Upcoming Events at FELC

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

Mon. 2:30 Dismissal IGLLS
3:00-7:00 Conferences

Mon.-Tues. PS Conferences

Tues. No School IGLLS
11:00-7:00 Conferences
8:00 pm Worship Service

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible
8:30 Finance Board
10:00 Ladies Bible
2:00 Worship Service
7:00 Choir
7:15 Confirmation
No LYF, Gift or Confirmation

Thurs. **Thanksgiving Day - Offices Closed**
9:30 Thanksgiving Worship
10:30 Kladstrup/Johnson Family Fellowship Hall / Kitchen

Fri. **Pastor's Day Off - Offices Closed**

Sat.

Week of November 29th

Sun. **1st Sunday of Advent**

Nov. 29 8:00 Divine Worship
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
1:30 Decorate for Christmas
5:00 Langner's Home Bible Study

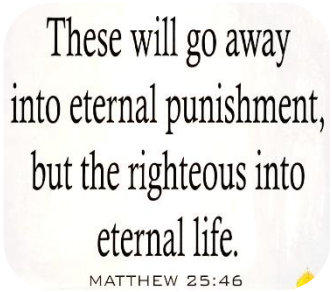


Decorating for Christmas
Please join us next Sunday, Nov. 29th at 1:30 p.m. as we transform our sanctuary with wreaths, garlands, and evergreens to welcome the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Thanksgiving Break Preschool & IGLLS November 25th - November 27th

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.

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
Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church! As this liturgical year closes, we simultaneously prepare our hearts for His first coming at Christmas, bridging the end and the beginning of the church's year. 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: Christi Gabhart, 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 pray for Rev. Jordan Andreasen and his family, as he considers his call to First English.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Virgil & Bonnie Ewoldt in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary with praise and thanksgiving to God for keeping us always in his loving care. "*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."* Psalm 107:1

The Flowers on the Altar are placed by Dave & Lori Abel. Blessed and Thankful for 44 years of marriage and our children and grandchildren.

Advent Meal Available to Serve – We need one more group to serve an Advent meal on December 9th. If you are interested please call the church office. Thank you.

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.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today - Unity Sunday

	8:00	10:45
ELDERS	Ken Schroeder	Cole Brenden
ACOLYTE	Laura Harman	Kallub Joslin
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 9 Ken Chalstrom	# 10 Mark Bergstadt
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Millard & Diane Higgins	
SERVICE BUILDER	Amber Christianson	
PRESENTER	Bob Cody	Steve Hallgren
SOUND BOARD	Kelly Hartmann	
LIVE STREAM	Alex Halverson	

Acolyte Schedule	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:45 a.m.**
November 29	Morgan Beachler	Grant Langner
December 6	Hudson Frankenstein	Presley Winterboer

Last Week's Attendance: E: 141 L: 100 T: 241 **Communion:** E: 106 L: 73
Sunday School: 7 **SS Offering:** $ 0.00 **Bible Class:** 54
General Fund Offering: $ 21,895.48 **Chiller Fund to date:** $ 52,401.84
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.** Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Thanks, Julie Chalstrom 712-240-2221 juliedriscoll714@gmail.com

Highschool Sunday School Teacher Needed – If you are interested in working with our HS youth on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office or Amber Christianson. Thank you.

No G.I.F.T., Confirmation or LYF for November 25th – Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving. No Confirmation Chaperones needed Nov 25th.

Youth Ministry

LYF 7:30-9:00 pm – No youth group November 25.
Sunday December 13 - Youth bake sale

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.

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

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.

ILSTO Program Director Opening - The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) is seeking a Program Director to lead the administration and growth of the organization. This individual will work closely with Lutheran schools, donors, and the ILSTO Board to support tuition assistance for students attending Lutheran schools throughout Iowa. For qualifications, responsibilities, and application information, please see the complete information at the ILSTO website https://www.iowalutheransto.com or contact rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org. Deadline for application is December 31, 2026. **Join us in strengthening Lutheran education across Iowa through this important ministry.**

Special Services & Designated Offerings for 2026
Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 9:30 am – LCMS World Relief
Advent I, Dec.2 6:00 pm – Orphan Grain Train
Advent II, Dec. 9 6:00 pm
– Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School
Advent III, Dec. 16 6:00 pm – Lutheran Hour Ministries
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 – 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
– First English Preschool
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. – General Fund
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st 6:30 p.m.- Local Care Fund



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.

Giving Tuesday - Camp Okoboji is blessed to announce our Giving Tuesday Campaign will again be a **Matching Fundraiser! On November 30 and December 1,** your donation - cash, check, or credit card - will be matched, $1 for every $2 raised up to $10,000! Gifts marked "Giving Tuesday" or "Matching Campaign" but received on days other than November 30 and December 1 will be acceptable to be included for the match. Make your gift at campokoboji.org/giving-tuesday/.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. For more info, visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

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.