



First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Paul E. Kaldahl, Jr., Pastor

May 28, 2017

7th Sunday after Easter



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church - As we begin the summer months, once again, we want to encourage you today to do all you can to continue to keep God first and foremost in your life, as well as the loved ones God has blessed you with. Please join us at 9:00 am for coffee & donuts and Bible Study at 9:30. If you have no church home and would like to know more about Jesus, or if you wish to become a member of First English, please contact Pastor Kaldahl.

Families with Young Children First English encourages families to worship together. Should children become restless during worship you may use the nursery located just outside the west doors of the sanctuary. We offer staffed child care from 9:15-Noon each Sunday morning.

Please Remember in your Prayers: those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Joyce Kaldahl, Rosamary Meyer, Lori Cam, Eileen Lynch, Jan Swanson, Pane Lovan, Rhonda Menke, Bill Pierson, Hugh Zimmer, Gilbert Denny, Kathy Mast, John Benda, Paul Scharnberg, Randy Wiersma, Becky Full, Ken Richardson, Bev Shelton, Griffin Dahmen, Clara Cox, Holly McClain, Patty Willrett, our loved ones in medical and care facilities, missionaries Rachael & David Lyons, Craig & Christy Gabhart, Louis & Jane Faulstich, our military personnel and their families. We also pray for Maddisyn Studer, daughter of Kellie Carstens & Curt Studer, Bo & Ensley Bland, daughters of Mike Bland & Tara Nighswonger and Christopher & Wyatt Higgins, sons of Austin Higgins and Brittany Adkins who were baptized this past week.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored Ken & Terry Chalstrom in thanksgiving for God's unending love and mercy and for all the military personnel past and present who protect our freedom.

Today's flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Ranae Kehoe In memory of all those who have already gained eternal life and for those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy in the United States.

A new 8-week ladies' Bible study will be starting **June 7th at 10:00 am**. We will meet at Deerfield Park (Corner of 14th Ave W & West 15th St.) for devotions led by Shari Crew and a Bible study on Psalms led by Bonnie Ewoldt. Bring your Bibles and coffee and join us! Please sign-up at the Opportunity Corner so we can have enough books available. In case in inclement weather, we will meet at FELC.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	Sid Fitch	Mike Koenecke
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Karen Hargens
USHERS	# 5 Bill Raska	# 6 John Hargens
ACOLYTE	Tim Hoffman, Jr.	Abby Wassom
WELCOME	Delores Peterson & Bernadean Florke	
AMBASSADORS	Bernadean Florke	
SERVICE BUILDER	Matt Ruden	
PRESENTER	Matt Ruden	Monte Johnson
ALTAR GUILD	Susie Brinkley & Pat Millard	
VIDEO TAPING	Lynn Wee	

Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
June 4	Chloe Jones	Megan Schauer
June 11	Carson Wempe	Maggie Norgaard

Sunday's Attendance: E/ 154 L/ 95 T/ 249 Communion: E/ 135 L/79

Offering \$ 14,992.00 SS: 15 SS Offering: \$ 4.00 Bible Class: 54

Sunday School - We will be showing a movie in the social room for grades K-8 during the Sunday school hour.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! We are looking for God-loving, fun-loving, and kid-loving youth and adults to help with Vacation Bible School on the mornings of June 14-16. Volunteers can help 1, 2, or 3 days as their schedules allow. We have several open positions to fill so please contact Bonnie Kabrick with your area of interest and which days you can help! You can also sign up in the Opportunity Corner. Thank you!

VBS is in need of someone to make 4 simple catapults for our VBS game time. Materials needed are 1'x4' boards 4-6 feet in length, 10" long 4-inch PVC pipe or coupling, a plastic bowl, and a bungee cord for each. If you can donate any of these supplies and/or have the ability to cut the boards and PVC pipe to length and attach the bowl, please contact Bonnie Kabrick. Thank you!

Thank You for all the cards, calls and hugs I received for my 85th birthday. God has blessed me with a wonderful family, church family and friends. *Alta Claus*

Mark Your Calendars- Don't forget the upcoming Quilt Auction at Camp Okoboji on Saturday, June 24. Quilts can be viewed from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, the craft table and bake sale open at 11:00. For a free-will offering the lunch stand will be serving a great menu from 11:00-12:30. The Quilt Auction begins at 12:30 p.m.

Scholarships to Camp Okoboji –The New Horizons Committee is offering \$200 scholarships to assist students with the fees for the various camps being offered this summer at Camp Okoboji. You can register at www.campokoboji.org and make a notation on the registration that you will be using a scholarship from First English. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie or Julie.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Jesus is our Savior King! The victory is won!! Parents and Grandparents – The time has come to register your children and grandchildren for “A Mighty Fortress” Vacation Bible School. We are hosting a 3-day morning-only VBS on **Wed - Fri. June 14-16 @ 8:00 a.m. – Noon**. This castle-themed VBS is sure to entertain and educate your children as we will be doing some out-of-the-ordinary activities during this special VBS day camp including catapults, archery, and water balloon slingshots! Friends are welcome and registration will be limited to 150 children. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/FELC2017> or in the Fellowship Hall at the Registration Station!

5th Annual IGLLS Golf Outing - Join us **Saturday July 8, 2017** for a fun filled afternoon at the Fifth Annual Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School Golf Outing. This year's tournament will be held at the Spencer Golf & Country Club in Spencer, Iowa. Sign-in for this 9-hole best-shot tournament will start at 2:00 pm with a shotgun start at 3:00 pm. The outing will conclude with an awards banquet following the afternoon of golfing. This is an excellent opportunity to show your support for IGLLS while relaxing and enjoying a round of golf, a great meal, and lots of prizes, great fellowship and fun! Registration forms can be found online at www.iglls.org/golf

Registration Deadline is Saturday July 1, 2017. For more information please contact Mike Iedema at 712-346-8817 or email golf@iglls.org

Please Recycle for LWML – The LWML is collecting old laptops, cameras regular & digital, GPS units, old cell phones, chargers, power cords and ink jet cartridges. There is a specific list of ink jet cartridges that can be accepted, so please see the list by the collection box in the Opportunity Corner. Recycling these items helps LWML cover District expenses.

Building Healthy Families: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up.” (Ecclesiastes 4:8-10) Husbands and wives both benefit from having friends, in addition to the friendship they share with each other. In the busyness of today's world, it is easy to let friendships die. Do you have an old friend you haven't talked to in a while? Consider giving him or her a call this week! **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa 1-800-622-7285.**

Life Quote - “God has given this walk of life, fatherhood and motherhood, a special position of honor, higher than that of any walk of life under it ... He distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to Himself.” *Martin Luther in the Large Catechism – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

RAGBRAI Fundraiser - Volunteers needed to help set up/run/clean up the First English food booth at the Clay County Fair the night of August 9th. Proceeds to be used to reduce the General Fund deficit. Also recruiting “men, women and children” to greet the riders as they enter Spencer. Sign up at the OpportUNITY Corner or talk with a Coordinating Committee member – Bonnie Kabrick, Jeff Chalstrom, Steve Hallgren, Tim Hoffman or Keith McCloud

Summer Office Hours - The church office hours for the summer will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Fridays. If you have items for the bulletin or other business for the office, please try and conduct it within those hours. Thank you.

Flag Fest Volunteers Needed - Decorate FELC Flag Fest float -- Thursday, June 8th at 5 pm to 7 pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds in the Commercial Exhibits Building (East of the Events Center). **Day of the Parade** -- Meet again at **10:0 AM on Saturday, June 10th** to walk with/ride the float in the parade. Please contact the church office, Bonnie Kabrick, Keith McCloud, Sharon Strough or Karee Muilenburg or sign up to help at the Opportunity Center.

Camp Okoboji's Annual Quilt Auction is coming up on Saturday, June 24th and the Auxiliary is asking for donations toward the craft table and bake sale, as well as quilts. The funds raised from this project will be used to purchase a new outdoor walk-in freezer. Please price your items for the craft table as that will help the Auxiliary out tremendously. Bake sale items will be sold for a free-will donation. **Pie Bakers** please help us out at the food stand with donations of pies. Any kind of pie will be accepted but fruit pies are preferred. Proceeds from the food stand go to help send kids to camp who are unable to afford the cost themselves.

We Are Family - A summit for foster and adoptive families. This free one-day training will be held at Camp Autumn in Sutherland, IA. We're excited to offer this resource to our families, as well as respite for the kids—as they get to enjoy a day at camp! The training is **Saturday, June 17 from 9-4** and we are accepting reservations now. Those interested can contact Sarah Heinrichs at sheinrichs@seasonscenter.org or 712-262-2922 x1096.

Attention all ladies of the congregation: I don't know where you are in your journey, but I know this: you are busy. You have a list of 25 things to do and time to do about 5 of them...on a good day! We all know what it's like to rush out the door, mentally ticking off a long "to do" list, hoping our shoes match, sloshing coffee in our to-go mugs and praying the yogurt in our purse doesn't explode. Exercise? -- Quiet time? -- Prayer? -- How do we fit all of that into our hectic and overwhelming lives?

That is a challenge we all face. How can we walk through the just-described craziness -- with Jesus? I know it seems like we really don't have time for one more thing. But I also know that God's time is not like ours, and when we give Him our time, He can do more within us in five minutes than if we spent five hours on our own.

Jesus said He came that we might have life to the full--- and I'm sure He was talking about a different kind of full than what most of us are currently experiencing! But the good news is, just like a moment with the Savior transformed countless lives when He walked the earth, a moment with Him today can transform us. Yet, we often go about our busy day, completely forgetting that peace, perspective and grace are right within our grasp.

I hope you will prayerfully consider finding time each week (for eight weeks) to join us for Psalms in the Park, beginning Wednesday June 7th from 10:00 am -- 11:00 am. at Deerfield Park. I pray we will learn to listen for God to speak to us through His Word. I pray that we will read the Bible and slowly absorb the words that are meant to bring us life. Come join us!

Calendar for the Week May 28th-June 4th

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship

May 28 9:00 Fellowship

9:15-noon Nursery - Childcare

9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship

Mon. Memorial Day

Offices Closed

Tues. 7:00 am Spirit Lifters in Library

1:30 Guild Topic -- Page 20 Spring Quarterly

8:00 Worship Service on SMU

Wed 6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 Finance Board

2:00 Worship Service on SMU --Channel 2

No LYF --Band trip

Thurs. 9:30 Esther Guild at FELC

1:30 Naomi Guild at FELC

6:30 Sarah Guild

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

1:00 Bridal Shower for Sadie Bredehoeft-Fellowship Hall

Sat. Bonnie's Day Off

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

June 4 9:15-Noon Nursery

9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship w/ Communion