

## Upcoming Events at FELC

### 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 – Confirmation Room  
10:00 IGLLS Kindergarten Graduation – Fellowship Hall  
2:00 Worship Service SMU  
5:00 IGLLS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall  
7:00-8:30 LYF
- Thurs.** **IGLLS Last Day of School**  
7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library  
12:30 IGLLS Dismissal
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**
- Sat** 9:00-11:00 Baby Shower for Kaitlyn (Essick) Todd Fellowship Hall

### Week of May 31<sup>st</sup>

- Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship  
**May 31** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery  
9:00 Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts  
9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:45 Divine Worship
- Mon.** 6:00 Preschool Board
- Tue.** 8:00 Worship Service on SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study  
8:30 Finance Board  
2:00 Worship Service SMU  
7:00 LYF
- Thurs.** 7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library  
9:30 Esther/Naomi Guild  
6:30 Sarah Guild
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**

**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>



## First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

712-262-5598

Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost - May 24, 2026

**Welcome to First English** – Today, we gather in joy and celebration as we commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. 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 Bible Class at 9:30. No Sunday School this morning.

**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: Lorraine Treimer, Vern Mickelson, 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 Diane Kimball. In loving memory of our beloved Christian family and friends who have passed before us. And in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has provided us.

**The Flowers that Grace Our Altar** today are placed by Karee Muilenburg in Thanksgiving for my children; Kade & Jace, love of family and friends for the Blessings and guidance God gives us every day.



**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)

**LWML NEWS:** Topic for the June 4<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting will be p. 18 "Who Is My Neighbor And What Does This Mean?" Spring 2026 Quarterly.

**FELC Informational Meeting** – The Elders invite current & former members of Christ the King and anyone else wanting more information about First English to join them on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A representative from each of the FELC Boards will be present to speak to about their board's duties and answer any questions you may have. Tours of the Church and Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School will be given to anyone interested.

## Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	<b>8:00</b> Ken Schroder	<b>10:45</b> Cole Brenden
ACOLYTE	Cade Chalstrom	
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	#3 Tom Roti	#10 M. Bergstadt
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Tewes & Sherri White	
SERVICE BUILDER	Ranae Kehoe	
PRESENTER	Dan Knaak	Michael Schauer
SOUND BOARD	Kelly Hartmann	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	
<b>Acolyte Schedule</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
May 31	Reegan Hornby	Grant Langner
June 7	Skye Glackin	Cannon Caven

**Last Week's Attendance:** E- 132 L- 72 T- 204 **Communion:** E-108 L-60  
**Sunday School:** 5 **SS Offering:** \$1.00 **General Fund Offering:** \$ 14,589.73  
**Chiller Fund - Rec'd to date:** \$44,561.84



**LYF:** Join us on Wednesdays, May 27, June 10, 17 and 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Led by Wendy Rees and games with Laura Hallgren

**Youth and Parents:** Reminder to download the BAND app and join FELC LYF. QR codes are hanging up around the church or contact a member of the Board of Youth.

**Wednesday, June 3 - LYF Youth Welcoming.** We would like to invite the newly confirmed youth and other new members with a Nacho Bar at 6:30 pm. Games to follow. **RSVP through the BAND app** so we can get idea to the amount of food needed.

**Sunday, June 7- All Youth Event-** Fishing in Okoboji. Meet at 2:15 in the FELC parking lot to carpool to Camp Okoboji to fish. We have a few fishermen (Mike, Travis & Leonard) with boats to take kids out on the lake or they can fish from the dock/shore at Camp. Bring a life jacket (if you have one), towel, sunscreen, etc. Supper at Camp. **Please RSVP through the BAND app** so we can get an idea to the amount of youth interested.

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - RISEFEST-** Lynn Eby and Janet Iedema will be going to Risefest in Sheldon, Friday afternoon for the evening concerts. High school youth interested in going may purchase their own ticket on-line and come to church to carpool. We will meet at 2:30 Friday afternoon in the FELC parking lot to drive to Sheldon. Tickets are \$68 on-line if purchased before June 1. Bring a blanket, appropriate clothing for the weather and money for food. **RSVP through the BAND app** or contact Lynn or Janet.



**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://firstenglishvbbs.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing/register/>



**IDW LWML 42nd Biennial Convention Ingathering** - Items to be brought for the convention in June. Any size and brand infant/toddler disposable diapers, Baby wipes, Dish towels, Rugs of all sizes, "Gain" brand laundry soap, Bleach, and Paper towels. Items should be put in the LWML tubs in the Opportunity Corner by Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**Employment - Have you ever wanted to make a difference?** Are you a problem solver? Can you work with people of various ages and stages? Are you a good communicator? Do you have a heart for service? Clay County General Relief is looking for a part-time CHART Navigator to respond to individuals experiencing homelessness. Competitive wage offered for this on-call position. Must be available days, nights, weekends, and holidays on a shared call schedule. Resumes may be sent to Clay County General Relief, 215 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 6, Spencer, IA 51301 or e-mailed to [rgoeken@claycounty.iowa.gov](mailto:rgoeken@claycounty.iowa.gov)

**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).

**The Members of First English are invited** to a free online webinar hosted by the LCMS Foundation: **Stewarding God's Gifts: A Plan to Care for Your Family and Support the Ministries You Love - Tuesday, June 16 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CDT.** This webinar is designed not only for pastors and congregational leaders, but also for congregation members who may be thinking about creating or updating a will, caring for family, or supporting the ministries they love through their estate plans. During our time together, we will walk through the basics of Christian gift planning and discuss how a will or estate plan can help Christians thoughtfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to them. You can learn more and register here: <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/idw-giftplanning-webinar-2026> - Even if you are unable to attend live, registering will ensure that you will receive the recording afterward. **Leon Schoenfeld, Gift Planning Counselor - Iowa District West**, LCMS Foundation Website: [lcmsfoundation.org](http://lcmsfoundation.org) Mobile: 712-830-7481.

May 15, 2026

Greetings in Christ,

Northwest Iowa LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) want to express again our gratitude for supporting the mission of disaster relief and also update each congregation of the recent developments in 2026.

First of all, we have been blessed with funds to purchase a larger and lighter trailer. Prayers have been answered and we are so grateful to our Lord.

For those who wish to learn more about LERT and/or consider attending one of the Basic LERT training sessions in our area there is a sign-up sheet in the Opportunity Corner. It is beneficial to know more about how LERT operates and becomes a blessing to those in need.

Bruce Gamble, of First English Lutheran in Spencer, is Chairman of our N.W. IA LERT and the contact person at Iowa District West is Julie Mann, if you would like information on the dates for LERT training sessions. Contact information is listed at the bottom of this letter.

As always, donations are needed during the year in order to replace supplies, have gas funds for our volunteers traveling to disaster sites or for anything else that may come up during the year. Placing a donation the church offering, made out to LERT-NW Iowa, is a great way to help as LERT is not in our church budget. Or you can send donations to Lori Gamble at the address below.

Please continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters.

Your friends in Christ,

LERT Committee,  
Bruce Gamble, Chairman (712) 320-3365  
Lori Gamble, Treasurer  
Nyla Bertram, Secretary

Lori Gamble,  
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