

## Upcoming Events at FELC

### Week of July 19<sup>th</sup>

**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  
**Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library  
**Fri.** **Pastor on Vacation through July 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Week of July 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sun** **Rev. Peter Maisenbach 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  
 6:30 Youth Activity (6th-12th grade) to Okoboji  
**Tues.** 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  
**Wed.-Fri.** **Julie on Vacation**  
**Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library  
**Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**

**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 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.

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



## First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA  
712-262-5598

Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor  
Pentecost VII July 19, 2026

**Welcome to First English** - We warmly welcome each of you to worship with us this morning. 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 9:00am for coffee & donuts and Bible Study 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: Knox Minkler, infant son of Kaetlyn & Phil, as he is having respiratory issues; Katie Sharp, Nelda Olson, Karlie Bern, Tara Nighswonger, Angelina Kabrick, Ben Norgaard, Jessie Widvey, 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.



**Today's KICD Broadcast** and **The Flowers on the Altar** are given by Mark & Julie Riessen in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary on July 27th.

**40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary** – Rev. Virgil Ewoldt's 40<sup>th</sup> 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 here to First English, 1311 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Spencer 51301.

**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, and supporting community revitalization efforts. 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 pray for the Camp Restore staff, local residents, and all those participating in this ministry.

**Camp Restore Mission Presentation w/ Breakfast** – 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.

## Those Who Serve the Lord Today

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|                 | <b>8:00</b>               | <b>10:45</b>        |
| ELDERS          | Ken Schroeder             | Paul Salton         |
|                 | Jeff Chalstrom            | Jerry Enderton      |
| ACOLYTE         | Laura Harman              | Mia Fuhrman         |
| ORGANIST        | Kristin Kaldahl           | Kristin Kaldahl     |
| USHERS          | # 1 LYF                   | # 10 Mark Bergstadt |
| ALTAR GUILD     | Dan Knaak & Karen Hargens |                     |
| SERVICE BUILDER | Ranae Kehoe               |                     |
| PRESENTER       | Lori Gamble               | Michael Schauer     |
| SOUND BOARD     | Bruce Gamble              |                     |
| LIVE STREAM     | Alex Halverson            |                     |

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| <b>Acolyte Schedule</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> | <b>10:45 a.m.</b> |
| July 26                 | Cannon Caven     | Grant Langner     |
| August 2                | Reegan Hornby    | Hana Loehr        |

**Last Week's Attendance:** E- 110 L- 45 T-155 **Communion:** None  
**Sunday School:** 10 **SS Offering:** \$1.00 **Bible Class:** 41  
**General Fund Offering:** \$ 12,511.73 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$49,736.84



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

**Youth usher** on July 19 at 8:00 (w/kitchen cleanup)

**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.

**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. Julie Carstens, Allyn Krieger, Terry Chalstrom or Joan Kimball. Thank you.

**FELC Library Board** will be meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the library.

**Office Position Open - Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake** is hiring a new Office Manager to be “the face” of Immanuel. We’re looking for a detail-oriented individual with excellent computer skills (especially in all things word processing). Are you welcoming, friendly, and kind? Possess excellent proofreading and organizational skills? Team-oriented and Christ-centered? Then you might be right for the job! This position offers a part-time or full-time workload. If this matches your skillset or if you have any questions, contact us at [lcmslakes@gmail.com](mailto:lcmslakes@gmail.com).

**Greetings from Camp Okoboji!** - Can you believe summer is pretty much halfway over already? If you’re keeping track, this is my third summer and so far, I can say with all certainty that no summer will be like any other! Whew! But we remember that God is good – all the time, and all the time – God is good! I do want to mention my deepest appreciation to all of the volunteer camp leaders. From the youth camps to the family retreats, they all rely on many volunteers to lead the programs. From deans to music leaders, to activities to crafts, and Bible Studies and devotions, I give thanks for each and every one of them. *In Christ, Adam Hengeveld, Executive Director*

**Auxiliary Annual Quilt Auction** was a great success this year! The auction, lunch, and crafts raised nearly \$14,000 for twin mattresses replacement project. A huge thanks to all of the quilters, volunteers, bidders, and buyers!

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for July 19 – Pentecost 8:** The devil sowed his evil seed of suffering and death into the world by convincing Adam to doubt and disobey God’s Word (Matthew 13:39). The sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:38) would convince us that we could avoid the sufferings of this present time (Romans 8:18) by embracing death through abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. But, God, who is our Rock (Isaiah 44:8), promises us true redemption from suffering through the blood of Christ, in whom we are adopted as God’s children and have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23).

**Stewardship Corner** - Knowing that God is the Creator and Provider of all things motivates us to worship Him through our faithful stewardship. As faithful stewards, we acknowledge God as the source and owner of everything. We are merely managers or caretakers of His property that is on loan to us. In our faithful stewardship, we seek to use our lives and blessings according to His will. We understand that our main purpose is to serve and glorify Him. We seek God’s wisdom and strength to fulfill our stewardship tasks, and we are aware of our need to be responsible and accountable. The reward for our faithfulness will come from hearing God say, *“Well done, good and faithful servant!”* (Matthew 25:23).