

# CLEF



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have recently celebrated the salvation that has come through Jesus at a service remembering a beautiful saint of God. Following the service a number of members brought in cookies, and brownies, and all sorts of treats so people could stay and support each other, tell stories, and simply be in the fellowship of the body of Christ.

Renata and I just visited four residents in our community who were not able to be visited by the site writers because you have committed to providing not only financial support but already hundreds of hours of service to making Workcamp happen and making the gospel known in loving service to many around Detroit.

We had a pile, to be honest I don't know the exact number, of youth who served the community, took thousands of cans to stores for the deposit to feed people who are hungry, prayed, worshipped, and lived the love that God has poured out onto them.

Piles of easter baskets filled with toys and candy and special treats, including little Jesuses, went out to children in our community to remind them of the celebration of the resurrection and that they are important to God.

Speaking of little Jesuses, if all the Jesuses on the tables are taken this weekend and delivered into the community, we will have hit the 3,000 mark of Jesuses leaving our building and going into homes, schools, businesses, and even to other countries.

In worship we celebrated the amazing grace of God through the gift of baptism. Four people came forward faithfully receiving this gift and giving thanks to God.

This is but a tiny snippet of the faith being lived out here. God is at work in the life of the body of Christ at First English. God is doing amazing and miraculous deeds in the life of the body of Christ at First English. God continues to call and you continue to answer. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

We are blessed beyond measure. Listen as God continues to call, as He continues to bless us in service and love, and give thanks for all that He provides.

Listen as God calls to you anew each day and follow our Savior in love and service that we might accomplish all that He has set out for us.

God bless you and fill you with His peace.

Yours In Christ<><

Pastor Sean



## Parent's Bible Study

## Weekly Bible Study

## Men's Bible Study



### Sunday Mornings

5/17 & 5/31 after 9:30  
worship, in the Youth Room  
- childcare provided

### Thursday Mornings

9:30am in the Lounge  
Studying Isaiah

### Saturday Mornings

8:30am in the Lounge  
snacks & coffee provided



YOU'RE INVITED TO A WEEKLY

*needle work group!*

MEETS ON MONDAYS AT 11AM IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE.

JUST SHOW UP WITH YOUR NEEDLES AND YARN, OR WHATEVER  
PROJECT YOU'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON!

# Give hope this spring.

## Give blood.



American  
Red Cross



## **Blood Drive**

### **First English Lutheran Church**

Gymnasium

800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, please log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: [gpbloodcouncil](https://gpbloodcouncil.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card,  
thanks to Amazon! See: [rcblood.org/Amazon](https://rcblood.org/Amazon)**

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# 30 Hour Famine 2026 Recap



From April 18-19, we went 30 hours without solid food in battle against world hunger. After some competitive cartwheels, we set off to serve Cass Community Social Services. Then it was time for bible study, learning about poverty, and games—winners slept on the couch! The next day, we attended worship, returned empties, played and learned some more. All funds went to World Vision! We broke our fast with holy communion and homemade soup!

# May



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3 Nathan Motley
4 Emily DeRongle	5 Blake Stevens	6 Allison Liebold Jeffrey Lieder Liz Nyquist Matt Nyquist	7	8 Nick Dinverno Andrea Glynn Gerry Udell	9	10 Eve Feldman  Miranda Lorence
11	12 Alfie Conger	13 Joshua Motley	14 Kyle Clor Jim Nelson	15	16 Len Engle Jim Zwicker	17 Alyssa Rozycki  Karen Schlichting
18 Savanna Wereley	19 Robert McIntyre	20 Brad Hanson	21 Andrea O'Boyle	22	23	24
25 Kathy Jevons James Lieder David Ulmer  Aleksander Powers	26	27	28 Claire Gram	29 Suzanne Lieder	30 Jaclyn Lieder Russ Milne Beth Swanson	31 Caitlyn Plumridge

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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

President Ken Kohler called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM.

Pastor Sean opened with a devotional and a prayer.

**SECRETARY REPORT** - Dan Rustmann moved to approve the January council meeting minutes, 2nd by Shawn Vinson and the motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT** - John Nyquist shared the December 2025 financial statements and moved to approve them, 2nd by Rose Bush and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT** - Shawn Vinson presented documents to update signers on Church bank accounts for the 2026 Church council executive committee. The current Church officers are as follows: Ken Kohler, Scott Norlin, Amy McIntyre, Shawn Vinson, John Nyquist. All prior signers who are no longer on Church council have been removed from these documents.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE** - Dan Rustmann shared that envelope boxes continue to be distributed. An internal audit committee is a continued area of discussion. A stewardship drive to apply to the mortgage is being planned. The idea of creating a maintenance endowment fund for major repairs was discussed. There was also an explanation for the slight difference in actual salaries and what was reported in the budget.

**CHURCH PROPERTIES** - Pastor Sean reported that the property Board met to make a list of projects for improvement that would need increased capital as well as a monetary estimate needed for these projects. The Wedgewood entrance door has been fixed. A leak by one of the gym roof units has been patched up until spring when it can be better addressed. Leaking toilets in the building continue to be addressed.

**EVANGELISM** - Sue Ulmer shared that there were 2 visitors to church today. Sue further reported that a date is needed to receive new members. Sue inquired about putting screens in both nurseries for parents to be able to view the service. Patrick Quinlan shared an update to the Grow 300 initiative. Patrick reported that the Evangelism board, along with input from other leaders, have realized that there are changes needed to the Grow 300 program in 2026, to better accommodate the schedules and available time of those being sought for leadership positions who work full time.

**SOCIAL ACTION** - Shawn Vinson shared information provided from Diann Ohman. The Board is considering ideas for a fundraiser for Workcamp as well as other ideas for mission projects.

**FELLOWSHIP** - Rose Bush reported that the Senior Luther League Valentine's party was a success, with approximately 20 attendees. Lenten dinner will start this week with Ash Wednesday.

**PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY** - No report.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** - Patty Foster reported that the Board will be asking for funds for extra musicians at next month's meeting. Melissa Zwicker discussed the procedure the Board uses to order poinsettias and lilies/tulips and suggested more promoting of donating for plants for the Christmas and Easter holidays. Melissa asked about updating the church directory, as much of the information in most current directory is incorrect. Pastor Sean responded that there is a company that will be working on a new directory with pictures.

**ENDOWMENT** - No report.

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** - No report.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** - Pastor Sean Motley reported that the Jesus is Here page is the 3rd most clicked page on the church website, after the home page and the preschool page. The Lenten services start this week with Ash Wednesday and are based on Bonhoeffer's work Life Together.

**Old business** - concerns about cleaning the church, primarily due to the sidewalk salt that is tracked in this winter, were discussed.

**New business** - Scott Norlin reported that there is a small hole in the metal frame of one of the stained glass windows that needs caulking. Scott further reported there is discussion about putting the worship music on apps such as Spotify for people to listen to outside of the service.

John Nyquist moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Melissa Zwicker, and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McIntyre, Recording Secretary