

## Upcoming Events at FELC

### 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

### Week of Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

**Aug. 2** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery  
 9:00 Mission Breakfast – Camp Restore  
 9:30 Camp Restore Mission Presentation  
 9:30 Sunday School  
 10:45 Divine Worship w/Communion

**Mon.** 6:00 Preschool Board

**Tue.** 8:00 Worship Service on SMU

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 8:30 Finance Board  
 2:00 Worship Service SMU  
 7:00 LYF

**Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library

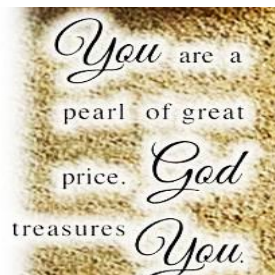
9:30 Esther / Naomi Guild – Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 Sarah Guild – Fellowship Hall

**Fri.** Pastor's Day Off

IDW Early Childhood Conference – Des Moines

*What does the Lord require of you,  
 but to do justice, love kindness and  
 walk humbly before your God.*

**Micah 6:8**



## First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

712-262-5598

Rev. Peter Maisenbach, Guest Pastor

Pentecost IX July 26, 2026

**Welcome to First English** - Welcome to the joys we share, the weariness we carry, and the grace we receive. We are so glad you are here in God's house today. If you have no church home and would like to know more about Jesus, or 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** – Roger & Vickie Godfredsen as Roger's brother Dewey passed away; Mark & Lindy Herda as Mark's brother Doug passed away; those who are fighting health issues including: Knox Minkler, Betty Sharp, 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 Rev. Nicholas Thackery as he considers the call to First English.



**Today's KICD Broadcast** and **The Flowers on the Altar** are in celebration of Tom & Kae Roti's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have been truly blessed throughout our marriage with family, friends and a strong Christian faith. "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ." Romans 3:22. Thank you God for all of Your blessings.

**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.

**Camp Restore Mission Presentation w/ Breakfast** – Kaylee Iedema, Isabelle Young, and Ryonna Faulkender will share about their mission trip experience at Camp Restore Detroit. during a presentation on **Sunday, August 2 between services**. A breakfast will be served, and a free-will donation will be accepted.

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

## Those Who Serve the Lord Today

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| ELDERS          | <b>8:00</b>               | <b>10:45</b>        |
| ACOLYTE         | Tom Roti                  | Cole Brenden        |
| ORGANIST        | Cannon Caven              | Grant Langner       |
| USHERS          | Emily Bernau              | Emily Bernau        |
| ALTAR GUILD     | # 3 Tom Roti              | # 10 Mark Bergstadt |
| SERVICE BUILDER | Dan Knaak & Karen Hargens |                     |
| PRESENTER       | Corey Langner             | Steve Hallgren      |
| SOUND BOARD     | Dan Knaak                 |                     |
| LIVE STREAM     | Abbey Ruden               |                     |
|                 | Matt Ruden                |                     |

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| <b>Acolyte Schedule</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>    | <b>10:45 a.m.</b> |
| August 2                | Reegan Hornby       | Hana Loehr        |
| August 9                | Hudson Frankenstein | Cannon Caven      |

**Last Week's Attendance:** E- 137 L- 78 T-215 **Communion:** E- 134 L- 63  
**Sunday School:** 11 **SS Offering:** \$2.00 **Bible Class:**  
**General Fund Offering:** \$ 9,620.26 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$50,276.84



**LYF:** Join us on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. HS Youth group will be led by Khloe, Jasmin & Carter (w/the guidance of Lori Gamble) on July 29, August 5, 12. 19. HS youth will have a Back to School activity on Wednesday, August 26: pickleball / 9 square, s'mores/fire pit.

**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.

**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).

**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.



**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.

**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!

**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).

**Thank you from Lutheran Family Service** - Because of your generosity, we have achieved our spring fundraising goal! Thanks to each and every one of you who prayerfully considered and gave a financial gift to our spring appeal. Your gifts will be used by LFS to extend the ministry of love, mercy, and care we are called to accomplish together — growing support created especially for women who are married to our pastors within the LCMS, including projects like **Koinonia Support Groups, Marriage Enrichment, and Individual Counseling. \$43,000 Goal - 116% Funded - \$49,925 Raised – 580 Partners.**