

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



The Parish News

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Part 12: Worship – The Offering

Dear friends and family of FELC, the offering is perhaps the most misunderstood portion of the worship service. Some of the misunderstandings include:

- The offering is the church's excuse to grab my money again!
- The church needs my offering because it is time to pay the bills.
- Here comes the offering plate --- I guess I have to give my fair share.

Those ideas about the offering couldn't be farther from the truth. Let me explain to you the correct Biblical understanding of the offering that we gather in every worship service:

First --- the money you own is not YOUR money! The truth is everything belongs to God. He just lets us use what belongs to Him. In other words, our possessions are "on loan from God." He gave you skills, health and opportunity to earn what you have earned. Without His blessing you would be in the street.

He expects you to manage well what He gives you. That means that you will understand the Biblical directive to use your possessions faithfully to support the work of the Gospel and also to support your family, your retirement, and your leisure.

The offering is not the time we "pay the bills". It is the time when we speak in the most concrete way just how thankful we are to God about what He has given us in Jesus Christ. The offering plate is not about our bills. It is about your faith and your thankful heart. It is about your response to God's love.

Your offering is also not about your "fair share". God has blessed each of us differently. Our responses should be in line with how God has blessed each of us, so our offerings will be different.

During my first call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, Kansas, I learned financial stewardship from a man and woman named Henry and Dot (Dorothy) Euhus, who are now with the Lord. This couple lived in an old house with bare carpet, with furniture from the 50's and an OLD black and white TV. They drove old cars because it cost too much to buy new ones. Every Sunday Henry would show up to church wearing an old polyester suit that he had purchased in the early 70's (polyester never wears out).

Now understand, Henry and Dot were not impoverished. The Lord had blessed them with much money. They simply chose to give it back to the Lord for use in His kingdom. I once asked Henry why he refused to buy a color TV; they don't cost that much. And, he said to me, "That would be \$300 less that I can give back to Jesus!" Henry and Dot were solely responsible for sending 9 men through the seminary and completely paying for their education!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Services
8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

Fellowship
9:00 A.M.

Nursery 9:15-Noon

Sunday School &
Bible Classes

9:30-10:30 A.M.

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I can't count how many missionaries they supported. I can't count how many poor families in the community of Oberlin, Kansas that they helped. They managed their possessions for the Lord. And, when the offering plate passed by, they would once again support the work of their local ministry and congregation. They loved the Lord and loved giving to support His mission.

I will never be able to out-give Henry and Dot – in fact, I will never come close! However, they did show me what it means to use my possessions as a gift to the Lord, so Kristin and I have learned to do what we can do. It is our way of saying we trust God to provide all of our needs. And in fact, He always has.

That is why the time of the offering is an important time in the Worship service. It is a time when we are allowed to respond to what we have heard and the grace we have received from our giving God. And, while I will never be able to out-give Henry and Dot --- I will never ever remotely come close to out-giving the GIVER Himself --- our Provider and Life-giver --- our Savior and Redeemer! His blessings are given in abundance and for all eternity! We will never be able to out-give God. See you in church.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Paul Kaldahl

Sharing God's Love

At the heart of stewardship is the love of God has shown to us through His Son, Jesus. Because He loves us, He has given us *"redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us..."* (Ephesians 1:7-8). God is not stingy with His gifts: He "lavishes" them on us. Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation would be enough, wouldn't they? But God chooses to give us more gifts – the gifts of His creation to care for, food and clothing, family and friends, and much more. He *"richly provides us with everything to enjoy"* (1 Timothy 6:17). Responsibility comes with this enjoyment, for we *"are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share"* (1 Timothy 6:18).

We are enabled to shoulder this responsibility because God Himself has called us to be His stewards. Because God has chosen to work through us, we faithfully respond to His love and grace. Because of God's grace in our lives we are transformed into Christ's likeness. We read in Galatians 2:20, *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

As followers of Christ we are capable of doing marvelous things because of God's power at work in our lives. God uses us as conduits to share His love and rich supply with others. God not only calls us to His work of stewardship, He sets out the good deeds He wants us to accomplish: *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10).

God's love shines through us as we individually share our blessings with others. We can reflect God's love as we follow His guidance and willingly serve Him with our time, abilities, and money. As the Apostle Paul said, *"Therefore, my beloved brothers be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). May our love never grow cold and may we never tire of doing God's work.

February,

Youth and Family Life

Dear FELC Family,

Thank you to the 30 youth and adults who attended the No Apologies events this year. While I believe that a “good time was had by all,” more importantly I believe that all who attended received a wealth of information from internationally-acclaimed speaker Pam Stenzel.

Her message was straightforward and to the point. At times, it was almost alarming as she shouted out facts, statistics, and personal stories of hardship, unbelievable situations, and heartwarming triumphs.

Her topic was sex.

While this may be shocking to some that a “sex talk” would happen in an auditorium filled with an estimated 1300-1400 youth and adults, it was actually the perfect setting for this important message – especially since most of the youth and adults were associated with churches.

As we would probably all agree, the sexual freedom of the 60’s is still horribly prominent in the lives of youth and adults today. In fact, physical relationships outside of marriage have become the norm for people of all ages.

However, we also live in a society where the truth about the consequences of this sexual freedom is denied and sometimes never explained with those who need to hear it. Those that need to hear it are our youth, parents, youth volunteers, and even most adults. If we don’t know the detailed information these speakers provide, how can we pass it on?

I think every parent and adult who attended the event learned facts about the consequences of intimacy outside of a single, monogamous relationship with someone who has never had another partner. While pregnancy used to be the greatest fear, life-changing and body-damaging STDs that weren’t even around in the 60s cause as much alarm.

As a church, we of course also know that sexual freedom causes many other serious consequences - especially in a person’s relationship with God, with themselves, and with their future mates. Clearly, the damage is not only physical and emotional in nature but life- altering spiritually. Physical intimacy outside of marriage is a sin.

In short, sometimes the subject that can be the hardest to discuss is also the one that can have the greatest impact on the lives our kids. I think that was the case with our speaker last night. The No Apologies event is sponsored by the Cherish Center in Milford. Its goal is to provide sexual abstinence training. Well done good and faithful servant!

Parents and grandparents, make sure to take the opportunity to talk your children and grandchildren about the spiritual, moral, and physical consequences of physical intimacy outside of marriage. Make sure they know the facts; their futures depend on it.

In His Service,

Bonnie





THEME / SNACK

February 1	70's Night	Wear stuff from the 70's	Rice Krispie Treats	Cinda Halverson
February 8	Valentine Dinner	Wear Red, Pink & White	Valentine Cookies	Jennifer Huisenga
February 15	No GIFT—Parent / Teacher Conferences			
February 22	No GIFT—Ash Wednesday Join us for services at 6:00 p.m. with a meal to follow served by IGLLS.			
February 29	Down on the Farm	Wear Green / Yellow or Red	Popsicles & Goldfish	Kristal Jensen

EARLY FOOD PREP

	<u>MENU</u>	<u>PREP ITEM</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
February 1	Goulash Corn, Bread Sticks Monkey Bread	Monkey Bread “	Brenda Moranville (2) Jennifer Jensen (2)
February 8	Chicken n Rice Casserole Green Beans, Rolls & Butter Strawberry Shortcake	Strawberry Shortcake	Trudy Hallgren (4)
February 29	Maidrites Tator Tots, Peas Brownies	Jell-O Cake “	Kristal Jensen (2) Jennifer Jensen, Rachel Johnson

KITCHEN ASSISTANTS

	BEFORE (5:00-6:30)	AFTER (6:30 – 8:00)
February 1	Troy & Cinda Halverson	Mark & Kristal Jensen
February 8	Vinh Lovan, Jennifer Huisenga	Jennifer Huisenga
February 29	Melissa Krukow, Vinh Lovan	Mark & Kristal Jensen

Discipleship

Week	Attendance			Communion			Offering	Sunday School	
	Early	Late	Total	Early	Late	Total		Kids/Adults	Offering
January 1	85	123	208	83	130	213	\$ 4,704.00	15 / 56	\$
January 8	156	158	314		—		\$ 9,743.00	31 / 76	\$ 16.43
January 15	170	153	323	142	118	260	\$ 6,316.85	33 / 81	\$ 48.84
January 22	110	121	231		—		\$ 4,213.10	23 / 59	\$ 5.39
January 29	140	140	280		—		\$	32 / 81	\$ 10.60

Members Present: Steve Hallgren, Tom Roti, Heidi Hartmann, Nicole Staedtler, Nancy Tommeraason, Stan Hillmer, Kae Roti, Corey Langner, Mark Nothwehr, Jerry Crew, Pastor Paul Kaldahl, DCE Bonnie Kabrick.

Meeting opened with a devotion by Pastor Kaldahl.

Secretary's Report – Heidi Hartmann – Jerry Crew moved to accept secretary's report, Nicole Staedtler seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Nothwehr. It was recommended to make an extra \$30,000 payment to pay down principal on building mortgage. Jerry Crew moved to accept recommendation, Scott Hallgren seconded. Motion passed.

Corey Langner moved to approve financial report. Nancy Tommeraason seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund at 1-19-12

Ck. Book Balance	\$71,235.83
Dedicated Funds	13,584.53
Memorial Funds	6,759.35

Available Funds	\$50,891.95

Building Fund at 1-19-12

Ck. Book Balance	\$69,997.07
Landscaping Funds	722.96

Available Funds	\$69,274.11
Mortgage Balance	\$701,320.05

Board of Elder's – Corey Langner

Souls: 922 Communicants: 715 Children: 207 as of January 12, 2012

Losses: Marla Jean Rindsig – Death 11/22/11; Naomi Pelisek – Transfer to Immanuel, Spirit Lake

Gains: Hannah Stickrod – Baptism; Roger, Laureen, & Emily Anderson – Transfer from Christ The King

Roger & Brenda Potratz, Transfer -Grace Lutheran Storm Lake; Matt Janssen, Transfer- St. Paul Lutheran Emmetsburg;

Zachary Oviatt – Baptism, Jan. 1, 2012; McKenzie Brant – Baptism, January 8, 2012

Ken Charlstrom was elected Vice Chairman and Clayton Fletcher was elected Secretary. New elders are Mark Jensen, Tim Obermeier, Steve Kladstrup, and Troy Huisenga.

We are working on organizing an elders training program with the district for Feb. 26th at FELC. We would like to invite all the churches in the district to this training.

Palm Sunday will be a Unity Sunday with a lunch afterwards.

We will have communion on Easter at all the services even though Easter falls on a non-communion Sunday.

We are in need of a new camera for the television broadcasts of the church services. The video is blurry. The current camera and monitor is from the old church and is the original camera we purchased over 10 years ago. We are doing some research on what is available and the costs

We talked about the bus and starting a bus ministry to transport those that have no transportation to church. We are trying to figure out where the bus ministry fits in the organizational structure of the church. Then we will work on how to organize bus routes and further services. We are gathering names of those interested in the bus and Julie currently has the names of 3 people.

Board of Trustee's - No report

Board of Education – Nicole Staedtler

New playground equipment was ordered on Jan 9, 2012. It will be put into place this summer. There has not yet been any advertising for pre-school (2012-13 school year). At this time, the 3 yr old morning classes are full, and a waiting list started. If there are enough on the waiting list, an afternoon class will be considered. Pre-k currently has 21 kids enrolled, with the max being 36 kids. Bus program has been successful. SS Superintendent, Terry Chalstrom wants to be done at end of school year. Christmas program went well. The board is planning to have a small meeting / get together to include a program and tour of preschool rooms.

The LYF has finished their most current Bible study, concerning why attendance is important. The LYF has also completed usher training. Youth ushering team has moved from 8:00 service to the 10:45 service. The youth will be attending the No Apologies next week. Sub sales just started – to be made and delivered on February 4, 2012. The Valentine's Dinner has been set for Saturday, February 11, 2012. Bonnie had an oversight... tried to get receipts turned in, however with no December meeting some expenses have now rolled from 2011 to 2012. She discovered some requests for checks today... this moving of expenses will cause the 2012 expenses vs. budget to be skewed. \$850 toward National Youth Gathering transportation cost is one such request.

Board of Finance – Stan Hillmer Everything balanced.

Board of Christian Outreach – Jerry Crew.

Summary similar to annual report. 10 round tables to be borrowed by Birthright for fundraising event. This needs to be run past Board of Trustees, Kenny Gonnerman. Tables will be picked up Friday night before the event, and will back on Saturday night in time for Sunday coffee. Birthright event will be held at Faith Lutheran instead of Hope this year.

Board Christian Life – Nancy Tommeraason

Bible Studies are up and going after Christmas and New Year's holidays. Kading's have started a new study on Eternity/Heaven; Sue Nothwehr is facilitating Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University which began this week; Ladies' Tuesday Noon study is beginning "Knitted Together". YAFM will hold a bible study/meal on a Sunday to be determined. Young at Heart meets monthly; this month's speaker is from NW Iowa Aging. Bonnie K. handed out two baby bags (Oviatt & Brandt). Nursery Sign for above nursery door has been ordered. CLM Board is recruiting new members and planning for 2012 activities are underway; Picnic & Praise (June) and Tailgate Kickoff (September). Other activities will be planned when new members have been added to the Board.

Board of Assimilation – Kae Roti.

The board has discussed making an addendum to directory. Should these be distributed through the Parish news or church mailboxes? Church council has recommended that an announcement be made in the Herald and parish news that pages are in the mailboxes.

February,

The board has discussed possibly meeting people as they start the adult education class to do orientation.

Pastor Kaldahl has mentioned that the most recent directory was done in 2009 and a new one is usually done every 3 years, it's time again. Next Christmas? Done in Oct 2012 come out in 2013?

Pastoral items – Pastor Kaldahl

A new member class is scheduled to start February 12, 2012. Confirmation class is going well, kids appear to be well behaved. He is making visits as needed. Currently the Sunday morning adult bible study is having 75-80 attendees. He did discuss kids and youth having respect for church building. This is in regards to notice of some damage taking place during Sunday School/GIFT. He noted that kids in confirmation room by 6:45, he is not there until 7. Something is happening in that time span. Other events which have occurred have been handled with parents and are not being taken lightly. To address damage issue, that night's elder is to come in at 6:45.

FELC will again be having a planning retreat on Saturday, February 18, 2012 –this will address leadership issues/training, vocation or call to serve. Attendees will break into small groups, by committee to go over committee job descriptions. Every one should be prepared to go through those descriptions and be ready to meet that description, plus other duties (annual and special). Should be a 4 hour meeting. There will likely not be a whole lot on congregational plans – we are still fairly good on the set from 2010 planning meeting. Many things we need to discuss are not accomplished from larger church wide goals. Need to somehow determine which committees will take certain tasks. Stevens Ministry has not yet taken place. It is in the church constitution that we are to have a planning retreat. An announcement will be put in the Herald – attendance is open to all congregation members. Board members are expected to attend.

DCE report - Bonnie Kabrick

For the No Apologies event, there will be a component in Spirit Lake on Tuesday. Bonnie has vacation scheduled for February 26 – 28. Bus program is being considered for SS as well as church attendees. Utilization of the bus brings about the possibility to double SS attendance. IGLLS will doing a meal for Ash Wednesday. Birthright event will be held in April. Mission trips for the youth/adults of FELC are in the beginning stages of planning. Current locations being considered are Sioux City/Mapleton and one out of state.

Old Business:

Old Church Property – There is a verbal agreement with hospital in place; Mark contract for Tom to sign. Hospital to sign contract on January 26, 2012. This includes \$190,000 for building, as well as arrangements for the hospital to pay for removal of asbestos, tipping fees, removal of the building materials. Company to do teardown will be salvaging some of the material to recycle. Al needs to show us insurance on company prior to teardown. Building to begin coming down in February. Nancy mentioned fundraiser of paying for a brick from the old church. Funds raised could go towards paying down mortgage? Mark will speak to Al Ericksen regarding this possibility.

Ablaze – Commitment of \$20,000 is due at the end of 2013. To date we have only paid \$6,958.53 from the congregation and \$1,500 from New Horizons. Who is in charge of this? At beginning there was a committee – members have lost interest and basically folded. This is now without a committee.

New Business

Housing allowances: Pastor: \$45,000 Bonnie 25,000 Moved by Jerry Crew to accept allowances, Mark Nothwehr seconded. Motion carried.

New Horizons has changed to being under the church council. Asked for approval of current board to serve for 2012. Motion to approve current board members by Corey Langner. Nicole Staedtler seconded. Motion carried Tabled to February church council meeting - budget approval

Spring Voters meeting set for Sun April 29th, time: 1:00 Discussion to include Yearly plans, possible change to constitution for time frame on finding next year's head elder.

Open Discussion

It the responsibility of board heads to get new members. Tom is willing to provide assistance. Note Board of Christian Life – each member is in the process of contacting 2 people to try and grow board.

Plans for year - Elders to work on church year events. Possible programs for year? Need to decide what is going to be done.

Grant / IDW Program up to \$5000 to help the congregation connect with people of the community. How would we use it? Application is due March 1st. Can anyone think up idea of what could be done – give to board of Christian outreach.

Delegates to St. Lukes meeting. Need to replace David & Julie Gibson. Scott Hallgren motion Gibson's be replaced by Tom and Kae Roti, with Dean and Bev Skinner to be alternate attendees. Jerry Crew seconded. Motion carried.

Corey wanted to know about a new camera for recording service for TV broadcast. Ken is researching options, in the range of \$4,500. Could funds possibly come from memorials? Mark noted that New Horizon's may be able to help. Try to get it under \$4,500 – per Tom Roti. Undedicated memorial funds could be used towards this purchase. However, funds cannot be spent until the Memorial committee gets together. Mark Nothwehr made a motion for elders to purchase camera from un-designated memorial funds. Nancy Tommeraason seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Report – Dawn Westphal is working on report. Everything about done... all pages in place but church staff, GIFT positions, council stewardship page, financial page is also waiting, hoping to be done and copying by next week.

What committee does bus fall under... elders were to invite Bonnie and Stacy (driver) to next Elder's meeting to discuss who bus falls under for administration. For now – accountable to Bonnie and New Horizon's. Per voter's meeting New Horizons is in charge for now as that committee is paying bills for the first three years. Committee will need to watch who is using bus, preschool, church, etc. At end of 3 years it will decided who the bus falls under for oversight. At this time, Bonnie is the point person on using it, ie: if Stacy has need of repairs, payment, etc. Bonnie looked for input on bus route for church am route from elders. Is there a possibility of separate committee supervised by another committee? Also discussed that as bus is physical object perhaps it should end up under Trustees. We do need to have a point person – one person on the trustees to be in charge. At this time, trustees do NOT want responsibility. Bonnie stated as she is so much a part of different boards that it is easy for her to co-ordinate. Elder's preference is to focus bus program on church first – getting people here. Talk more in 6 months for starting SS bus program..

Any discussion about funds available towards painting the bus? At least put name on? Pastor has talked to Kelly Polson and no one has approached him to do it.

Arnold Motor Supply has provided paint to two other bus programs. Kelly may be willing to do painting at no charge. Project may have to wait until summer, when bus is not in use for preschool. Living Word church allowed use of bus for 2 days this week to cover bus mechanical issues.

Motion to adjourn – Jerry

February,

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji



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Calendar of Events

February 13-17 NLOMA Conference

February 17-19 Engaged Enrichment

February 24-25 CHAOS

Winter Hours Are Still In Effect! - Camp office hours for the winter are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

2012 Camp Theme

The 2012 Camp Okoboji Theme is “Anchored in Christ.” Hebrews 6:19a says, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Christ is our anchor! Our VBS, youth camps, family camps, day camps, and retreats will all focus on “Anchored in Christ”!

Family Ice Fishing Retreat—The 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Retreat is scheduled for February 10-12, 2012. Pastors Ben Dose and Jim Stogdill will serve as devotion leaders. There will be time dedicated to fishing, fun and fellowship. Registration information can be found in the District monthly, on our Website, www.campokoboji.org, by contacting Lori Gamble or contacting the Camp Office at 712-337-3325.

C.H.A.O.S.—C.H.A.O.S. (Christians Hyped About Our Savior) is happening February 24-25, 2012. Reverend Scott Jensen, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton, IA will serve as our Bible study leader. This event is for students in the 6th – 8th grades and their adult chaperones.

The **Camp Okoboji 2012 Schedule** and a list of cabin openings for the Summer of 2012 is on the Camp’s Website at www.campokoboji.org. There is something for just about everyone so mark your calendar and save the dates for your favorite activities in the coming year! Please contact the Camp office at 712-337-3325 to make your reservations.

Pictorial Tour/Wants and Needs List—Watch our Website at www.campokoboji.org as we begin to make user friendly changes. Soon to be included is a pictorial tour of all facilities and a more frequently updated “Wants and Needs” list.

A new Employment opportunity is available at Camp Okoboji—For five months of the year you could have the working experience of a lifetime - working with the most awesome college aged adults and high school youth. Watch for the position description at www.campokoboji.org. Employment are May 1 to September 30, 2012.

Summer Employment—Looking for a great place to work this summer? Try Camp Okoboji! We have openings for general staff, life guards, and our VBS teams. Applications are on our Website or go to www.nloma.org and apply online!

Volunteer Counselors—Camp will again be looking for volunteer counselors for Cub Week, Jr. High Week and Youth Week. The application forms are on our Website as well as the dates for these events! We prefer college aged students, but will also accept those who have completed the 11th or 12th grade.

Updating Ginny DeWall Dining Hall—The Camp Okoboji Board of Directors, under the advisement of the Facilities Committee, is in the process of planning updates in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. The updates will make that facility available for use during the entire year.

New Members to FELC- December 2011

Roger, Laureen & Emily Andersen
901 East 10th St.
Spencer, IA 51301

Home (712)262-9109
Roger's cell (712)363-2485
Laureen's cell (712)363-0983

Roger and Laureen have transferred to FELC from Christ the King. They have lived in the Spencer area for thirty years. Laureen works at the Spencer Municipal Hospital and Roger works at Vanderhaags. Emily, is a senior at University of Northern Iowa. They enjoy camping, golfing and gardening. Welcome Laureen, Roger and Emily to our family.

Roger and Brenda Potratz
2416 11th Ave. SW
Spencer, IA 51301

Cell (712) 291-0745

Roger and Brenda have recently moved to Spencer from Alta in November of 2011 and transfer to us from Grace Lutheran in Storm Lake. They are the parents of our family member, Lori (Bruce) Gamble. They enjoy gardening, putting together puzzles and playing cards. We're happy to have you join us here at First English.

Shari Dorman and son, Andrew Shelton
619 East 9th St.
Spencer, IA 51301

Cell (712)363-2008

Shari and Andrew have joined FELC through transfer from CTK. Andrew is in the 4th grade at IGLLS and is the son of our Dana Shelton and grandson to Bob and Bev Shelton. Shari works at the Chiropractic Arts Clinic in Spencer and enjoys reading and scrap booking. Welcome Shari and Andrew.

Lloyd and Joyce Pearson
321 9th St. SW
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We welcome Lloyd and Joyce to FELC from Christ the King. They are the parents of two grown children, Shane and April. Lloyd is the son of Marilyn (Tootie) Pearson and grew up in First English along with his aunts, uncles, and cousins, Edwin and Ellen Geerdes and Lewis and Doris Weimers and their families. Lloyd is owner of Pearson Tractor Repair. Joyce also works at Pearson Tractor Repair and in the hot lunch department of Spencer Community Schools serving meals at Lincoln Elementary. Lloyd enjoys ATVs and riding motorcycles while Joyce likes to exercise and watching TV. We look forward to Lloyd and Joyce becoming part of our church family and getting involved in our many opportunities.

Wesley Potratz

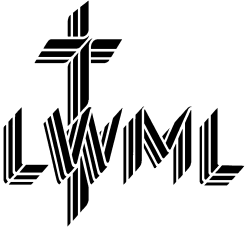
Wesley has become a member of FELC through baptism on November October 16th of 2011. He lives with his grandparents and FELC members, Sharyl and Dave Potratz. Wesley is in kindergarten at Johnson Elementary School and enjoys attending Sunday School and getting acquainted with his FELC peers. It's great having you as part of the FELC family, Wesley.

Matt Janssen
13 W. 16th St.
Spencer, IA 51301

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We welcome, Matt to our church family. Matt is the husband of FELC member, Erica Neeman.

February,



January 30th

1:30 p.m. - Guild Topic - Winter Quarterly, page 17 "Guilt & Grace"

February 2

9:30 a.m. - Esther Guild at FELC— Shari Crew, Hostess Rosemary Steffen, Topic Roll Call—Sweetest Thing Anyone Has Done for You

1:30 p.m. - Naomi Guild at FELC-Lavon Kephart & Dolores Peterson, Hostesses Jan Swanson, Topic Roll Call—Bring Bar of Soap for LWR
Bring a valentine Card

7:00 p.m. - Sarah Guild at FELC—Marlena Langner & Sherry Kaiser, Hostesses Kristin Kaldahl, Topic

Announcements

Bridal Shower - There will be a "Pampered Chef" bridal shower for Julie Driscall and Jeff Chalstrom on **Saturday, February 11th**, in the Social Room at First English Lutheran Church. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 AM with a short program at 9:45 A.M. They will be married on March 17th, 2012 in Florida. Bring your favorite recipe for the bride!

G.I.F.T. Choir to Sing Sunday, February 12th at 10:45 a.m. Parents, please have your student meet in the social room at 10:30 a.m. that morning for a short practice before services. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Schauer, G.I.F.T. Worship Time Director, 262-8482.

New Adult Education Class to Begin on February 12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Any one who interested in becoming a member of First English or who just wants a refresher on Lutheran Doctrine is welcome to attend. Classes will be held each Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact the church office or Pastor Kaldahl if you are interested in attending.

2012 Church Planning Retreat - All Board Chairmen & First English Members are invited and encouraged to attend this year's planning retreat on **Saturday, February 18th** from 8:00-Noon in the FELC Fellowship Hall. Any member of First English is welcome to join us. Your input is valuable!

Please sign up to help deliver **Meals on Wheels** — If you can help in March please sign up **today**. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you can only take one or two days, it all adds up. Thanks to those who are willing and able to help us help others.



The Young at Heart meeting was cancelled due to ice, it has been rescheduled for **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 11:30**. We will be having a potluck followed by a guest speaker from Northwest Iowa Aging Association who will explain their programs and answer questions. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. We would appreciate three people volunteering to set up at 10:30.

Congregational In-Gathering for LWR Personal Care Kits – Beginning in February, the LWML will be collecting light weight, dark colored bath towels (size 52"x27") , sturdy combs, individually wrapped bars of soap (4-5 oz.), individually wrapped toothbrushes-adult size in original packaging, metal nail clippers with file attached. All items should be new and in good condition. Toothpaste will no longer be collected. A box has been set up in the fellowship hall for donations. Thank you for your generosity!