

Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of July 5th Pastor Kaldahl on Vacation through July 17

Sun Rev. Mike Sharp Preaching & Bible Study

8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

July 5 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery

9:00 Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Bible Class

10:45 Divine Worship w/Communion

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

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Week of July 12th

Sun Rev. Glenn Bohmer Preaching & Bible Study

8:00 Divine Worship

9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery

9:00 Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Bible Class

10:45 Divine Worship

1:00 Special Voter's Meeting

Tues. Happy Birthday Pastor Kaldahl

Junior High week
at Camp Okoboji
July 5th-11th
6th-8th Graders.

Concordia Cub
week at Camp
Okoboji
July 12th-18th.
3rd-5th Graders.

CTK Closing Worship Service - Christ the King Lutheran Church, 500 4th Ave. SW, Spencer, Iowa will officially close in August 2026. *You are invited to join us for our closing Worship Service on **Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 p.m.***

We would be honored to have you attend this special time of worship, remembrance, and fellowship. Refreshments will follow the service.

Apples For First English Preschool—We have an apple tree set up in the Fellowship Hall (to the right of the TV) with apples containing items needed for the upcoming school year. We invite and encourage you to pick up an apple or 2 and purchase the items listed on it. Please put the item(s) in the box below the tree. Many thanks and may God continue to smile on our efforts to teach His little ones; we can't do it without your help.



First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

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Rev. Mike Sharp, Guest Pastor

Pentecost VI July 5, 2026

Welcome to First English As we celebrate our nation's independence as followers of Christ, let us remember that our greatest freedom was secured on the cross, by Jesus Christ. We are so glad you are here with us today. 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 – those who are fighting health issues including: Katie Sharp, Nelda Olson, Tara Nighswonger, Angelina Kabrick, Ben Norgaard, Jessie Widvey, Karlie Bern, Corey Langner, those in medical & care facilities, Missionaries Craig & Christi Gabhart, Cody & Aurelie Mock. Our military personnel & their families. We pray for the call process & discernment to find the right assistant pastor.



Praise Be to God for Answered Prayers – Thank you to Pastor Kaldahl and our church family for all the prayers and support you shared us with during Troy's battle with cancer. From the initial diagnosis to the cancer free news, we felt your prayers and love. *God Blessings to All, Troy & Jennifer Huisenga*

Prayers of Thanksgiving as Maclain & Kaitlyn (Essick) Todd welcomed their new baby boy, Ledger Gene Todd on Tuesday, June 30th.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Rich & Jerilyn VonEhwegen. In thanksgiving to God for the blessings of marriage, family and freedom.

The Flowers on the Altar are placed by Duane & Karen Willrett in honor of our family's and friend's July birthdays. We give thanks for the love, joy and friendship of each and every one. *Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Special Voter's Meeting—July 12, 2026 - The Call Committee for First English Lutheran Church has evaluated the 15 candidates on our Associate Pastor Call List provided by Iowa District West President, Rev. Paul Egger. The Committee has selected four (4) candidates to present to the Voters at a special meeting on Sunday, July 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting to call an Associate Pastor to First English. *Paul Salton, Chairman, Board of Elders*



Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	8:00 Gaylin Fey Ken Schroeder	10:45 Travis Harman Jerry Enderton Hana Loehr
ACOLYTE	Reegan Hornby	Hana Loehr
ORGANIST	Emily Bernau	Emily Bernau
USHERS	# 9 Ken Chalstrom	#6 John Hargens
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Claus & Pam Polson	
SERVICE BUILDER	Kelly Hartmann	
PRESENTER	Lori Gamble	Charlie Peterson
SOUND BOARD	Bruce Gamble	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
July 12	Hudson Frankenstein	Karson Koenecke
July 19	Laura Harman	Mia Fuhrman

Last Week's Attendance: E- 88 L- 39 T-127 **Communion:** None

Sunday School: **SS Offering:** \$1.00 **Bible Class:** 22

General Fund Offering: \$ 7,825.68 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$46,641.84



LYF: Join us on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. July 8, 15 and 22- Led by Wendy & Laura (Apologetics: Creationism) July 29- Led by youth

Youth usher on July 12 & 19 at 8:00 (w/kitchen cleanup on 7/19)

July Youth Activity (6th-12th grade) - Sunday, July 26 - Meet in the FELC east church parking lot at 6:30pm to carpool to Arnold's Park for a game of mini golf at Pirates Cove. If you have funds in your youth account, you may use for your game of golf. If not, bring \$11.25. If anyone would like some ice cream before we head home, bring some extra money. Friends welcome.

Prayer Request: Orange Nation Mission Trip - Kaylee Iedema, Isabelle Young, and Ryonna Faulkender will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan, July 23-26, to participate in Orange Nation through Camp Restore Detroit. Camp Restore is an urban retreat center that partners with local organizations and residents to provide meaningful opportunities for service and community outreach throughout the city. During their time in Detroit, they will join other young adults in serving neighborhoods, supporting community revitalization efforts, and building relationships with those they meet. This experience will provide opportunities to share Christ's love through practical acts of service while growing in faith, compassion, and understanding of the needs of others.

Please keep Kaylee, Isabelle, and Ryonna in your prayers as they prepare for this trip. Pray for safe travel, servant hearts, meaningful connections with the people they serve, and that God would use this experience to strengthen their faith and impact the Detroit community. Please also pray for the Camp Restore staff, local residents, and all those participating in this ministry.

The group will share about their mission trip experience during a presentation on Sunday, August 2 between services. A breakfast will be served, and a free-will donation will be accepted.



This year's VBS was "Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23". Kids learned the ins and outs of Psalm 23 and how the Lord really is THEIR personal shepherd. It was an adventurous and chaotic week- that's for sure- but it was also a successful, fulfilling week.

Probably the biggest excitement involved Nolan and Dave Abel bringing some of their sheep to have a shearing demonstration. I think it was a first for almost everyone there and all enjoyed asking questions and of course- petting the sheep. A huge thanks to both you guys for all your time and effort in this project!

I have so many thank you's that I hope I don't forget anyone. VBS is such a group effort and I'm so thankful to everyone in our church community!

First our youth- WOW! We could not do this without all of you and your leadership. Zayla Ruisenor, Hana Loehr, Aubrey Rees, Khloe Dorman-Heath, Piper Eby, Lisa Harmon, Anna Iedema, Jasmine Doede, Kallub Joslin, Carter Meyer, Corley Hamrick, Owen Eglund and Cade Chalstrom.

And our adult volunteers. Shepherds Kaisha Nolin, Sherry Kaiser, Libby Stricker, Torie and Madison Abel, and Julie Riessen. Session leaders Joan Kimbal, Lori Abel, Wendy Rees, Brianna Simmons, and Pastor Kaldahl. Group helpers Marlena Langner, Emily Jacobs, Jody Schendel, Vicki Godfredsen, Renae Kehoe, Jen Essick, Kae Roti, Sue Ehlers and Sherry Crew. To Lori Gamble who took on Opening and Closing and music and skits (and, and, and). Thanks to Matt Ruden for handling all the AV things and thinking way ahead of me. Ruth Obermeier and Kasey Kladstrup for running registration. Thank you Kristin Kaldahl for coming up with such great ideas. Lisa Meyer- thank you for your acting skills on such late notice!

As always, our Preschool teachers went above and beyond teaching almost 30 little ones. Thank you from the bottom of my heart Tammi Harrison, Sara McCarty and Megan Skonhovd.

If you saw a creative, good looking decoration- it was NOT me! I had so much help this year I'm beyond grateful. Kason Meyer built and painted us a barn and farmhouse for the skits. Emily Bernau made the cutest sheep and highland cows. Katie Scott cut out what felt like a million sheep for the walls. Kasey Kladstrup made us a shepherd for the fellowship hall. Torie and Madison Abel made a bridge for the Bible time session. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate as well: Dave and Lori Abel, Nolan, Torie and kids, Jasmine Doede, Lynn Eby, Janet Iedema, Julie Riessen, and Renae Kehoe. As always, Julie Moran- thank you for ALL the things. You helped in so many ways and kept me going! And another thank you to Pastor Kaldahl for going along with all the crazy ideas, jumping in on skits, and doing it all with a smile.

Until next year, Julie Chalstrom