

Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of October 4th		LWML Noisy Offering
Sun	8:00	Divine Worship w/Communion
Oct. 4	9:00-Noon	Childcare in the Nursery
	9:00	Fellowship w/ coffee & donuts
	9:30	Sunday School / Pastor's Bible Class
	10:45	Divine Worship w/Communion
Mon.	9:00	Fire Alarm Testing - Banco
	5:00	Preschool Board
	6:30	Ladies Bible Study-F. Hall K. Kaldahl
Tues.	8:00 pm	Worship Service SMU
Wed.	6:30	Men's Bible Study
	8:20	IGLLS Chapel
	8:30	Finance Board
	10:00	Ladies Bible Study - Conf Rm B. Ewoldt
	11:30	PS Staff Meeting - Library
	2:00	Worship Service on SMU
	3:45	GIFT Grades 1-6
	7:00	Choir
	7:15	Confirmation
	7:30-9:00	LYF
Thurs.	7:00am	Spirit Lifters – Library
	7:00	Board of Elders Meeting
Fri.	Pastor's Day Off	
	8:00-9:30 a.m.	Mrs. Schauer's Class – Fellowship Hall

Calendar Correction
The calendar in the Parish News had Kristin's Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, it is on **Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** I apologize for the error. Julie

Week of October 11

Sun	8:00	Divine Worship
Oct. 11	9:00-Noon	Childcare in the Nursery
	9:00	Fellowship w/coffee & donuts
	9:30	Sunday School / Pastor's Bible Class
	10:45	Divine Worship
	2:30	LYF/JLYF to Little Sioux Orchard
	5:00	Langner's Home Bible Study
Mon.	4:00	New Horizons Meeting
	6:30	Ladies Bible Study / Fellowship Hall K. Kaldahl
Tue.	7:00	Board of Trustees
	8:00	Worship Service on SMU
Wed.	6:30	Men's Bible Study
	8:20	IGLLS Chapel
	8:30	Finance Board
	10:00	Ladies Bible Study - Conf Rm B. Ewoldt
	2:00	Worship Service SMU
	4:00-5:30	GIFT 1 st -6 th Grade Special Activity-Bowling
	7:00	Choir
	7:15	Confirmation
	7:30-9:00	LYF



First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 19 - LWML Sunday

October 4, 2026

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church! Today, we have the distinct joy of celebrating **LWML Sunday**—recognizing the Lutheran Women in Mission of our congregation and the wider Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For decades, the LWML has equipped women to joyfully proclaim Christ, serve our neighbors, and support vital mission grants. 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 then Sunday school 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: Michael Schauer's uncle and Laborer for Christ, Marlow Schafer; Lynn Wee, Ashlyn Bohl, granddaughter of Gregg & Noreen Bohl, Bruce Gamble, Kathy Schulte, Betty Sharp, Katie Sharp, Nelda Olson, Karlie Bern, 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 Also Pray for Operation Christmas Child as we begin filling Christmas boxes. We continue to pray for the call committee and the process of calling an associate pastor.



Today's KICD Broadcast and **The Flowers on the Altar** are given in celebration of LWML Sunday today.

LWML Sunday, October 4th – Noisy Offering - Bring your loose change for the noisy offering (LWML missions). Fellowship time treats will be provided by the LWML members. Please join us for coffee & baked treats at 9:00 a.m.

LWML Fall Rally "His light shining through us." John 8:12 on Saturday, October 17th at Immanuel Lutheran - Spirit Lake - Registration 8:30-9:00 followed by a brunch, and "JESUS" Bracelet Assembly, and the meeting. The Ingathering if for "Handbags with Hope" (see posters for more details). Please put them in LWML totes by Friday, October 16th in the Opportunity Corner.

Funeral Service for Vandette 'Tim' Grieme – Tim passed away on September 12th. His service will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Galva with a luncheon to follow. Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	8:00 Gaylen Fey Ken Schroeder	10:45 Paul Salton Cole Brenden
ACOLYTE	Laura Harman	Hana Loehr
ORGANIST	Emily Bernau	Emily Bernau
USHERS	# 3 Tom Roti	# 2 Paul Salton
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gilbertson & Karen Wee	
SERVICE BUILDER	Corey Langner	
PRESENTER	Ranae Kehoe	Jerry Enderton
SOUND BOARD	Bruce Gamble	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
October 11	Morgan Beachler	Katelynn Guerttman
October 18	Hudson Frankenstein	Karson Koenecke

Last Week's Attendance: E- 138 L- 86 T- 224 **Communion:** none
Sunday School: 5 **SS Offering:** \$ **Bible Class:**
General Fund Offering: \$ 8,347.98 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$50,276.84
Produce Table to Date: \$1,675.00 for Mission Central

GIFT Registration - Even if you weren't able to attend the registration meeting your kids can still be signed up for GIFT. Cost is \$85 for one student, \$75 for second student, \$65 for third and a maximum per family of \$225. If you have questions, please check with me in the office or Amber C. at ambernstricker@gmail.com



G.I.F.T. for October 7th - Theme: "Bring a Friend" Wear something with your name on it. **Menu:** Taco in a Bag **Dessert:** Dirt Cake in a Bag
Snack: Victoria Bern **Kitchen Help** – Jenny Caskey

G.I.F.T. for October 14th – Special Activity – Bowling. Meet at the Spencer Bowling Alley in the North Mall at 4:00 pm. Parents please pick your student up promptly at 5:00 p.m. If they are to ride home with someone else, please get a note to the church office or Amber Christianson. Thank you.



LYF: Time Changed - 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Oct Youth Group dates 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 and 10/28 (finishing up biological evolution and transitioning to the flood)

All Youth Event: Little Sioux Orchard Milford IA - Sunday, October 11th Corn maze/ apple picking for 6th-12th grade youth. \$5/person; \$6 for a small bag of apples (if you want to purchase).

Meet at 2:30 in the FELC parking lot to carpool. We will return around 5:30 for apple crisp & ice cream. Friends welcome!

Reminder to join the "FELC LYF" through the BAND app to stay up to date on activities and conversations. QR codes posted throughout the church.

Senior Game Day – All "Seniors" are invited to join us on **Tuesday, Oct 20th from 1-2:30pm** for a time of games, fellowship and food. Please bring a snack to share if you'd like and your favorite board game. We look forward to a fun afternoon with you. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Life / Outreach

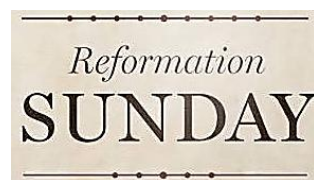
October is Church Worker Appreciation Month - This month is a special time when congregations honor their Pastor(s), Commissioned Church Workers and Teachers and their families for their hard work and sacrificial dedication. Please remember Pastor Kaldahl, Sarah Popp and the teachers at IGLLS & and their families in your prayers and take the time to thank them for their work in ministry.



IGLLS Garage Sale - IGLLS will be holding a Garage Sale on Friday, October 9th from 5-7 pm and Saturday, October 10th from 8am - 2pm at CTK Campus (500 4th Ave SW, Spencer).

Camp Okoboji Fall Volunteer Work Weekend - Please mark your calendars to join us for **Volunteer Weekend, October 9-10**. Call the office if you have any questions or if you plan to come - [712-337-3325](tel:712-337-3325). We will also host a dinner at 5 p.m. on Saturday evening, Oct. 10th to honor and celebrate our volunteers that help us throughout the whole year. If you plan to attend the dinner, even if unable to help with volunteer weekend, please let us know by calling the office at [\(712\) 337-3325](tel:712-337-3325) or emailing dawnf1531@gmail.com.

Reformation / Unity Sunday October 26th



8:30	Fellowship
9:00	Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00	Divine Worship w/ Communion – (only one service)
11:30	Congregational Potluck Dinner
1:00	Fall Voter's Meeting

Unity Sunday Potluck - Following the 10 am service the Elders are hosting a Potluck Meal. Those with last names beginning with **A-I** bring **Meat / Main dish** items; last names beginning with **J-P** bring **Dessert** items; last names beginning with **R-Z** bring **Salads / Side dish** items. **Beverages** and table settings will be provided by the Board of Elders.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – The master sent servants to harvest, and the tenants beat them and treated them harshly. Even worse, they killed the son. We too can treat the messengers of the Gospel harshly, especially when they speak the truth of God's Law to us. And yet, the Son of God went to the cross for us who are wicked and sinful (Matthew 21), and the vineyard of the Lord will yield good grapes on the last day (Isaiah 5). So, we press on toward that goal of everlasting life and share the Gospel with others, knowing that it is only by the grace of God that we are counted as perfect (Philippians 3).

September 25, 2026

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Dear Fellow Redeemed of First English, Greetings in the name of Jesus who shepherds His sheep on **“paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”** (Psalm 23:3)

I write in reference to the Call extended to me through your congregation. After many conversations and much prayerful deliberation, I am led to return this Call.

This has not been an easy decision to make. First English impresses me as a congregation committed to Jesus and His saving truth. You are to be commended for your commitment to His Word and Sacrament ministry, and for your faithful response to the opportunities He is placing among you. I would have enjoyed serving among you in the joy-filled task of making our Savior’s love known.

Though the opportunities for Christ-centered ministry are appealing, I could not overlook the challenges associated with the timing of this Call. I believe I need to remain in order to attend to some responsibilities I have both at church and among family members.

You will remain in my prayers. I am confident that our Savior has in mind the right undershepherd to be sent to you in His perfect time. In baptism He promises, **“Lo, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** (Matthew 28:20). May His promises assure and strengthen your hearts while you wait for His perfect plans to unfold.

In Christ,

Rev. Craig K. Niemeier
Zion Lutheran Church
Worms, NE

What if one of the most powerful ways you could help a child hear about Jesus is simply to pray?



Operation Christmas Child is preparing for another season of sharing the Gospel through shoebox gifts; and behind every shoebox is a child, a family, a community-and an opportunity for God to change lives. 12.2 Million boxes were packed last year; In NW Iowa alone, 10,823 boxes were packed, which is up 23% from 2024.

Personalize your box with a message, photo, card or hand printed note.

Red/Green cardboard boxes are available in fellowship hall, but ANY shoe box can be used. \$10 donation covers much more than just shipping, not only transportation, but also team training, and publications in native language. Your \$10 check can be mailed separately or placed on top inside the box, and it goes directly to Samaritan's Purse. **Please do not tape the boxes shut.** Box integrity is kept; no one on the local level opens your box. The contents of your box is checked at the processing center, so it does not contain guns (other than a bright colored water gun), no multi tools with a knife/blades, no craft paint pots, no soap, toothpaste, lotion, perfumes or liquids of ANY kind. Visit Operation Christmas Child | Shoebox Outreach of Samaritan's Purse with any questions you may have.

Please pray for:

- Open doors for the Gospel and hearts prepared to receive it.
- Children who receive shoeboxes to encounter the love of Jesus.
- Churches and community groups to catch the vision for evangelism and discipleship.
- Volunteers and ministry teams to have wisdom, strength, unity, and encouragement.
- Safety and protection for everyone involved in collecting, processing, transporting, and distributing shoeboxes.
- The Greatest Journey discipleship program and the children who choose to follow Jesus.
- New believers to boldly share Christ with their families and friends.
- God to raise up people of peace and open doors and communities that have not yet heard the Gospel.

Your prayer matters. Every shoebox represents an opportunity, but prayer prepares the way for the Gospel to go forth. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.”**

Let's cover this entire ministry in prayer and trust God to do what only He can do-transform lives for eternity through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.