Upcoming Events at FELC

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
	9:30	Pastor's Bible Class
	10:45	Divine Worship w/Communion
	5:00	Langner's Home Bible Study
Mon.	**No School – Preschool & IGLLS**	
	5:30	Board of Youth
	6:30	Ladies Bible Study-F. Hall
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
	11:30	PS Staff Devotions
	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
	5:15	Bd C. Life / Outreach
	7:00	Board of Elders
Fri.	**Pastor's Day Off**	
	Preschool 3's Makeup Day	
Sat.	5:30	IGLLS Fall Auction
		at The Waterfront – Arnolds Park

Week of November 22nd

Sun.	8:00	Divine Worship
	9:00	Fellowship w/ Donuts & coffee
	9:00-Noon	Childcare in the Nursery
	9:30	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45	Divine Worship
	5:00	Langner's Home Bible Study



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.

Turkey Dinner – Saturday, November 21st - Hope Church, 919 Grand Ave. Spencer, will be hosting a turkey dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a free-will donation. Please call the Hope Church office to RSVP 712-262-3016.

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, IA
712-262-5598
Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor
Pentecost 25
November 15, 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 – Michael & Angie Schauer and family as his step-mother, Laura Schauer, went to her heavenly home; 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.

We Also Pray for Cooper Matthew Fassler, son of Ryan & Makayla Fassler and Cooper Dean Snyder, son of William & Samantha Snyder who are being Baptized this morning.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Paul & Sheila Salton in loving memory of Paul's Dad, Larry Salton.

Today we will have 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.

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	Jerry Enderton
	Gaylin Fey	Cole Brenden
ACOLYTE	Cannon Caven	Karson Koenceke
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 9 Ken Chalstrom	# 10 Mark Bergstadt
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Millard & Diane Higgins	
SERVICE BUILDER	Kelly Hartmann	
PRESENTER	Sylvia Ruden	Michael Schauer
SOUND BOARD	Abbey Ruden	
LIVE STREAM	Matt Ruden	

Acolyte Schedule	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:45 a.m**.
November 22	Laura Harman	Kallub Joslin
November 29	Morgan Beachler	Grant Langner

Last Week's Attendance: E: 149 L: 82 T: 231 **Communion:** None
Sunday School: **SS Offering:** $ 1.00 **Bible Class:** 64
General Fund Offering: $ 14,684.61 **Chiller Fund to date:** $ 52,276.84
Produce Table to Date: $ 2,145.00 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.** 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 18th – **Thanksgiving** - Bring an item you are thankful for. **Snack:** Emily Jacobs **Dessert:** Pumpkin Bars – Colby Beachler **Kitchen Help**: Sarah Kladstrup **Menu:** Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls and Pumpkin Bars.

Youth Ministry

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

All youth events (6th-12th) - 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 18th Sarah Kladstrup & Ken Schroeder.

Please Check Your Church mailboxes for the LWML National Mission Grant cards. Your contributions to Mites "noisy offering" go to support these mission grant projects. Please include these mission grants in your daily prayers. Thank you for your continued support.

Advent Meal Available to Serve – We need one more group to serve an Advent meal. If you are interested please call the church office. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due This Week – Please remember the collection dates for filled boxes are November 16-20. They may be delivered to Hope Church in Spencer. If you are unable to deliver your filled box to First Congregational, you may leave it on the table in the fellowship hall or in the church office no later than November 17. Questions, contact Sherry Kaiser or Ranae Kehoe.

Arts on Grand and the Clay County Heritage Center of Spencer are hosting **2026 Festival of Trees: Dualling Galleries** this year on **Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at each location. The event costs $10 per person and includes viewing more than 50 trees and holiday vignettes between the two galleries. One ticket gives you access to both galleries. Attendees will enjoy trees and vignettes of personal collections by area groups, businesses and residents, a silent auction of some trees on display, holiday music, historic items, and a delicious spread of 'savory and sweet' for those who attend. Tickets are available for sale at both galleries or may be purchased at the door of each location.

Christmas at the Parker will be an opportunity to see Spencer's 1916 Arts and Crafts period home, beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, compliments of the Romanzo A. Coates Questers Club on behalf of the Clay County Heritage Center. **Catch this event on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2-4.** The cost is $10 per person and includes an array of delicious holiday treats along with a come-and-go tour of the home. Tickets may be purchased at the Clay County Heritage Center, from area Questers members, or at the door.

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.

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.

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 ,15,22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church. For more info, visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

Collecting for Families in Need this Christmas Season – The Board of Christian Life/Outreach will be collecting donations through door offerings on Sundays, November 22, 29, and December 6 to purchase gift cards from IGLLS Scrip Program to help FELC members during the holiday season. Please prayerfully consider donating to ease the holiday budgets of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are in need of extra assistance this time of year, please contact Pastor Kaldahl or the church office and we will add you to our gift list. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

Join us for the IGLLS Annual Fundraising Auction! Saturday, November 21st – 5:30 at The Waterfront in Arnolds Park. The evening will be filled with fun, delicious food, and fellowship. Cocktail attire is suggested, but definitely not required—come as you are and enjoy the evening! There will be opportunities to give, and support a great cause, but there is absolutely no obligation to donate or bid. Simply come, enjoy an amazing meal and be part of something special. 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.

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m.



Mid-Week Advent Services
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
December 2nd, 9th & 16th

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday December 13th
at 10:45 a.m.





Christmas Eve
Services Thursday,
December 24th at
5:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service
Thursday, December 25th
at 9:00 a.m.





New Year's Eve Service
w/ Holy Communion
Thursday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m.