

Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of May 31st

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
10:00 Ladies Bible Study – Confirmation Room
2:00 Worship Service SMU
6:30 LYF – Welcome Night for New Confirmands
Thurs. 7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library
9:30 Esther/Naomi Guild
6:30 Sarah Guild
Fri. **Pastor's Day Off**

Week of June 7th

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship w/ Communion
June 7 9:00-Noon Childcare in Nursery
9:00 Fellowship with Coffee & Donuts
No Sunday School
9:30 Bible Class
10:45 Divine Worship w/ Communion
2:15 All Youth Fishing event – Camp Okoboji (6th-12th grades)
7:00 FELC Information Meeting
Mon.
Tues. 7:00 Board of Trustees
8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU
Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study
8:30 Finance Board
10:00 Ladies Bible Study – Confirmation Room
2:00 Worship Service SMU
7:00-8:30 LYF
Thurs. 7:00 Spirit Lifters – Library
Fri. **Pastor's Day Off**
2:30 HS Youth to Risefest - Sheldon

IGLLS Golf Outing 2026 - Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School will be hosting a 4 Person Best Ball Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 20th. 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

Holy Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2026

Welcome to First English on this Holy Trinity Sunday. Today, we stand in awe of the great mystery of our faith: God in three persons, blessed Trinity. May His grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. 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, Sunday School and 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 – the Vern Mickelson family as Vern was called to his heavenly home on Thursday; 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 Kay Wilson In loving memory of my earthly father, Maurice Broadie [pronounced Morris Brody] who was born on this day in 1929. Dad, you were always there for me, and I thank GOD for that ~ and for you!

The Flowers that Grace Our Altar today are placed by Tim & Ruth Obermeier in memory of our loved ones whose earthly presence we miss and in celebration of our 44th wedding anniversary. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

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 7th 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.

Refrigerator Cleaning - The IGLLS Nutrition Director will be cleaning out the back three refrigerators during the week of June 1-5. If you have product in them please mark your items before then so they don't get disposed of. Thank you.



Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	8:00 Jeff Chalstrom	10:45 Jerry Enderton
ACOLYTE	Hudson Frankenstein	Grant Langner
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 5 Tom Miller	#10 M. Bergstadt
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Tewes & Sherri White	
SERVICE BUILDER	Corey Langner	
PRESENTER	Dan Knaak	Steve Hallgren
SOUND BOARD	Abbey Ruden	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
June 7	Reegan Hornby	Cannon Caven
June 14	Julia Kaiser	Hana Loehr

Last Week's Attendance: E- 143 L- 93 T- 236 **Communion:** None
Sunday School: **SS Offering:** **Bible Class:** 47
General Fund Offering: \$ 21,861.73 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$44,561.84



LYF: Join us on Wednesdays, 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 12th - RISEFEST- Lynn Eby and Janet ledema 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 22-25th
 9am-12, Ages 3 years through 6th 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 7th. Thank you for your support.

Summer Job with Purpose at Camp Okoboji - Even though the summer has begun, we are still looking for summer staff. Working at Camp includes a weekly salary and room and board is included for the summer. Applicants should now contact the camp office at (712) 337-3325 or adam.campokoboji@gmail.com.

RSVP for the Iowa March for Life - Saturday, June 20th - Join your LCMS brothers and sisters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines (3223 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311) at 9 AM on Saturday, June 20th for the Iowa March for Life. We will begin with praying Matins (with President Paul Egger preaching), hear Mr. Martin Cannon, LCMS member and Senior Counsel with the Thomas Moore Society, speak and share a lunch together before heading to the Iowa State Capital for a rally and the march. The entire event should conclude around 2:30/2:45. Please RSVP for adequate food preparations to pastorckroonblawd@gmail.com or use the QR code.



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 4th St. Suite 6, Spencer, IA 51301 or e-mailed to 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.

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 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
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