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Imagine.

-PASTOR SEAN

What would the world look like if everyone showed love and care for their neighbors?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I am writing this I am sitting in my mother's apartment. She recently fell and suffered some pelvic fractures. She has been doing rehab at a facility but has now returned to her apartment where she will continue her physical therapy and continue to heal. However, she needs a lot of support currently and we are staying with her for a while and arranging with other family members to take over when we leave.

It was good that we could help make it possible to continue rehab for a longer period than what insurance was allowing and it is good that we could be here, physically to help her get into her apartment and do a lot of the set-up she needed to be safe and be able to slowly return to life as it was before the fall. I'm thankful that God has provided so many people who have provided such care for my mom and that we are able to be here to care for her and support her.

While we have been here I have had interesting conversations with some of my mom's neighbors. One of whom was Ronald, who talked about the difficulties he experienced growing up in foster care and that he learned from one foster mother that God has plans for each of us and one of those plans is that we care for others. I shared with him about the Detroit workcamp this summer together we are sponsoring and his question was why doesn't everyone care for others?

I didn't have an answer for him other than to say, imagine what our communities would be like, what would the world look like if everyone showed love and care for their neighbors. Imagine. But we haven't been called to imagine but to lead the way showing our community what happens when we hear God calling and we love our neighbors like ourselves.

I wish that Ronald could see what you are doing. I wish that all the people in the world who simply imagine, could see the way God is working through you, through First English, and then could follow in showing love to their neighbors, in committing to caring for others who are struggling, could open their lives to Jesus and follow him to change "imagine" to what is.

God bless you. God continue to open your heart to His love for you. God continue to use your life as a light to the world that all others may see your good work and glorify your Father in heaven.

Yours in Christ<><
Pastor Sean



Vacation Bible School

VBS FIRST AT ENGLISH

AUGUST
3-7

9:00 AM
-NOON



\$35 for kids age 3-12

- ✓ Bible Exploration
- ✓ Worship & Music
- ✓ Scency Crafts
- ✓ Games & Snack
- ✓ Service Project

Visit feelc.org to Register

between May 20 and July 1 at noon

Questions? Ask Renata!

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First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
800 Vernier Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods



JOIN THE VBS TEAM!



Calling adults and youth who:

- ✓ love Jesus
- ✓ love children
- ✓ are 12 or older
- ✓ are available Aug 3–7
8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Scan the code to apply!



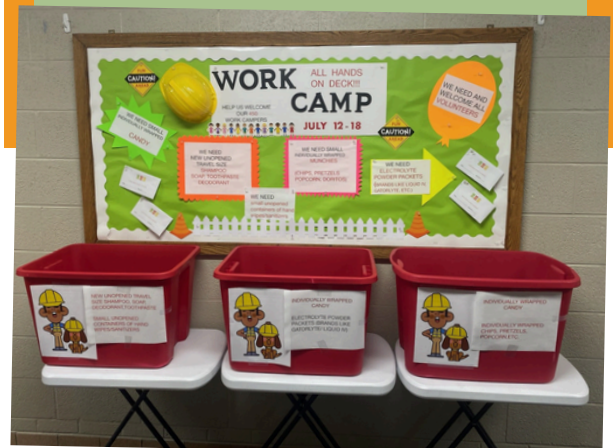
HELP US WELCOME OUR 400 WORK CAMPERS

thank
you

We need & welcome
all volunteers!

- ✓ shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant
- ✓ individually wrapped snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)
- ✓ small unopened hand wipes/sanitizers
- ✓ electrolyte powder packets (brands like gatorlyte/liquid iv)

BINS ARE IN THE
MAIN CHURCH
HALLWAY FOR
DROP OFF



**Love your neighbor and
prepare Workcamp sites
for new paint!**



POWER WASHING PEOPLE NEEDED

**Bring your own washer
or we will provide one
for you. Contact Renata
if you can serve!**

LADDERS NEEDED



**Looking to borrow 40 ladders
to complete our Workcamp
projects!**

- **A-frame (8-foot plus)**
- **extension (16-foot plus)**

**Sign up on the board across
from the church office!**

THE SAUTER *Garden dedication*



SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
after the 11am worship service



Al and Carol were wonderful saints of God, who have made their transfer to the church triumphant, but whose lives of faith and care continue to be a blessing to First English and all who have known them. We give thanks to God for their lives and this opportunity to honor their memory.

MUSIC SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
ONE SERVICE: 10AM

First English Church

June

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
1	2 Kathryn Wesslering	3 Julie Leder	4	5 Claudia Gram Melissa Koponen Karen Nasiatka	6 Jon Bay Wendy Campbell Charlotte Clor Dominic Vitale Sophia Vitale	7 Deborah Garrisi	
8 Nancy Heaphy Robert Trowbridge	9	10 Eric Fett	11 James Nyquist Audrey Johnson	12 Marion McClendon	13 Jeff Gates Cece Norlin	14 Ella Telegadas	
15	16	17 Sandra Beatty	18 Leslie Nelson	19 Michael Nelson	20 Karen Olson	21 Alan Stein	
22 Katielyn Kohler	23 Nathan Weber	24	25 Alek Wilson	26 Kate Pirker	27	28 Ethan Plumridge Roger Ulmer	
29 Ian Donahue Maddie Roberts	30 Bianca Avolio						

Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2025

MARCH 15, 2026

Attended by: Scott Norlin, Amy McIntyre, Patty Foster, Shawn Vinson, Pastor Sean Motley, Melissa Zwicker, Claire Verman, Sue Ulmer, Dan Rustmann, John Nyquist, Diann Ohman, Rose Bush, Patrick Quinlan

Vice President Scott Norlin called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM.

Pastor Sean opened with a devotional and a prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT - Patty Foster moved to approve the February council meeting minutes, 2nd by Sue Ulmer and the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - John Nyquist shared the January 2026 financial statements and moved to approve them, 2nd by Dan Rustmann and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - no report

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Dan Rustmann shared that a new member has joined the Board. An internal audit committee of four people is being formed, and advice on procedures for auditing will be sought from John Blohm, who participated in auditing the church in the past. A stewardship drive is being planned to start on May 10 with a goal of paying down the church mortgage. A time and talents survey continues to be discussed, as a way for members to share their talents with the church and other members.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - Pastor Sean Motley reported that 2 storm sewer catch basins in the parking lot are in need of repair, with quotes being sought for this repair, as well as renewed quotes for overall parking lot repair. A new lounge faucet has been installed, and leaky toilet valves replaced. The gym kitchen will have new drywall installed to finish the repairs needed. John Nyquist moved to accept the settlement of \$34,352.67 to complete the insurance company payout for storm damage to the gym which closes out the claim, 2nd by Scott Norlin and the motion carried.

EVANGELISM - Sue Ulmer shared that more greeters are being sought for Sunday morning, and that a training video is available for those interested in being a greeter. Sue further shared that Roger Ulmer has worked on updating the requirements for being a church usher, with more ushers being sought as well. Patrick Quinlan provided an update to the Grow 300 initiative. Patrick shared that at the March 8 meeting of the Evangelism Committee the general idea of combining the ideas of pairing Tuesdays Means Pizza teens with Grosse Pointe's elder community as part of the outreach efforts was discussed. Patrick further shared that the terminology of Grow 300 would someday be the overall goal of having 300 high school students involved as well as 300 sponsoring small businesses and civic organizations, which would connote far more than just the increase back to 300 attendees at our Sunday services.

Council Meeting Minutes

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SOCIAL ACTION - Diann Ohman reported that on March 30 the Board, with help from Peace Circle, will be assembling 55 Easter baskets for KidBuilders. Diann further reported that the Board was discussing an idea of a "Workcamp Shower", to be held in lieu of coffee hour on April 26, as a way for the congregation to provide materials for workcamp. The Council discussed this idea as being a good way for the congregation to provide needed hospitality materials (snacks and other materials for the workers), which will be discussed with Sue Ulmer and the hospitality committee.

FELLOWSHIP - Rose Bush shared Lenten dinners continue this Wednesday through March 25. A Crafternoon is planned for Palm Sunday, March 29, with the craft being a Resurrection Garden. Coffee hours are covered by the various Boards through the month of June.

PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY - Claire Verman reported a twice monthly Bible study for parents following early worship started on March 8, with 11 people attending. The next Bible study is scheduled for March 22. Pastor Sean and Renata are leading a Holy Communion class on March 21, with 8-10 attendees anticipated. Spark church baked the communion bread today, which will be frozen and served during Holy Week. The children and youth will do the readings on Palm Sunday at the 9:30 service, followed by the Egg Hunt. The 30-Hour Famine will take place April 18-19 for Youth age 12 and older. It will include a bottle return fundraiser and service project with Cass Community Social Services.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Patty Foster moved to provide funds not to exceed \$1500 to pay Easter service musicians, 2nd by Shawn Vinson/Diann Ohman and the motion carried. Melissa Zwicker provided an update on the Easter lilies and tulips that have been purchased for Easter.

ENDOWMENT - No report.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - Shawn Vinson reported that Peace Circle served approximately 40 people dinner at MCREST on March 13.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor Sean Motley reported a men's Bible study has started on Saturday mornings. Pastor Sean further shared that there are 50-60 sites to review for workcamp, with 70 sites on the waiting list. Contact info from visitors to Lenten midweek services has been collected. There will be a new member class in the near future, and there are 8-10 baptisms already scheduled for this spring.

Old business - none presented

New business - none presented

Melissa Zwicker moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Rose Bush, and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McIntyre, Recording Secretary