

# **First English Lutheran Church**

**Spencer, JA 51301**

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**Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor**

**February 25, 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 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.

**Please Remember in your Prayers:** Tom & Vickie Miller and family as Tom's father, Gene was called to his heavenly home, those who are ill or recovering from surgery including Lynn Huffman, 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.

**Today's KICD Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Mavis & Chuck Leinen. Praise and Thanksgiving for God's Blessings to our family! In memory of our mother, Mary Centner, on her birthday. To God be the glory!

**FELC Planning Retreat TODAY 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. **Child care will be provided.**

**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!

**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

**First English Christian Preschool** is looking for a licensed teacher for our Pre-K program for the 2018-19 school year. Must meet DHS requirements and a background check with fingerprinting will be done upon hiring. Please contact the preschool office for more details. 712-262-3699

## **Those Who Serve the Lord Today**

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|                 | 8:00                         | 10:45            |
| ELDER           | Matt Ruden                   | Sid Fitch        |
| ACOLYTE         | Tim Hoffman, Jr.             | Kaylee Lowder    |
| KEYBOARDIST     | Kristin Kaldahl              | Kristin Kaldahl  |
| USHERS          | # 5 Bill Raska               | # 6 John Hargens |
| SERVICE BUILDER | Corey Langner                | Corey Langner    |
| PRESENTER       | Victoria Bern                |                  |
| ALTAR GUILD     | Susie Brinkley & Pat Millard |                  |
| VIDEO TAPING    | Ken Chalstrom                |                  |
| SOUND BOARD     | Amy Fitch                    | Monte Johnson    |



**Mid Lent III-Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.** - Elder-Clay Fletcher, **Acolyte**-Vanessa Unger, **Organist**-Kristin Kaldahl, **Ushers**-#6 John Hargens **Builder**-Corey Langner, **Presenter**-Jerry Enderton, **Sound Board**-Monte Johnson, **Altar Guild** – Susie Brinkley & Pat Millard

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| <b>Acolyte Schedule</b> | 8:00          | 10:45         |
| Mar. 4                  | Chloe Jones   | Abby Wassom   |
| Mar. 11                 | Kaylee Iedema | Jacob Hargens |

**Sunday's Attendance:** E/ 102 L/ 126 T/ 242 Communion: E/ 89 L/79 T/ 168  
Offering \$ 5,075.00 Sunday School: 10 SS Offering: \$ 3.00 Adults: 52

**G.I.F.T. February 28<sup>th</sup> – God Made Only One** – Bring your baby picture Snack: S'Mores Mix – Deb Clem. Menu: Baked Potato Bar Early Prep: Cake –Lynn Eby (4) Kitchen Assistants: Ashley Olberding, Tess Brant

**The LWML invites all women of First English** to our quarterly gathering on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will feature a light-hearted, video program of Jan Struck, performing as Katie Luther from the LWML National Convention. Please come and enjoy fellowship with us. Opening worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.

**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*

**IGLLS Kindergarten Roundup & Open House** - On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School will be hosting its annual Kindergarten Roundup and All School Open House from 5:00 to 6:30. The Roundup and Open House is a time for those parents seeking a Christian education for the 2018-19 school year for their child to check out what IGLLS has to offer. You will have opportunity to tour the school, visit the classrooms, learn about the curriculum, meet current parents, and ask your questions. Please join us.

**It's Not Too Late:** Call Pastor Dave or Kathy Ericksen at 712-260-8827 to get in on the nine week Dave Ramsey course for Financial Peace! This course is being offered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hartley. 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. This isn't your typical "money" class but it is practical, entertaining and fun.

**Thank you for your partnership!** Just as a congregation is dependent on the financial gifts of their members, so Iowa District West is dependent on the gifts we receive from our partner congregations. Last year you provided just over \$1.5 million to help support Christ's mission. Those funds enabled us to support 5 missionary partners in IDW, support over 30 congregations with mission grants, provide workshops and resources in a variety of areas, support the work of the LCMS, and work with you as you carry out Christ's mission in your community. As a result, hundreds of individuals came to faith just in IDW, thousands were strengthened in their faith, and a new congregation was planted (The Gate, Ankeny)! Thank you again and may God richly bless our partnership in 2018. *Pres. Steve Turner and IDW Staff*

**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*

**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.

#### **Lenten Services -**

**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 – Spaghetti Casserole

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

**Special Offering Designations** - Ash Wednesday, \$1,866 to Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School; Lent II – 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 Preschool; Easter Sunrise April 1 – General Fund.

**Life Thought in the Church Year for Lent II:** Some among us seek to sidestep suffering by being ashamed of Jesus' words (Mark 8:32, 38) about life issues. But sharing in His cross has a hopeful purpose because it leads to eternal life (Mark 8:31, 35). Christ prevails with grace for those who are weak (Romans 5:6). So we rejoice even in our sorrows (Romans 5:3-5) and join others in theirs. *Dear Christ, take up our crosses that we may ease the burdens of the weak. Amen.*

**Stewardship Corner- Blessed To Be a Blessing** Ben Franklin, one of our country's founding fathers, had developed a challenging habit. Every day of his adult life, he set aside time to examine two questions. In the morning, he asked himself, "What good shall I do today?" As the day drew to a close, his question was: "What good have I done today?" As Christians, it is easy to relate to Ben Franklin's attitude because a common theme throughout God's Word is that we are to do good to others as we help, love, and serve them. We are called to love others as we love ourselves. In his letter to the church in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote, "*So then, as we have opportunity let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*" (Galatians 6:10). *Ron Chewning - Stewardship Advisors*

## Calendar for the Week

### 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

### Mon. 11:30 Young at Heart Potluck & Bible Study

1:00 Quilt Tying

6:30 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

9:45 Preschool Chapel

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

6:00 Mid-Lent Service –Meal to follow-Baked Potato Bar

7:00-8:30 LYF

7:15 Confirmation

### Thurs. 9:30 Bonnie – DCE Meeting, Ft. Dodge

9:45 Preschool Chapel

### Fri. Pastor's Day Off

### Sat. Bonnie's Day Off

9:30 LWML All Guilds Meeting

### Sun. Third Sunday of Lent – LWML MMM Sunday

Mar. 4 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

9:00 Fellowship

9:15 – Noon Nursery Care Available

9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship w/Communion

2:00 St. Luke Annual Meeting

6:30 Pastor's Foundations of Faith Class