Upcoming Events at FELC

Week of November 8th

Sun.	8:00	Divine Worship
	9:00	Veterans Appreciation w/cake & coffee
	9:00	Lydia Guild
	9:00-Noon	Childcare in the Nursery
	9:30	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45	Divine Worship
	5:00	Langner's Home Bible Study
Mon.	6:30	Ladies Bible Study-F. Hall
Tues.	9:00	Pastor Winkle at Hartley
	9:30	Library Board Meets
	3:30	Clover Kids – Gym
	7:00	Board of Education
	7:00	Board of Trustees
	8:00 pm	Worship Service SMU
Wed.	6:30	Men's Bible Study
	8:20	IGLLS Chapel
	8:30	Finance Board
	9:45	Preschool Chapel
	10:00	Ladies Bible Study
	11:30	PS Staff Meeting
	2:00	Worship Service SMU
	3:45	Gift Grades 1-6
	7:00	Choir
	7:15	Confirmation
	7:30-9:00	LYF
Thurs.	7:00	Spirit Lifters
	9:45	Preschool Chapel
	7:00	Board of Elders
Fri.	**Pastor's Day Off**	
Sat.		



The Lost & Found Tote in the Fellowship Hall is overflowing. If you or your child is missing a sweatshirt, coat or other miscellaneous items, please check in the Lost & Found Tote and on the coat racks and shelves above them.
These items will be taken to Fresh Start Market if not claimed by the end of November.
Thank you.

Week of November 15th

Sun	8:00	Divine Worship w/Communion
Nov. 15	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.	**No School – Preschool or IGLLS - Inservice**	
	6:30	Ladies Bible Study-F. Hall K. Kaldahl

Time again for Annual Reports - Board Chairmen, Guild Secretaries, and all who contribute to the Annual Report, please start working on your reports soon so that you can have them turned into the church office by the end of the year. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to my request. Julie



First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, LA
712-262-5598
Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor
Pentecost 24
November 8, 2026

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church! As the Spirit gathers us into one body in Christ, may your heart be strengthened by His grace, your faith renewed by His promises, and your life directed in His peace. If you have questions about our congregation, our beliefs, or how to connect, please speak with Pastor Kaldahl. We hope you can join us at 9:00 am as we celebrate our Veterans today, then for Sunday school & 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: Bonnie Wipf, aunt of Susan Christensen, Roger Merry, Rob Gilbertson, Lynn Wee, Bruce Gamble, Kathy Schulte, Katie Sharp, Nelda Olson, Karlie Bern, 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. We pray for Rev. Jordan Andreasen and his family, as he considers his call to First English.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Tim & Susan Christensen in honor of our 33rd wedding anniversary. We are grateful for God's faithfulness in all seasons of our marriage.



FELC Veterans Appreciation Sunday Today we are honoring veterans and active- duty members of the United States Armed Services **during Fellowship Hour.** The congregation is invited to join us for cake, coffee, and an opportunity to visit with our veterans. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Life & Outreach.

Ladies Christmas Tea - Please join us on **Saturday, December 5th from 9-11 am** for Christmas tea. Tia Pugh will be speaking about "The 12 Days of Christmas." Hostesses may invite up to 7 guests. Hostesses will be responsible for decorating their table and bringing a Christmas or tea party treat to add to the buffet. Tea and coffee will be provided. A sign up and invitations can be found in the opportunity corner. If you have questions you may contact emilyabernau@gmail.com or lorigamble02@gmail.com.

A Very Special Thank You to those who donated money for the St Luke Gifting Bazaar. The money will be used to help the residents of St. Luke with their needs and is greatly appreciated! May God bless each of you! *Rosa Lee Enderton, (St. Luke Auxiliary Rep)*

Those Who Serve the Lord Today - Unity Sunday

	8:00	10:45
ELDERS	Mark Rees	Travis Harman
ACOLYTE	Zayla Ruisenor	Grace Hoffman
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	#7 Mike Morfitt	#6 John Hargens
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Claus & Pam Polson	
SERVICE BUILDER	Ranae Kehoe	
PRESENTER	Lori Gamble	Jerry Enderton
SOUND BOARD	Bruce Gamble	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:45 a.m**.
November 15	Cannon Caven	Karson Koenceke
November 22	Corley Hamrick	Kallub Joslin

Last Week's Attendance: E: 171 L: 79 T: 250 **Communion:** E: 141 L: 64
Sunday School: 32 **SS Offering:** $ 1.00 **Bible Class:**
General Fund Offering: $ 21,395.48 **Chiller Fund to date:** $50,276.84
Produce Table to Date: $2,113.00 for Mission Central

Sunday School – The 3 yr olds (& potty trained) through 5th grade students will be practicing for their Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. **The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 13th at the 10:45 service.** Please take a minute to sign your kiddo up and let us know if they'd like a speaking part. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRPoQXfDAeStOB8lllGr1UfZfysdUMuiK7SbHJTqr16zs0Ug/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=110316515996995203888. If you'd like to help in some way, please let me know! Also, feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Thanks, Julie Chalstrom 712-240-2221 juliedriscoll714@gmail.com

G.I.F.T. for November 11th – **Special Activity** – Movie at the Palms Theater in the Southpark Mall. Bring money for concessions. Parents, please bring your students to the theater by 4:00 p.m. and pick them up promptly at 5:30.

LYF 7:30-9:00 pm - November: 11th & 18th. No youth group 11/25.

All youth events (6th-12th)



Friday, November 13th, Okoboji high school play "Mamma Mia" Cost TBA. Sign up in BAND if interested in going. Carpool from the east parking lot of FELC around 6:15 pm. Play starts at 7:00.

Sunday, November 15th, Spencer high school play "How to Succeed in Business Without Trying" Cost TBA. Sign up in BAND if interested in going. Meet in High School Commons around 1:40 PM. Play starts at 2:00 PM. Friends welcome! If you need a ride, contact Jody Schendel or Janet Iedema.

Sunday December 13 - Youth bake sale

Confirmation Chaperones for Nov 11th Colby Beachler and Jill Harman.

November 15th a Special Door Offering to support the new home for the Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne will be taken. The Food & Clothing Coop provides students and their families with food, clothing, and household items at no cost, easing the burdens of study and daily life. A new space with easier access will allow this vital work of mercy to continue with greater effectiveness, supporting those who prepare to serve Christ's flock. If you'd like to give online you may do so by scanning the QR code.

Weekly Communion - The Board of Elders are considering offering communion every Sunday beginning in January 2027. In order to have communion each week, we need to have a total of 30 people on the Altar Guild. Currently there are only 10-12 volunteers. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please call the church office at 712-262-5598 or Paul Salton, 712-260-4826. If we get the number of people we need, our volunteers will only need to serve two or three Sundays a year. All new volunteers will be trained. Both Men & Women are welcome to join.

The 2027 KICD & Altar Flower Sign-Up Posters Are Up in the fellowship hall. Please pick your special date and sign up to sponsor our Radio Ministry or place flowers on the altar. Cost of the KICD Broadcast is $115.00 per Sunday. Those who aren't able to attend in person and would like to sponsor a Sunday, call the church 262-5598 and I will be happy to sign up for you.

Gather your family, invite your friends, and join us for the IGLLS Annual Fundraising Auction! **Saturday, November 21st** at The Waterfront in Arnolds Park. Cocktail attire is suggested, but definitely not required—come as you are and enjoy the evening! There will be opportunities to give, support a great cause, and participate in the excitement of our live auction, but there is absolutely no obligation to donate or bid. Simply come, enjoy an amazing meal and be part of something special. Whether this is your first time or you're a returning guest, we'd love to have you there. Come see, experience, and discover what it's all about—we can't wait to welcome you! To purchase tickets https://iglls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2026AnnualAuction/tabid/1608088/Default.

Attending the IGLLS Auction? If we get enough interest, the IGLLS school bus will transport individuals to and from the Waterfront Event Center. Free Will Donation - Send us a message on Facebook or call the school to reserve your spot on the bus! 712-262-8237 4:30 pm Bus departs from School parking lot. There will be two trips back from Waterfront at 8:30 & 11:00 pm.

Operation Christmas Child – If you picked up a box to pack, thank you. Please remember the collection dates for filled boxes are November 16-20. They may be delivered to First Congregational Church; 1212 1st Ave West in Spencer. If you are unable to deliver your filled box to First Congregational Church, you may leave it on the table in the fellowship hall or in the church office no later than November 15. If you have questions, contact Sherry Kaiser or Ranae Kehoe.

Save the Dates for IGLLS Christmas Programs
TK-2nd Grade will be Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
3rd-5th Grade will be Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
6th Grade Musical will be Friday, December 18th at 12:00 in the IGLLS gym.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization - If you are 70½ or older, you can give from your IRA to the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). A QCD can count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), and the amount you give is not included in your taxable income. It is a simple way to support Iowa Lutheran school families while lowering your tax bill. NEW: Try our donation calculators to see how you can maximize your gift and tax benefits at iowalutheransto.com Your gift to ILSTO earns you a 75% Iowa tax credit. To count for 2026, the distribution must be completed by December 31, so please contact your IRA custodian soon.

HS Sunday School Teacher Needed - The Board of Education is looking for someone to teach 9th-12th grade Sunday School. Please contact Amber Christianson if you are interested.

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

The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. All singers in the area are invited to join the choir with rehearsals being held on Sunday nights, November 8,15,22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church. For more info, visit “Spencer Messiah” on Facebook.