the gospel of Jesus in as faithful, engaging and loving a way as we are able to. We are not responsible for someone's response to the message, but we are responsible for sharing that message. (Becky Pippert)

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November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 William Campbell
2	3	4 Christina Swanson	5	6	7	8 Monte Kohler Robyn Stojisih
9 Cheryl Quinlin	10	11 Pam Balle Yvonne Winston	12 Kay Berkesch Madeline Gram Jack Nelson Joanna Russell	13 Ellen Nelson	14 Nathan Ford	15
16 Sheldon Johnson	17 Wayne Ford	18 Jack Bidigare Lola Fett Charles Heaphy	19	20 Christi Nyquist	21	22 Jamie Bezel
23 Claire Plumridge	24 Georgeanne LeDuc	25	26	27	28 Elizabeth Butler	29
30 Timothy MacMichael						

happy birthday!

Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2025

Attended by: Sue Ulmer, Patty Foster, Cindy Jevons, Dan Rustmann, Renata Conger, Rose Bush, Pastor Sean Motley, Diann Ohman, John Nyquist, Amy McIntyre, Patrick Quinlan, Ken Kohler

President John Nyquist called the meeting to order at 12:23 PM.

Pastor Sean Motley shared a devotion and invited all council members to share how each person has seen Jesus moving in his or her life recently.

SECRETARY REPORT - John Nyquist moved to approve the June 2025 council meeting minutes, 2nd by Sue Ulmer and the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -Cindy Jevons shared the May, June and July financial statements. Cindy Jevons moved to accept the March, April, May, June and July financial statements, 2nd by Diann Ohman and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - No report

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Dan Rustmann reported that every Board has submitted a budget for their board except Church properties at this time, and that the Board will start working on the entire church budget. Dan further reported there have been some new members that have indicated interest in joining the Board, and that the Board continues to consider putting together a time and talent questionnaire for the congregation.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - Pastor Sean Motley reported that the church maintenance person has now retired. One water heater is in need of service.

EVANGELISM - Patrick Quinlan shared a summary of key materials for Grow 300 to the Council, which is to be shared to each of the Boards, for review and welcomed any input from the Council.

SOCIAL ACTION - Diann Ohman reported that the sock drive has started and will continue until the beginning of October. The food drive for Christmas will start October 11 and run through November 20. Diann further shared that Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will be involved with a Furniture Bank event at G.P. South H.S. on October 25 from 10 AM-1 PM for anyone that has furniture to donate.

FELLOWSHIP - Rose Bush reported continuing birthdays celebrated during the last Sunday of month at coffee hour. There will be a Senior Luther League event on October 2 on Visiting Italy, Fall Fest on October 19, Thanksgiving Eve pie social, Carol-A-Long on December 7 and another Senior Luther League event on December 18, a Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange.

Council Meeting Minutes

Continued

PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY - Renata Conger that Parents' Night had 26 people attend this past week. The Confirmation and Youth groups will resume meeting this week.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Patty Foster reported that the Board hosted 2 coffee hours this summer. The work on the organ continues.

ENDOWMENT - No report.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - No report

PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor Sean asked the Boards to make sure they followed up on contacts made with members regarding interest in their Boards at Rally Day. Registration for Workcamp is now full at 450 participants, with a waiting list. More volunteers will be needed to accommodate the larger number of workcampers than our first workcamp.

Old business - None presented.

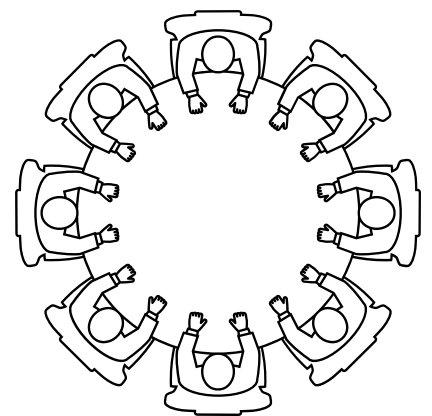
New business - None presented

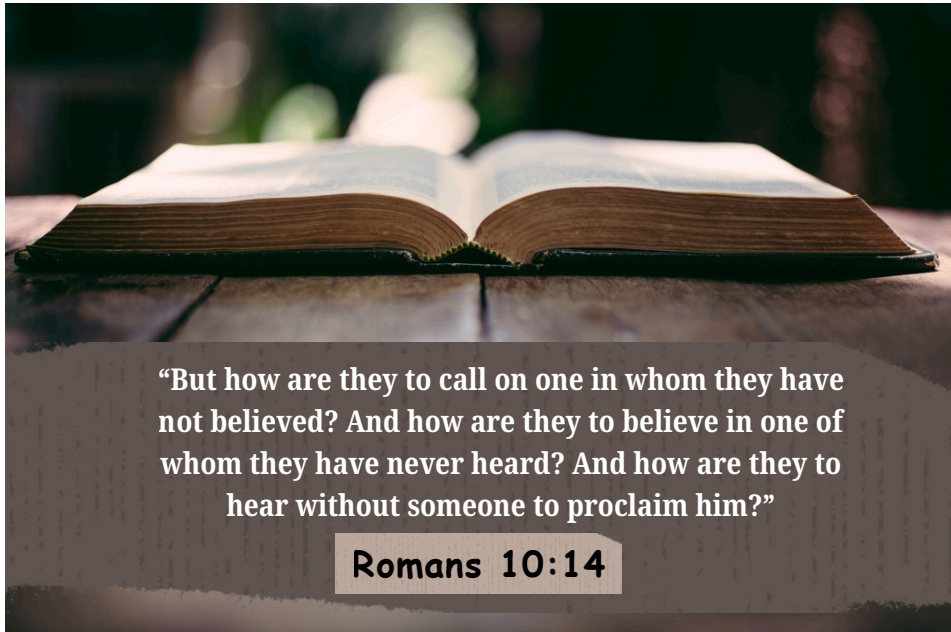
Ken Kohler moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Patty Foster, and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 12:15 PM. This will be a short meeting due to Fall Fest, with email reports requested from the Boards in advance.

Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, December 14th
after the Music Sunday 10am service





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