

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA 51301

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

March 11, 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: Dixie Rigby & family as they mourn the death of her sister, Diana Maas; the family of Mai Lovan who was called to his heavenly home, those who are ill or recovering from surgery including Bonnie Ewoldt, Lynn Huffman, Karen Monk, 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.

Vickie and I would like to express our thanks for all the prayers, kind words and cards we received when my Dad was ill and at the time of his death. *Tom Miller*

Attention Junior and Senior Youth! Join us on Sun. Mar. 18 from 2-4pm at Spencer Bowl for our special St. Patrick's Day bowling party. Prizes will be awarded for our fun bowling challenges. Be sure to bring your friends! Cost is only \$ 8.00/person.

Come and Go Bridal Shower – Please join us on Saturday March 17th at 2:00 P.M. as we shower Kacey DeBerg with gifts and well wishes for her upcoming marriage to Christian Kladstrup. All are welcome.

Lenten Services -

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.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDER	Sid Fitch	Jerry Enderton
ACOLYTE	Matt Nolin	Jacob Hargens
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Karen Hargens
USHERS	# 7 Mike Morfitt	# 8 LYF
SERVICE BUILDER	Matt Ruden	Matt Ruden
PRESENTER	Matt Ruden	Steve Hallgren
GREETERS		Bonnie Kabrick
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Higgins & Sharon Kading	
VIDEO TAPING	Keith McCloud	
SOUND BOARD	Amy Fitch	Monte Johnson



Mid Lent IV-March 14th 6:00 p.m. - Elder-Jason Young, **Acolyte**- Kaylee ledema, **Organist**-Kristin Kaldahl, **Ushers**-# 8 LYF **Builder & Presenter**-Matt Ruden, **Sound Board**-Ken Chalstrom **Altar Guild** – Diane Higgins & Sharon Kading

Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
Mar 18	Chloe Jones	Maggie Norgaard
Mar. 25 – Unity Sunday	10:00 a.m. Kaydence Rutter	

Sunday's Attendance: E/134 L/ 80 T/ 214 Communion E/110-L/ 66 T/176

Offering \$ 10144.00 Sunday School: 23 SS Offering: \$43.00 Adults 61

G.I.F.T. March 14th – Glow in the Dark Day – Bring a Glow stick or wear Neon colors Snack: Cheese & Crackers – Deb Clem. Menu: Spaghetti Bake Early Prep: Cake –Amanda Young (4) Kitchen Assistants: Need Volunteers

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.

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

Special Offering Designations - Ash Wednesday, \$1,866 to Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School; Lent II \$583 to Lutheran Family Service; Lent III \$ 859 to 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.

Stewardship Corner- Giving generously to God is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done and entrusted to us.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). Ron Chewning - Stewardship Advisors

Three Bus Trips to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter are planned for 2018. Two summer trips, June 4-8 and August 6-10 are identical and the third trip, November 28-December 2 will be a Christmas trip. Seats are still available for all three trips. A \$100 deposit per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. The first day is a travel day, 2nd and 3rd days will be at the Creation Museum, the 4th at the Ark Encounter and the final day we travel home. For additional information please contact Roger and Ellen Bauer at 319-352-5435 or ellen.bauer@mchsi.com.

The 3rd Annual Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School Trivia Night will be March 16. Get your teams together now for a fun night of trivia! (Individuals welcome, too!) The doors open at 6 pm; questions start at 7 pm. \$10 entry fee per person. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages and plan to bid on the live pie auction. Reserve a table for your team of 8 by calling the School at 262-8237.

Save the date for our Children’s Easter Celebration on Sun. March 25th (Palm Sunday) from 12:30 – 2 pm following the Unity Sunday meal. Join us for games, take home treats, Easter egg hunt plus more!! All children ages 3-grade 6 are invited to attend! If you are willing to help host this event, please contact Bonnie 240-2555.

As many as 1 in 3 Americans admit to frequent periods of loneliness. Not just occasional loneliness – FREQUENT loneliness. Here in Iowa, that translates to **1.3 million** people! Who do you know who might be feeling this way? Jesus promises, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Find time this week to share the gift of your company and these words of encouragement with someone who is lonely. Lutheran Family Services -- 515.573.3138 Fort Dodge Regional Office, 712.276.9000 Sioux City Regional Office

Imagine taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, or having Holy Communion at the site where Jesus rose from the dead, or reading the beatitudes on the very hillside where Jesus spoke them! Rev. Michael Wolfram will be hosting a tour to the Holy Land beginning Feb. 4, 2019. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity you may contact him at mcwolfram@aol.com or call [515-988-4324](tel:515-988-4324). He also plans to host a tour of the Alps including the Oberammergau Passion Play in September of 2020. Contact him if you might be interested in either of these opportunities. Ask him about Early Bird registration discounts!

The Christian Motorcyclist Association, Spirit Riders Chapter, present the **Mahin Family Band, free concert**. Original Christian and Gospel music at the Southpark Mall Food court, Spencer. On Saturday, March 17, 1 – 4 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Calendar for the Week

Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 11 8:00 Divine Worship
 9:00 Fellowship – Donuts w/ IGLLS
 9:00 Altar Guild Meeting
 9:15-noon Nursery – Childcare
 9:30 Sunday school / Bible Class
 10:45 Blended Worship
 6:30 Pastor’s Foundations of Faith Class
Mon. 2:30 St. Luke Auxiliary
 5:30 Board of Christian Life
 6:30 Board of Ed
 6:00-7:30 Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library
 8:00 Preschool Devotions
 9:00 Pastor’s Winkle
 5:15 Board Of Assimilation
 7:00 Board of Trustees
 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 –Meal to follow
 Spaghetti Casserole
 7:00-8:30 LYF
 7:15 Confirmation
 8:45 8th Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting
Thurs. 9:30 Bonnie “No Apologies Meeting”
 9:45 Preschool Chapel
 7:00 Church Council
Fri. Pastor’s Day Off
 6:00 IGLLS Trivia Night & Pie Auction-Gym (set-up for shower in Fellowship Hall)
Sat. Bonnie’s Day Off
 2:00 Kacey DeBerg Bridal Shower
Sun. Fifth Sunday of Lent/Preschool Celebration Sunday
Mar. 18 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
 9:00 Fellowship
 9:15 – Noon Nursery Care Available
 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class
 10:45 Preschool Celebration Service
 2:00-4:00 LYF/JLYF
 6:30 Pastor’s Foundations of Faith Class