

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA 51301

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

January 28, 2018

Epiphany IV

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church - "Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come—" (Rev. 1:4 *ESV*)

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, see Pastor as you leave.

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.

Sharing of the Peace – The Elders have made the decision to continue the practice of Sharing the Peace during Sunday services. If you are uncomfortable participating during flu season you should remain seated.

Please Remember in your Prayers: those who are ill or recovering from surgery including Pastor Kaldahl, who will be having knee surgery on Monday; Timothy Hoffman, Jr., Tony Kladstrup, Lynn Wee's sister, Barbara Burns, Pastor Mike Sharp, Beckey Church, Steve Schroeder, brother of Ellen Essick, McKaih Hasty, Mike Hynes, Heath Huberg, Gary Schmidt, Lane Frederick, Karlie Bern, Marlene Butler, Dixie Rigby, Lori Cam, Eileen Lynch, Jan Swanson, Bill Pierson, Gilbert Denny, Rhonda Menke, Kathy Mast, Randy Wiersma, Becky Full, Bev Shelton, Clara Cox, Holly McClain, our loved ones in medical and care facilities, missionaries Craig & Christy Gabhart, Louis & Jane Faulstich, Kyle & Emma Elbert, brother & niece of Julie Moran who are on a mission trip in Haiti, our military personnel and their families.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Mark & Shelly Bergstadt and family. Thankful for all the blessings bestowed upon us this year.

Pastor Kaldahl's next "Foundations of Faith" class will begin **Sunday** evening, **February 11** at **6:30 pm**. This class will help you learn more about Christ and the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This class is required for membership (new members) but it is also a good class to brush up on the basics of your Christian faith. And, if you know anyone who might be interested in taking the class and would like to join FELC, would you invited them come and then attend the class with them? If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please let us know by leaving a message at the church office at 712-262-5598 or felcoffice@smunet.net.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	Clay Fletcher	Tim Hoffman
ACOLYTE	Gracie Elsenbast	Seth Staydohar
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 1 Randy Strough	# 2 Keith McCloud
SERVICE BUILDER	Matt Ruden	Matt Ruden
PRESENTER	Matt Ruden	Jerry Enderton
ALTAR GUILD	Brenda Moranville & Melinda Herda	
VIDEO TAPING	Ken Chalstrom	
SOUND BOARD	Amy Fitch	Monte Johnson
Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
Feb. 4	Chloe Jones	Jacob Hargens
Feb. 11	Carson Wempe	Maggie Norgaard

**"The Lord
is my
Strength
and my
Shield,**

Sunday's Attendance: E/ 118 L/ 96 T/ 214 Communion: E/ 100 L/ 82
12 SS Offering: \$ 6.00 Adults: 66

Offering \$ 6,675.00 Sunday School:

G.I.F.T. January 31st – Early Out Special Activity-Swimming at St. Luke's Parents bring your students to the main entrance at 1:00 p.m. and pick them up there promptly at 3:00 p.m. Due to limitations— G.I.F.T. students only please. Parents of IGLLS Students—There will be no busing to this event by the IGLLS school bus. Contact Tabatha Peterson 605-201-4150 if you need transportation. Thank You.

FELC Planning Retreat will be held on **Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All board chairman and board members are strongly encouraged to attend to help plan the direction of FELC for 2018. Church members are encouraged to attend this meeting as we value your input.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Last year \$12,425 was donated to IGLLS. Our January 2018 disbursement was \$38. These gifts are truly appreciated.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription or begin a new one. Our new subscription year begins with the May, 2018 issue. Please use the envelope in your packet marked for the Lutheran Witness and make your check payable to First English Lutheran Church. The cost this year is \$22.75 per subscription of 12 issues. Subscriptions need to be in by February 23, 2018. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief meets on Mondays, at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation room. If you are interested in helping bring your scissors and join us for this time of fellowship and fun.

Fundraiser Opportunity Available – We need a group to serve the March 7th Lenten Meal. If you are interested please contact the church office.

Substitute Bus Driver Needed for IGLLS. Driver will need a Commercial driver's license (CDL) with passenger and air brake endorsements. Contact the school office at 262-8237 or Kasen if interested.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers will try again to meet on Monday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. here at First English Lutheran Church. Powerful Tools is a class designed to provide you—the family caregiver—with the skills and resources you need to take care of them and yourself. The 90-minute class sessions held once a week for six weeks are led by certified Lutheran Family Service class leaders. At the initial meeting, class times and dates will be decided. **If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the Opportunity Corner, or contact the church office at 262-5598. In case of inclement weather on the 29th, please listen to KICD for cancellation information. Thank you.**

Let's Talk Kindergarten: Friday February 3 from 12 Noon to 1:00. Tour the school, visit with the Principal and get all your questions answered about kindergarten for the fall of 2018. Tuition assistance forms as well as other Kindergarten forms will be available. RSVP to principal@igllstech.com or 262-8237. Thank you for your interest in Christian education.

Needed for Sunday School - Superintendent, Music Director, and 3-5 grade teacher. Please see a Board of Ed member or Bonnie Kabrick if you are interested or want more information.

Opportunity to Give - The gathering of personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief will be in the opportunity center during January, February & March please leave these items in the LWML ingathering box in the Opportunity Corner.

Each Personal Care Kit Contains: 1 Dark Color Towel (52 X 27)

2 Bath Size Bars of Soap (4-5 Oz.) (Each Bar in Original Wrapping), 1 Adult Size Toothbrush (One Brush Each in Original Package), 1 One Comb (Prefer Heavy Duty Large Comb), 1 Metal Nail Clippers (Large or Small with or Without Nail File). Thank you for your continued support of LWR.

Dear Sisters in Christ, Let us take a brief moment to share our gratitude for all of God's gracious blessings over the past year, and to ask God to continue to guide and protect us from the evils of the world in 2018. The New Year is a time of refreshment, renewal, and a time to recommit ourselves to the values we hold dear --- our faith in Christ, our love for our families, and our dedication to serve the Lord with gladness. This year can be an opportunity to continue being faithful to the bidding of the Lord in His Word.

It is my hope that we all might consider becoming active members of the LWML. Join us for the study of God's Word, the fellowship of First English sisters in Christ, good food for the body and good fun for the soul. It is our prayer that you will join us as we pray for our families, friends and those in our community who do not know the Savior in the true light of His love. In so doing, we obey God's instruction to be salt and light in the world in this New Year. May 2018 be a blessed one for each of you. The guilds meet the first Thursday of the month- Esther, morning at 9:30 am. Naomi, afternoon at 1:30 pm. Sarah, evening at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you soon, Christian Growth Committee

Super Bowl LII Gathering at Camp Okobojo on February 4th Individuals, couples, families, youth, children are invited to the Camp Okobojo Bethel Retreat Center at 4:30 P.M. for food, and fellowship and to watch the LII Super Bowl. If football is not your thing there will also be table games, cards, puzzles, and quiet places to visit. Loose meat beef burgers, buns, napkins, paper plates, cups and plastic ware are provided. Please bring your own soft drinks and a favorite food or snack or dessert to share. Game time is approximately 5:20 p.m. Contact Lori Gamble at lori@campokobojo.org or Doug Kading at doug@campokobojo.org to let them know you are coming. A free will basket will be available to cover utility and cleaning costs.

Camp Okobojo Make It Take It Craft Event Feb. 10, 9:30-11:00am: Creative Spirits will be hosting this month's event. Love is the theme of painting that you will create. Cost: \$45 Adults, \$30 Youth. "Make It Take It" is a new monthly program offering for the Discover Center. Each month will see a different focus so keep a look out to see what you will 'Discover' next.

Summer Jobs: Camp Okobojo has a variety of employment opportunities for youth age 16 and up. Program Staff, Lifeguards, Food Service, Housekeeping, and Store Clerks. College Students: Apply online at NLOMA.org. High School youth: Contact the Camp for an application. Get ready for an amazing summer.

Calendar for the Week

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship

Jan 28 9:00 Fellowship

9:15-noon Nursery – Childcare

9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship

Mon. 1:00 Quilt Tying

6:00-7:30 Powerful Tools for Caregivers

7:00 Board of Youth

Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library

8:00 Preschool Devotions

8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study

8:30 IGLLS Chapel

9:00 Finance Board

1:00 GIFT Swimming at St. Luke

6:15 LYF-No Apologies Event

7:15 Confirmation Class

7:00 Mixed Choir

Thurs 9:30 Esther Guild at FELC

10:00 Bonnie-DCE Meeting Ft. Dodge

1:30 Naomi Guild at FELC

6:30 Sarah Guild at Kristin Kaldahl's

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Sat. 9:00 Super Bowl Sub Assembly-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

Feb. 4 9:00 Fellowship-LYF Sub Sandwich pickup

9:15 – Noon Nursery Care Available

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4:30 Super Bowl Gathering at Camp Okoboji