

Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of August 23rd

- Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship
- Aug. 23** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery
 9:00 Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts
 9:30 Sunday School / Bible Class
 10:45 Divine Worship
 1:30-5:30 Elder/ Confirmand Meetings
- Mon.** 8:30 **M-W 3 yr Olds 1st Day of School**
 11:00-6:00 **IGLLS Picture Day & Conferences**
- Tues.** **IGLLS 1st Day of School**
 8:30 **T-Th 3 yr Olds 1st Day of School**
 9:00 IGLLS Opening Chapel
 8:00 pm Worship Service SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study
 8:30-11:15 **PS 4 yr. Olds 1st Day of School**
 8:30 Finance Board
 11:30 PS Staff Devotions
 2:00 Worship Service SMU
 7:00 LYF-Back to School Event – Games, Bonfire, S'mores
- Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**



Normal Office
hours resume:
August 24th
Monday-
Thursday 8:00am
to 4:30 pm.
Friday
8:00am-Noon

Week of Aug. 30th Rally Day & New Member Welcome

- Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship
- Aug. 30** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery
 9:00 Fellowship w/coffee & donuts
 9:15-Noon Childcare in the nursery
 9:30 Sunday School/Pastor's Bible Class
 10:45 Divine Worship
 1:00 Special Voter's Meeting
 1:30-5:30 Elder / Confirmand Meetings
- Tue.** 6:00 Preschool Board Meeting
 8:00 Worship Service on SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study
 8:20 IGLLS Chapel
 8:30 Finance Board
 11:30 PS Staff Devotions
 2:00 Worship Service SMU
 7:00-8:30 LYF
- Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library
 9:30 Esther / Naomi Guild Meeting
 6:30 Sarah Guild Meeting
 7:00 Board of Elders Meeting
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**
- Sat.** 9:00-3:00 Private Event – Fellowship Hall

For from Him
and through
Him and to Him
are all things.
To Him be glory
forever! Amen
Romans 11:36

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA
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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor
Pentecost 13
August 23, 2026

Welcome to First English - Good morning church family, and a special welcome to our guests! We are so glad you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us. Our prayer today is that you feel the peace, warmth, and love of God. 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 – those who are fighting health issues including: Bruce Gamble, Pastor Keith Kohlmeier, Kathy Schulte, Jane Echtenkamp's sister, 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.



Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Shirley Roghair. Psalm 18:1-2^a. "I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." Have a Blessed day.

New Member Welcome – Our new members are invited to join us on **Sunday August 30th** at the service of your choice as we welcome you to First English. We will have a brief orientation session between services to share information about First English with you and give you a tour of the building.

Bible Presentations – Rally Sunday – 3 year olds and 3rd grade members of First English and new CTK transfers are welcome to come to the service of their choice on **Sunday, August 30th** to receive their Bible as a gift from the First English congregation. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. If you are a new member from Christ the King, please contact the church office if you have a three year old or 3rd grader so we can have enough Bibles available.



Special Voter's Meeting Set for August 30th at 1:00 p.m. – On the agenda is to review four (4) more candidates for Associate Pastor and vote on one of the candidates to call. Please pray for the call process and for the Holy Spirit to guide us in selecting a Pastor to call.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDERS	Tom Roti	Jerry Enderton
ACOLYTE	Karson Koenecke	Grant Langner
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	#7 Mike Morfitt	# 4 Jerry Enderton
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.**
 August 30 Hana Loehr Cannon Caven
 September 6 Reegan Hornby Karson Koenecke
Last Week's Attendance: E- 117 L- 100 T- 217 **Communion:** E-116 L-79
Sunday School: **SS Offering:** \$ 0 **Bible Class:**
General Fund Offering: \$ 10,370.36 **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 will have a Back to School activity on **Wednesday, August 26:** pickleball / 9 square, s'mores/fire pit.

September - Youth Usher w/coffee cleanup: 9/20 (communion) & 9/27 (non-communion)

Youth Group Weds: 9/2, 9/9, 9/23, 9/30 (Apologetics- Biological Evolution); 9/16-NO youth group (fair week)

Senior Youth Gathering (parent meeting to be announced) - October 2-4 (youth in grades 9-12) at Camp Okoboji - Registration forms can be found in the Opportunity Corner. **Registration Deadline is September 9th** (to Jody Schendel). Cost to attend is \$90 for Sat only, or \$120 for Fri & Sat (\$25 covered by Board of Youth) Money in family accounts may be used.

Junior Youth Gathering - October 24-25 (youth in grades 6-8) West Des Moines, Sheraton Hotel - **Parent meeting at FELC on September 9th at 7:00.** Registration forms can be found in the Opportunity Corner – **Registration Deadline is September 13;** turn into Jody Schendel. Cost to attend is \$175 (\$50 covered by Board of Youth) Money in family accounts may be used toward this.

Piano Player Needed for Choir- Our choir is in need of a dedicated piano player, someone who is willing to give their time and commit to becoming a valued part of our choir family. We are so grateful for those who have faithfully served in our choir. Many continue to serve the Lord in other areas of ministry, which can make it difficult for them to commit to the choir on a regular basis. We are looking for someone who feels called to use their gift of music to serve. We meet Wednesday nights 7:00–8:00 PM. We try to sing a couple of times a month at both services whenever we can. If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Lisa Meyer at 712-363-2674.

Thank You for recognizing the 40th anniversary of my ordination with a card shower which included First English and the churches I served. I heard from many friends, near and far. Thank you, also, for the lovely walnut plaque and pen commemorating these forty years. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3). Pastor Emeritus, Virgil Ewoldt.

Fall Ladies Daytime Bible Study led by Bonnie Ewoldt will begin on Wednesday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the Confirmation room. Bonnie has not decided on a topic yet. We will share that information when we get it. A sign up sheet will be available in the Opportunity Corner.

Fall Women's Evening Bible Study – Kristin Kaldahl's Monday night Bible study will be starting in September. We meet Monday evenings at 6:30. We will be studying "Golden Fruit" by Julie Hale Maschhoff. Lessons about the Fruit of the Spirit. Please sign up on the sheet in the Opportunity Corner if you are interested.

New Members Can Download the "Instant Church Directory" Member App from **Apple App Store:** for iPhone / iPad app OR **Google Play Store:** for Android app. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let the church office know so it can be added/updated. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date information available for our online church directory. Please feel free to edit your family details or upload your family photo. Each family member's information can be edited by clicking EDIT to the right of each individual name found below the family information. Be SURE TO CLICK "SAVE" after making changes. It is not necessary to enter birth or anniversary year. We appreciate having cell phone numbers.

Orphan Grain Train School Kits: Now is a great time to find school kit items on sale. Here is what's needed per kit: 1 backpack, 2 spiral notebooks, 1 folder, 2 pencils, 2 pens, 1 large eraser, 1 pkg.- 24 count crayons, 10 sheets of construction paper, 1 ruler, 2 glue sticks, 1 pair of scissors, 1 pkg. of 12 colored pencils, and 1 pencil sharpener. Please place items in the LWML tote in the Opportunity Corner. FYI it costs \$11 to ship one box of backpacks. Please consider making a donation directly to Orphan Grain Train.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 23 – Pentecost 13: Do you remember the day you were born? No? Your Father in heaven does! So do your earthly mother and father. "Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him" (Isaiah 51:2). Every human life has a divine plan and purpose: "The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me" (Psalm 138:8)! "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Romans 11:36)! Blessed are all whom God our Father in heaven forgives, saves, and justifies by faith (Matthew 16:17).