

Upcoming Events at FELC

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 / Bible Class
10:45 Divine Worship
1:00 Special Voter's Meeting

Tues. Happy Birthday Pastor Kaldahl

9:30 Library Board
6:30 Board of Youth
7:00 Board of Ed
7:00 Board of Trustees
8:00 pm Worship Service SMU

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study
8:30 Finance Board
2:00 Worship Service SMU
7:00 LYF

Thurs. 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library
7:00pm Church Council

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Week of July 19th

Sun 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
July 19 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
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

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

FELC Library Board will be meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will be sorting out old, unused books and updating the computer with new additions. If you are interested in helping on the Library Board, please join us this Tuesday, July 14th at 9:30 in the library.

Youth Week at
Camp Okoboji
July 19-25.
High School
Students

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

712-262-5598

Rev. Glenn Bohmer, Guest Pastor

Pentecost VII July 12, 2026

Welcome to First English -Today we celebrate **Pentecost VII**. As the green colors of this season remind us, this is a time for spiritual growth, renewal, and community. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here in the body of Christ. 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 associate pastor.



Prayers of Thanksgiving as Phil & Kaetlyn (Warburton) Minkler welcomed their new baby boy, Knox Alan Minkler on July 3, 2026.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Kelly & Pam Polson. *This is the day the Lord has made rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

The Flowers on the Altar are placed by Nancy Hartmann in loving memory of Jim Hartmann and all family members that have gone to live with the Lord.

Special Voter's Meeting—TODAY - July 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

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 three (3) candidates to present to the Voters at a special meeting today at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Please plan to attend this important meeting to vote for an Associate Pastor to call to First English. Paul Salton, Chairman, Board of Elders*



40th Ordination Anniversaries – **Rev. Virgil Ewoldt's** 40th anniversary will be on **August 3, 2026**. The Elders would like to honor Rev. Ewoldt with a card shower. Cards can be left in the clear box in the Opportunity Corner or mailed to his home at 1819 190th St., Milford, IA 51351.

We also congratulate **Rev. Glenn Bohmer** on his 40th Ordination anniversary on August 3rd as well. Thank you Pastor Bohmer for your years of ministry and filling in for Pastor Kaldahl on occasion.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	8:00	10:45
ACOLYTE	Mark Rees	Cole Brenden
ORGANIST	Hudson Frankenstein	Karson Koenecke
USHERS	Emily Bernau	Emily Bernau
ALTAR GUILD	# 1 LYF	#6 John Hargens
SERVICE BUILDER	Deb Claus & Pam Polson	
PRESENTER	Amber Christianson	
SOUND BOARD	Bob Cody	Jerry Enderton
LIVE STREAM	Kelly Hartmann	
	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
July 19	Laura Harman	Mia Fuhrman
July 26	Cannon Caven	Grant Langner

Last Week's Attendance: E- 52 L- 61 T-113 **Communion:** E-56 L-63
Sunday School: **SS Offering:** \$0 **Bible Class:** 33
General Fund Offering: \$ 9,523.43 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$46,736.84



LYF: Join us on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. July 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. 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. 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.

Donations to the Church Library - When donating items to the Library here at FELC, please limit your donations to current books and other media. We greatly appreciate the donations, and our library is a great resource for our congregation. If you are unsure about an item you wish to donate, please check with a library board member. Allyn Krieger, Terry Chalstrom or Joan Kimball. Thank you.

First English Christian Preschool is looking for someone to supervise lunch on Wednesdays for 6-8 children from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. This is a simple but meaningful way to support our preschool ministry and bless the children and staff. If you're available to serve weekly for this paid position, we'd greatly appreciate your help! Please contact the Preschool Office at 712-262-3699.



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 people to thank 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!

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*