

Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of October 18th

- Sun** 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
- Oct. 18** 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
 5:00 Langner's Home Bible Study
- Mon.-Wed. IGLLS No School**
- Mon. No Preschool – District Inservice**
 6:30 Ladies Bible Study-F. Hall K. Kaldahl
- Tues.** 1:00 "Seniors" Game Day
 6:30 Board of Youth
 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
 11:30 PS Devotions - Library
 2:00 Worship Service SMU
 3:45 G.I.F.T. Grades 1-6
 7:00 Choir
 7:15 Confirmation
 7:30-9:00 LYF
- Thurs.** 7:00am Spirit Lifters – Library
- Thurs.-Fri.** Julie Vacation
- Fri. Pastor's Day Off**
 8:30 Preschool 3 yo Make-up Day
 10:00 Organ Tuning

Week of October 25 Reformation – Unity Sunday

- Sun** 8:30 Fellowship
- Oct. 25** 9:00-Noon Childcare in the Nursery
 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
 5:00 Langner's Home Bible Study
- Mon.** 6:30 Ladies Bible Study / Fellowship Hall
- Tue.** 9:00 Pastor's Winkle at Sheldon
 4-6 Preschool Fundraiser Delivery – Fellowship Hall
 8:00 Worship Service on SMU

Save the Date -The Annual Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School (IGLLS) Fall Benefit Auction will be held **Saturday, November 21st** at The Waterfront in Arnolds Park. Make plans to attend now. **AUCTION TICKETS** - Purchase your tickets at: <https://iglls.ejoinme.org/2026auction>. Ticket costs are \$45 per ticket or \$320 per table. Deadline is November 11th

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

WE ALWAYS THANK GOD

FOR ALL OF YOU,

REMEMBERING YOU IN

OUR PRAYERS

– 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA

712-262-5598

Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 21

October 18, 2026

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church! Today's readings point us to a profound truth: we live out our faith in a complex world, fulfilling our civic duties, but our ultimate devotion belongs to God alone. 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: Lynn Wee, 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.



We Include in our Prayers Jace Curtis Johnson, son of Adam & Alyssa Johnson who will be Baptized this morning at the 10:45 service. Sponsors are Alex & Mackenzie Johnson and Austin & Shyanne Johnson.

Please Pray for the Families of Rosamary Meyer, (Kasen & Lisa Meyer & Family), Lorraine Treimer, and Marlow Schafer who have been called to their heavenly home.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Tim & Suzie Norgaard in loving memory of Gene Blanchard. May all who listen to the Word of God be deeply blessed.

Fall Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m. following the Unity Sunday Potluck meal. We value your input and hope you will plan now to attend. Agenda items include setting the budget for 2027, Approve Elders for 2027 and Board Reports.

Special Voter's Meeting – Sunday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m. On the Agenda – to place a call for Associate Pastor.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

ELDERS	8:00 Mark Rees Ken Schroeder	10:45 Travis Harman Jerry Enderton
ACOLYTE	Hudson Frankenstein	Karson Koenecke
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 5 Tom Miller	# 4 Jerry Enderton
ALTAR GUILD	Melinda & Mark Herda	
SERVICE BUILDER	Kelly Hartmann	
PRESENTER	Sylvia Ruden	Steve Hallgren
SOUND BOARD	Abbey Ruden	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
October 25	Unity Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service Grant Langner	
November 1	Morgan Beachler	Mia Fuhrman

Last Week's Attendance: E- 131 L- 86 T- 216 **Communion:** None
Sunday School: 16 **SS Offering:** \$ 0 **Bible Class:** 57
General Fund Offering: \$9,109.23 **Chiller Fund to date:** \$50,276.84
Produce Table to Date: \$1,778.00 for Mission Central

Still Time to Register 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 21st – School Spirit Wear School Colors
Snack: Sarah Kladstrup **Dessert:** Ice Cream – Lindy Hornby **Kitchen Help:** Colby Beachler **Menu:** Hot Dogs, Chips & Ice Cream

No Confirmation Chaperones for Oct. 21st Game Night



LYF 7:30-9:00 pm October 21 & 28 (finishing up biological evolution and transitioning to the flood)

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.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story. All singers in the area are invited to join the choir with rehearsals being held on Sunday nights. Rehearsals are on November 1, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church. For more info, visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

A Door Offering for St. Luke Auxiliary will be taken November 1st after both services. The funds raised help the Auxiliary with various projects at St. Luke Lutheran Home. Thank you for your generosity.

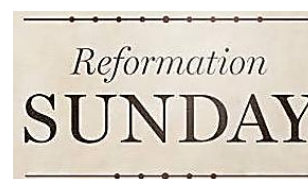


We Are in Need of a Couple Volunteers to run the screens during service starting January 2027. One for early service and one for late service would be preferred. You are welcome to sit up in the AV booth and observe if you want to see how it's done. Commitment would be once or twice a month. If you are interested, text Matt Ruden (515-450-3532) or email felc.iowa@gmail.com

Today is ILSTO Sunday - The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization has reached 25% of our 2026 goal, and we need your help to cross the finish line. Today, 1,800 students across 16 Lutheran schools in Iowa are growing in faith and knowledge, and your gift helps make that Christ-centered education possible for Iowa families. Please prayerfully consider a gift today. Together, we can support Lutheran education for generations to come. *To give, visit lowalutheransto.com* – More information can be found on the insert in today's bulletin.

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.

Reformation / Unity Sunday October 25th



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.



Operation Christmas Child Red/Green cardboard boxes are available in fellowship hall, but ANY shoe box can be used. Personalize your box with a message, photo, card or hand printed note. Fill the box for a boy or girl with items from the list of suggestions found with the boxes. The \$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, 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.



TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

It is time to order poinsettias for placing in the sanctuary for Christmas. We will be purchasing from the Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School Fundraiser this year.

Orders must be placed by October 25th. Thank you.

You may also purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to the church.

Please complete the following information and enclose \$14.50 for each plant you wish to purchase and return it to the church office.

Please make your check payable to First English Lutheran Church and note poinsettia on the memo line.

NAME: _____

If you are placing a poinsettia in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill in the message as you wish to have it printed.

I will purchase my own and bring it to the church any time after Thanksgiving November 26th _____