

# First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

February 4, 2018

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**Welcome to First English Lutheran Church** Greetings and a warm welcome to all! Let us all joyfully unite in the worship of our Creator and Savior. 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 Skip Ritchart, Pastor Kaldahl, Timothy Hoffman, Jr., Tony Kladrup, Lynn Wee's sister, Barbara Burns, 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, our military personnel and their families.

time of fellowship and fun.

**Today's KICD Broadcast** is sponsored by Tom & Kae Roti in appreciation of God's many blessings and the opportunity to share His Word through this radio ministry.

**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](mailto:felcoffice@smunet.net).

**Thank You to All** who have furnished for funerals. Please remember to take your pans and bowls home. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	M. Ruden, H. Staedtler	J. Enderton, M. Schauer
ACOLYTE	Gracy Elsenbast	Jacob Hargens
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Karen Hargens
USHERS	# 3 Neal Drefke	# 4 Jerry Enderton
SERVICE BUILDER	Ranae Kehoe	Ranae Kehoe
PRESENTER	Ranae Kehoe	Steve Hallgren
ALTAR GUILD	Bev Skinner, Karen Hargens & Pam Polson	
VIDEO TAPING	Lynn Wee	
SOUND BOARD	Ken Chalstrom	Monte Johnson

<b>Acolyte Schedule</b>	8:00	10:45
Feb. 11	Carson Wempe	Maggie Norgaard
Feb. 18	Olivia Ruden	Kaydence Rutter

**Sunday's Attendance:** E/ 110 L/ 107 T/ 217 No Communion  
Offering \$ 6,464.00 Sunday School: 19 SS Offering: \$ 2.00 Adults: 69

**G.I.F.T. February 7<sup>th</sup> – National Send a Card Day** – Bring a card addressed to a friend. Snack: Animal Crackers – Jenny Caskey. Menu: Hot Dogs, Mac-n-cheese, green beans, fruit and brownies. Early Prep: Brownies, Amanda Young (4) Kitchen Assistants: Lora Elsenbast and Amber Jones

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**Summer Jobs: Camp Okoboji** 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](http://NLOMA.org). High School youth: Contact the Camp for an application. Get ready for an amazing summer.

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 **We Still Need a Group to Serve the February 21<sup>st</sup> Lenten Meal** –This is a great fundraising opportunity. If your group is interested in serving please contact the church office. Thank you.

**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.



**Ash Wednesday –February 14th – 6:00 p.m.** Divine Worship with Communion & Ashes. Meal to follow served by Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School - Maidrites

**Mid Lent II— Wednesday, February 21st —6:00 p.m.** Meal to follow served by \_\_\_\_\_ (Need a group to sponsor)

**Mid Lent III— Wednesday, February 28th—6:00 p.m.** Meal to follow served by the Board of Education – Baked Potato Bar

**Mid Lent IV— Wednesday, March 7th —6:00 p.m.** Meal to follow served by LYF and the Board of Youth – Lasagna

**Mid Lent V— Wednesday, March 14th —6:00 p.m.** Meal to follow served by LWML - Casseroles, Salads, Desserts.

**Mid Lent VI— Wednesday, March 21st—6:00 p.m.** Meal to follow served by the Board of Christian Outreach.

**Special Service Offering Designations** - Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14- Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School; Lent II Feb. 21 – Lutheran Family Service; Lent III Feb. 28 – Concordia Univ.-For the Sake of the Church; Lent IV Mar. 7– Mission Central; Lent V Mar. 14 –Lutherans for Life; Lent VI Mar. 21 – Local Care Fund; Maundy Thursday March 29 – Camp Okoboji; Good Friday, March 30 – First English Christian Preschool; Easter Sunrise April 1 – General Fund.

**Volunteers Needed to Help with IGLLS Archery Tournament** – Please sign-up to help with our IGLLS Archery Tournament which will take place on Saturday, Feb 24 from 8:00am to 4:30pm. We will need many volunteers in many different capacities to make this a success. We have spots open from helping with concessions to security (ensuring a smooth transition for our archers in and out of the gym and guiding spectators), taking door admission or baking goods/providing other items needed. Please consider using your time and/or talents to fill the many positions available. Use the link below to choose your spot.

**Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/rvvtbzX>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Thank you! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Janet Iedema, 712-260-5347.

**SEEK GOD:**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the heart of your friend.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless all interactions with your friends and family.

**BE CREATIVE:**

- Exchange stories of family Easter traditions. You'll learn about their current spiritual situation and be able to share what Jesus means to you.
- Invite your friends to make new traditions this year, especially if the Easter season is stressful or depressing. Invite them to read the devotions with you, go to Lent services, or participate in a servant event.

- Bring your friend or family member to help work at a church activity before Easter. Getting to know people in a non-threatening way makes them more likely to attend future worship.

**Our thanks and appreciation** to Pastor Kaldahl, Kristin, Staff and all who helped with the funeral for Oliver. Thank all of you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and support during this time. God's Blessings to all of you. The family of Oliver Vogt.

**Super Bowl LII Gathering at Camp Okoboji TODAY** - Individuals, couples, families, youth, children are invited to the Camp Okoboji Bethel Retreat Center at 4:30 P.M. for food, and fellowship and to watch Super Bowl LII. 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@campokoboji.org](mailto:lori@campokoboji.org) or Doug Kading at [doug@campokoboji.org](mailto:doug@campokoboji.org) to let them know you are coming. A free will basket will be available to cover utility and cleaning costs.

**Thank You to All** who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to First English Lutheran Church and First English Christian Preschool. The church received \$1,501 and the Preschool received \$1,407 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. All 2017 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct. **As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018.**

**Camp Okoboji Offers "Make It Take It" with Creative Spirits Feb. 10:** Camp Okoboji invites you to join in a Valentine's Day art event Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9:30-11:30am. We will be partnering with Creative Spirits of Spirit Lake to create a one-of-a-kind picture of love. Camp Okoboji's "Make It Take It" is a camp program that has a unique focus with each event. Cost of this event is \$45 per adult and \$35 per child. This covers all painting materials, supervision, and plenty of refreshments. Check out the Camp website: [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org) or call the office 712-337-3325. Please RSVP for this event. Thank you.

**Coming Soon: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace** – This 9-week course is being offered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hartley. The classes will begin on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Child care and refreshments will be available. If you have questions or to sign up please call Pastor Dave or Kathy Ericksen at 712-260-8827.

**Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train**, 417 Main St., Ida Grove, will be loading a container for shipment to Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taurage, Lithuania on Thursday morning, February 8, 2018. Loading to start at 9 am or a little earlier. Any and all volunteers will be welcome and appreciated. We will be loading approximately 1600 boxes of bedding and clothing. In our loving Savior, Sharon Ann Irwin, Iowa West Branch Manager [jsirwin@ruralwaves.us](mailto:jsirwin@ruralwaves.us), 712-273-5575, 712-660-1380 Cell

### Calendar for the Week

- Sun.** 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
- Feb. 4** 9:00 Fellowship-**LYF Sub Sandwich pickup**  
9:15 – Noon Nursery Care Available  
9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:45 Blended Worship w/Communion  
4:30 Super Bowl Gathering at Camp Okoboji
- Mon.** 1:00 Quilt Tying  
5:00 Board of Christian Life  
6:30 Board of Education
- Tues.** 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library  
8:00 Preschool Devotions  
11:00 Preschool Dad's-n-Dogs Lunch-Miss Logan's class  
8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU
- Wed.** 6:30 Men's Bible Study  
8:30 IGLLS Chapel  
9:00 Finance Board  
Preschool Dad's-n-Dogs Lunch-Ms. Tammi's class  
3:45 GIFT Grades 1-6  
6:45 LYF  
7:15 Confirmation Class  
7:00 Mixed Choir
- Thurs.** 7:00 Elders Meeting
- Fri.** **Pastor's Day Off**
- Sat.** **Bonnie's Day Off**
- Sun.** 8:00 Divine Worship
- Feb 11** 9:00 Fellowship  
9:15-noon Nursery – Childcare  
9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class  
10:45 Blended Worship  
1:30 LYF/JLYF Pack the Bus