

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA 51301

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

February 18, 2018

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church We are thankful that you have joined us this Lenten season and we graciously welcome you. 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

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.

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: Barb Raska and family as they mourn the death of her mother, Clara Cox, the family of Phyllis Cate who was called to her heavenly home; those who are ill or recovering from surgery including Lynn Huffman, Tom Miller's father, Gene, Karen Monk, mother of our preschool teacher, Laurie, whose cancer has returned, Skip Ritchart, Barbara Burns, Beckey Church, Steve Schroeder, McKaih Hasty, Mike Hynes, Heath Huberg, 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, Holly McClain, our loved ones in medical and care facilities, missionaries Craig & Christy Gabhart, Louis & Jane Faulstich, our military personnel and their families. Those who lost loved ones and all who were affected by the shooting in Florida.

We Also Pray for Breckyn Helen Oviatt, daughter of Kourtney & Philip Oviatt who will be baptized this morning.

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.

Congregational In-Gathering for LWR Personal Care Kits – The LWML is now collecting dark colored bath towels (size 52"x27") and individually wrapped bars of soap (4-5 oz.), combs, clippers & toothbrushes. These items should be new and in good condition. A box has been set up in the fellowship hall for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

The Flowers That Grace Our Altar are placed by Tim & Suzie Norgaard and family with thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

I Would Like to Thank Everyone who said a kind word, gave me a hug, sent a card, did an act of kindness, thought a good thought or said a prayer concerning the passing of my Mother. You will never know how much my First English family means to me. *Thank you. Barb Raska*

Thank you to all who blessed me with prayers, food and monetary gifts during my recovery. May the Lord bless each of you. *Beckey Church*

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	C. Fletcher, H. Staedtler	P. Salton, C. Fletcher
ACOLYTE	Olivia Ruden	Kaydence Rutter
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 5 Bill Raska	# 6 John Hargens
SERVICE BUILDER	Keith McCloud	Keith McCloud
PRESENTER	Keith McCloud	Monte Johnson
ALTAR GUILD	Susie Brinkley & Pat Millard	
VIDEO TAPING	Allan Breidinger	
SOUND BOARD	Ken Chalstrom	Monte Johnson
Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
Feb. 25	Tim Hoffman, Jr.	Kaylee Lowder
Mar. 4	Chloe Jones	Abby Wassom

Sunday's Attendance: E/ 140 L/ 102 T/ 242 No Communion
Offering \$ 8,340.25 Sunday School: 34 SS Offering: \$ 9.00 Adults: 69

G.I.F.T. February 21st – Forty Days of Lent – Bring 40 small items in a bag Snack: Grapes & Cheez-Its – Lynn Eby.
Menu: Soup & Cake Early Prep: Cake -Tess Brant (4) Kitchen Assistants: Need Volunteers

Mid Lent II— Wednesday, February 21st—6:00 p.m. Meal to follow served by G.I.F.T. – Soups and pie

Mid Lent III— Wed., 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 – Spaghetti Casserole

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

Plan now to attend the 2018 IGLLS Auction Planning Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, in the FELC fellowship hall, at 7:00 p.m. Last year's auction was a HUGE success! Many thanks to all who helped in any way!!! It is time now to look ahead to next year's auction to make it even bigger and better. Contact Justin Spieker if you have any questions or suggestions. His new phone number is 712-260-2414. Many hands make the work light, so let's all join together and have another great Auction!

Special Guests at Young at Heart! The monthly potluck and Bible study for senior fellowship will be held on Monday, February 26th at 11:30. IGLLS 6th Grade Band soloists will perform following the meal at 12:45. All are welcome to join us for the meal, or come later to hear the solos. Set-up: Bernadine

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.

FPU Is for You! Financial Peace University is based on more than 800 verses of God's Word and is a proven plan that can work for you! This course is being offered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hartley. Classes will begin on Monday, March 5th 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.

Opening for School Secretary - Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School is accepting applications for a Secretary to begin immediately. Candidate must demonstrate skill in Word and Excel, Google Docs, telephone etiquette and office organization. Work 40 hours per week 7:45 to 3:45 when school is in session. 9 month position. The secretary shall model the Christian faith and relate well to both children and adults. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send cover letter and resume to: IGLLS, % Principal, 1311 East 18th St., Spencer, IA 51301.

Special Service Offering Designations - Ash Wednesday, 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.

Life Quote – “In a sense, that is where man is today dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ's life that sets us free and brings us home.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

The IGLLS Archery tournament coming up on Saturday, Feb 24 is still in need of volunteers to help with the archery tournament. You can 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/ruvtbzX>

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.

Calendar for the Week

Feb. 13-23 Bonnie on Vacation

Sun. First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

Feb 18 9:00 Fellowship

9:15 – Noon Nursery Care Available

9:15 St. Luke Roundup

9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship w/Communion

6:30 Pastor's Foundations of Faith Class

Mon. No School Preschool or IGLLS

1:00 Quilt Tying

6:30 Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library

8:00 Preschool Devotions

7:00 IGLLS Auction Planning Meeting

8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study

8:30 IGLLS Chapel

9:00 Finance Board

3:45 G.I.F.T. Grades 1-6

6:00 Mid-Lent Service – Soup & Pie supper

to follow

7:00-8:30 LYF

7:15 Confirmation

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Archery Tournament Set-up in GYM

Sat. Bonnie's Day Off

IGLLS Archery Tournament – Gym & Fellowship

Hall

Sun. Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Divine Worship

Feb 25 9:00 Fellowship

9:15-noon Nursery – Childcare

9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship

2:00 FELC Planning Retreat

6:30 Pastor's Foundations of Faith Class