

## Upcoming Events at FELC

### Week of May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion  
**May 17** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery  
9:00 Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts  
9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:45 Divine Worship w/Communion  
Afternoon – Faith Staedtler Graduation Reception – F. Hall

### **Mon. (Julie Vacation Day)**

**Tue.** 10:30 Miss Tammi's PS Graduation Sanctuary & F. Hall  
3:30 Clover Kids-Gym  
6:30 Board of Youth  
8:00 Worship Service on SMU

### **Wed. Last Day Preschool - 4/5 year olds**

6:30 Men's Bible Study  
8:20 IGLLS Chapel  
8:30 Finance Board  
10:00 Ladies Bible Study – Confirm Room  
10:30 Miss Leah's PS Graduation Sanctuary & F. Hall  
2:00 Worship Service SMU  
7:00 LYF

### **Thurs. PS Teacher's Workday**

7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library  
7:00 Church Council

### **Fri. Pastor's Day Off**

**Parish News Articles Due**

### Week of May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sun.** 8:00 Divine Worship

**May 24** 9:00-Noon Childcare in Nursery  
9:00 Fellowship with Coffee & Donuts  
**No Sunday School**  
9:30 Bible Class  
10:45 Divine Worship

### **Mon. Memorial Day – Offices Closed**

**Tues.** 8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

**Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study  
8:20 IGLLS Closing Chapel  
8:30 Finance Board  
10:00 Ladies Bible Study – Confirm Room  
10:00 IGLLSS Kindergarten Graduation – Fellowship Hall  
2:00 Worship Service SMU  
5:00 IGLLS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Fellowship Hall  
7:00-8:30 LYF

### **Thurs. IGLLS Last Day of School**

7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library  
12:30 IGLLS Dismissal



## First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

712-262-5598

Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Easter VII

May 17, 2026

**Welcome to First English** – Good morning and welcome! We gather on this 7th Sunday of Easter to celebrate the Risen King, who has ascended to heaven but remains with us in power and spirit. If you have no church home and would like to know more about Jesus, or if you wish to become a member of First English, see Pastor Kaldahl as you leave. Please join us at 9:00 for coffee & donuts, and Sunday School or Bible Class at 9:30.

**Families with Young Children** – First English encourages families to worship together. Should children become restless during worship you may use the nursery located outside the west doors of the sanctuary. We offer staffed childcare from 9:15-Noon each Sunday morning.

**Please Remember in your Prayers** – those who are fighting health issues including: Tara Nighswonger, Allan & Janice Breidinger, Angelina Kabrick, Ben Norgaard, Troy Huisenga, Jessie Widvey, Karlie Bern, Corey Langner, those in medical & care facilities, Missionaries Craig & Christi Gabhart, Cody & Aurelie Mock. Our military personnel & their families, especially those in war torn areas of the world. We pray for the call process to find an assistant pastor. We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct us to the right candidate for the position.



**Today's KICD Broadcast** is sponsored by Tammy & Larry Roseboom in loving memory of our beloved Christian family and friends who have passed before us and are securely with our Lord and Savior in Heaven, and in the recent loss of our sister-in-law.

John 11:25-26: "*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*"

**The Flowers that Grace Our Altar** today are placed by Jon & Libby Stricker. In thanksgiving for 23 years of marriage and, most of all, for God's many blessings.

**I would like to apologize** to the congregation for the late notice of the cancelation of Mary Peterson's graduation party. I had booked the Fellowship Hall well in advance and had forgot about it until I saw it in the church bulletin this past Sunday. Mary opted not to have a party at all. Thank you for your understanding, Tabatha Peterson

**Those Who Serve the Lord Today**

ELDERS	<b>8:00</b> Gaylin Fey Jeff Chalstrom	<b>10:45</b> Travis Harman Paul Salton
ACOLYTE	Hannah Stickrod	Eli Norgaard
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	#3 Tom Roti	#6 John Harges
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Tewes & Sherri White	
SERVICE BUILDER	Amber Christianson	
PRESENTER	Lori Gamble	Jerry Enderton
SOUND BOARD	Bruce Gamble	
LIVE STREAM	Alex Halverson	
<b>Acolyte Schedule</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
May 24	Cade Chalstrom	Karson Koenecke
May 31	Reegan Hornby	Grant Langner

**Last Week's Attendance:** E- 169 L – 77 T- 246 **Communion:** None  
**Sunday School: SS Offering: General Fund Offering:** \$ 8,467.73  
**Chiller Fund:** Rec'd to date: \$39,061.00

**Volunteer Help Wanted for PS Graduation:** First English Christian Preschool is looking for a few volunteers to help prepare and serve our lunch on the preschool graduation days. We will need 2-3 helpers on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 2-3 helpers on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Helpers on both days should plan to help between 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. or so. Please call Ruth in the preschool office 712-262-3699 if you would be willing to help on either of those day. Thank you



**LYF:** Join us on Wednesdays, May 20 and 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Led by Wendy Rees and games with Laura Hallgren



**Join First English for a fun week at Vacation Bible School!** June 22-25<sup>th</sup> 9am-12, Ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Click the link or scan the QR code for more information or to register!  
<https://firstenglishvbs.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing/register/>



**A Life Quote for Sunday, May 17:** “We are no longer terrified sinners but God’s own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

**Look at these amazing numbers from 2025 Operation Christmas Child** - 13,823 shoe boxes were packed in NW Iowa – a 23% INCREASE! In the UNITED STATES: 10,906,661 and GLOBALLY: 12,205,900 were packed. **Thank you** to all who participated, donated items or filled shoe boxes.



**Retirees 55+ who gathered for Fun & Fellowship** in April had so much fun that we’ve decided do it again! Please join us for devotions, games, snacks, and visiting on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 - 2:30. All “seniors” are welcome! Sponsored by BCLO.

**Join Us for a Baby Shower** honoring Kaitlyn & Mac Todd and Baby Boy. Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church. They are registered at Amazon.  
[www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kaitlyn-todd](http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kaitlyn-todd)



**IGLLS Golf Outing 2026** - Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School will be hosting a 4 Person Best Ball Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 2:00 pm with the shotgun start at 3:00 pm. We will have appetizers, social hour and awards to follow. Winners will be announced during the social hour. Register here to become a team or a sponsor!  
<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeF17uMGJrPV7.../viewform>

**As recipients of Christ’s love and grace, we are transformed into God-pleasing-stewards who live lives of serving and giving.**



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

**Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit** on Friday, June 5, starting at 7 am Big Spirit, Spirit Lake IA. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes an entry gift, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, June 4. For more information and to register, call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820 or visit [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).