

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA 51301

712-262-5598

Rev. Paul E. Kaldahl, Jr., Pastor

July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church – Enlighten us, O Lord, that we might understand your Word for us. 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 including prematurely born grandson of Pastor & Betty Sharp, David Joseph Sharp, Tim Grieme, Dixie Rigby, Marta Wehrspann, Lori Cam, Eileen Lynch, Jan Swanson, Pane Lovan, Bill Pierson, Gilbert Denny, Rhonda Menke, Kathy Mast, John Benda, 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.

Rev. Mike Sharp has accepted a divine call to serve part-time as Pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell. Please keep Pastor Sharp, his wife Betty and the congregation of St. Peter's in your prayers.

Today's KICD Broadcast and the Altar Flowers are sponsored by Bernadean Florke in thanksgiving for the many blessings that are new to my family and me each day. Continue to bless First English and Pastor Kaldahl with good health and bless our country with much needed rain.

Dear Church Family: Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, cards, memorials and words of encouragement during the difficult time of the passing of our mother, Marilyn Pearson. *Lloyd, Joyce and the family of Marilyn Pearson.*

The Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train, Ida Grove, will be loading a trailer for a domestic gift to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico on Thursday, July 20. We plan to start loading around 9 AM. We welcome any that come and help load on that day. To God be the Glory! Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager, Orphan Grain Train, jsirwin@ruralwaves.us

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	Mike Koenecke, Aaron Kaiser	Mike Koenecke, Jerry Enderton
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 1 Randy Strough	# 2 Keith McCloud
ACOLYTE	Jacie Staedtler	Vanessa Unger
WELCOME	Larry & Dawn	Larry & Dawn
AMBASSADORS	Westphal	Westphal
SERVICE BUILDER	Keith McCloud	Keith McCloud
PRESENTER	Keith McCloud	Jiri Strejl
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Higgins & Sharon Kading	
VIDEO TAPING	Ken Chalstrom	
Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
July 23	Carson Wempe	Maggie Norgaard
July 30	Tim Hoffman, Jr.	Kaydence Rutter

Sunday's Attendance: E/ 115 L/ 79 T/ 194 Communion: E/ 103 L/ 65

Offering \$ 8,109.00 SS: 3 SS Offering: \$ 0 Bible Class: 50

Abraham was a matchmaker. **Today in Sunday School**, our children study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account "Isaac and Rebekah." God commands that I honor marriage and family. Thank God for the salvation He provides through His Son, Jesus. As a family, discuss, "How can we honor God as parents and children?"

Sunday School Superintendent Needed Immediately for summer and for the 2017-18 school year. If you'd like to help but would rather be a co-superintendent please contact Corey Langner or Bonnie Kabrick.

IGLLS Game Night- August 6, 2017 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School invites families to come visit our school and see what a Christ-Centered Education can do for your child(ren). We will have games and crafts for the kids. Prizes and candy will be given during the event! Contact Principal, Stephan Gonzales for more information 262-8237.



KICD & Flowers on the Altar sponsor dates still available. Please check the signup posters on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for the 2017-18 school year. Anyone interested in teaching please contact Corey Langner or Bonnie Kabrick and let them know what age you would like to teach

We are still looking for Summer Sunday School teachers to fill the schedule. Currently the youth have signed up for different Sundays but no one else has. The lessons are all ready to go so there isn't much prep work to do. Please consider taking a Sunday or two. There is a signup sheet in the Opportunity Corner.

LWML Guild Ladies - Our topic for August will be from The Summer Lutheran Woman's Quarterly page 16, "Life Is God's Kingdom." For September the topic will be from The Summer Lutheran Woman's Quarterly page 20 "Be Still and Know That I Am God."

No youth garage sale this year. Thank you to those who wanted to donate items this year!

Youth Trip to Creation Museum has been postponed/cancelled due to low number of attendees.

Wow! Thanks to all for providing for the Bingo Party at St. Luke's last week. Your generosity warmed our hearts. The supply was running out so you made it possible for many happy players to enjoy their afternoon. Bless you! Dixie and Jan

Contribution Statements for January 1-June 30, 2017 are printed and in church mailboxes. Please remember that these statements do not include any donations to IGLLS or the Building/Debt Retirement Fund. If you have questions please contact Julie in the church office.

Apples For First English Preschool—We have an apple tree set up in the Fellowship Hall with apples containing items needed for fall. We invite and encourage you to pick up an apple or 2 and purchase the items listed on it. Please put the item(s) in the box in the Narthex. Many thanks and may God continue to smile on our efforts to teach His little ones; we can't do it without your help.

Decorations Available for church functions! Thank you to Harry Ritchart for donating Jimmie's amazing collection of table decorations for use by any group wishing to use them. They can be found in plastic tubs beneath the shelves in the storage room off the kitchen. Please feel free to use as needed at church - and return them where you found them in order to keep them organized.

Youth and Junior Youth – Join us on Wed. July 26 @ 6:30-9:30 as we take a road trip down to the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend. Come see the life of Christ displayed in beautiful rock and stone. This event is free but you may want to bring money for ice cream afterwards. Families are welcome to join us! Contact Bonnie with any questions.

Sun. July 16 LYF and JLYF will head to the car races at the Clay County Fairgrounds for an evening of fellowship, fun and fast moving cars. Cost is \$12/person but it is family night so hotdogs are only \$1 but other concessions are also available. Meet us at FELC at 5:00 pm to pray and to carpool before we attend. Finish time not predictable but you can leave when you need to. Call Libby or Bonnie with any questions.

Dear FELC Ladies, Our LWML groups do not meet in July, but we don't want you to forget to consider joining us on August 3, to share God's Word and to enjoy food, fun and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Groups to meet August 3rd. Esther Guild meets at 9:30 am. (morning group). Naomi Guild meets at 1:30 pm. (afternoon group). Sarah Guild meets at 7:00 pm. (evening group). Please Consider Joining Us!!! Christian Growth rep. Shari Crew

Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School is thankful for everyone who has helped and volunteered at the school in past. Every year the school continues to need volunteers to help provide a well-rounded Lutheran education for our students. Two main areas that we are looking for volunteers are: Lunch Servers/Clean up Crew and Afternoon Office Help

We have been blessed with some wonderful volunteers in the past in these areas and we are always welcoming to those who are ready to start volunteering for the school. If you are interested in helping out in these two areas or in other ways, then please let the school office know. Email: stephangonzales@igllstech.com. School Phone: 712-262-8237, Cell Phone: 573-690-1339

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 1-800-622-7285.**

Life Quote – "God's love edifies. It gives life. And you, my friend, are in the people business. You've been placed on this earth to share what people need most: enduring, true, life-edifying, divine love. You have been freed from a task-driven, striving-for-self-worth existence. God has called you His own. He has declared you precious in His sight and proven it by giving up His Only Son so you could be His own. Now you represent Him here on earth. You give what He has given you." *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

Calendar for the Week

- Sun.** 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
July 16 9:00 Fellowship
9:15-Noon Nursery
9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 Divine Worship w/ Communion
4:45 / 5:15 Longhouse / Northshire Services
5:20-9:00 LYF/JLYF to CCF Races
- Tues.** 7:00 am Spirit Lifters
7:00 pm Board of Youth
8:00 Worship Service on SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 Finance Board
10:00 Psalms in the Park Bible Study at FELC
2:00 Worship Service on SMU –Channel 2
- Thurs.** 7:00 Church Council
- Fri.** **Pastor Kaldahl's Day Off**
- Sat.** **Bonnie's Day Off**
- Sun.** 8:00 Divine Worship
July 23 9:15-noon Nursery – Childcare
9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class
10:45 Blended Worship
- Mon.** 11:30 Youth at Heart
- Tues.** 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library
8:00 Worship Service on SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Board of Finance
10:00 Psalms in the Park Bible Study at FELC
6:30-9:30 LYF/JLYF Trip to the Grotto in West Bend
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**
- Sat.** **Bonnie's Day Off**