

First English Lutheran Church

Spencer, IA 51301

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Unity Sunday

March 25, 2018

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 Divine Worship
Good Friday - 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
7:30 Divine Service
Easter Sunday - 6:00 Easter Sunrise w/Communion
7:00-8:00 Easter Breakfast
8:00 Easter Festival w/Communion
10:45 Easter Festival w/Communion

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church - We welcome you with joy this Palm Sunday morning! Please join us at 9:00 for Bible Study. 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: those who are ill or recovering from surgery including Cory Krieger, husband of Kellie Krieger, Linda Zinn, sister of Barb Muetzel, Cyndi Johnson, sister-in-law of Jen Jensen; Bonnie Ewoldt, Lynn Huffman, Karen Monk, Skip Ritchart, Barbara Burns, 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.

Palm Sunday - Unity Sunday March 25th - The 10:00 a.m. service will include the reenactment supper performed by the Board of Elders as part of the sermon. Following the service the Elders are hosting a Potluck Meal. **Meat / Main dish** items should be provided by members whose last name begins with A - P. **Salads / Side dish** items should be provided by members whose last name begins with Q - Z. **Dessert and beverages** will be provided by the Board of Elders.

Everyone is welcome to attend even if you aren't able to provide a dish to share.

Children's Easter Celebration this afternoon 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.

Remember to Order Your Easter Lily for the sanctuary by tomorrow, March 26th. Extra order forms are available in the opportunity corner or call the church office.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

10:00

ELDER	Clayton Fletcher & Jerry Enderton
ACOLYTE	Kaydence Rutter
KEYBOARDIST	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	#10 Lynn Wee
SERVICE BUILDER	Ranae Kehoe
PRESENTER	Dana Shelton
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gilbertson & Karen Wee
VIDEO TAPING	Ken Chalstrom
SOUND BOARD	Ken Chalstrom



Maundy Thursday March 29th 7:30 p.m. - Elders-C. Fletcher, M. Schauer, **Acolyte-** K. Warburton,

Organist-Kristin Kaldahl, **Ushers-**# 1 Strough **Builder** –Ranae Kehoe **Presenter-**JJ Strejl

Good Friday March 30th 7:30 p.m. - Elders-Matt Ruden **Acolyte-** Seth Staydohar, **Organist-**Karen Hargens, **Ushers-**# 2 McCloud **Builder & Presenter-** Keith McCloud

Acolyte Schedule 6:00 8:00 10:45

Apr. 1 –Easter Olivia Ruden Megan Schauer Parker Bergstadt

Apr. 8 Jacie Staedtler Vanessa Unger

Sunday's Attendance: E/127 L/ 280 T/ 407 Communion: E/ 95

Offering \$ 5,162.00 Sunday School: 23 SS Offering: \$ 6.00 Adults: 52

No GIFT, LYF or Confirmation this week.

The Board of Christian Outreach would like to thank Suzie Norgaard for her delicious cakes she made for the Lenten supper. We also thank all who helped cook, serve and clean-up and all who supported the Atlas mission with your free-will offering for the meal.

Gather at the Cross - Good Friday Prayer Vigil, March 30th "Be Still and Know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. Come, spend some time with our Lord at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Board of Christian Life.

Young at Heart – senior potluck and Bible study will be tomorrow, March 26th. The meal begins at 11:30 a.m. with a devotion to follow by Bonnie Kabrick, DCE. All are welcome to attend! There is always plenty of food so please join us even if you aren't able to bring a dish to share.

2017 Annual Reports Are Out – Please pick a copy from the table in the fellowship hall. Remember the back part of the report is an updated church directory with phone numbers and addresses of current members.

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 \$785 to Mission Central; Lent V -\$928 to 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.

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

April 22 is being designated “Lutheran World Relief” Sunday. Health Care kits will be assembled in Social room at 9:10 a.m. Sunday School children, grades 1-5, and their moms are invited to assist in the assembly, while learning a bit about LWML as well as, going away with the great feeling of helping someone less fortunate than ourselves. Please plan to join us for this worthwhile cause. In addition, the FELC quilting group will be displaying their quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the front pews of the sanctuary.

FELC Ladies – Who is ready for a SPA Retreat that is good for the body and the soul?? If you are, please plan to join other ladies from FELC as we travel to the Camp Okoboji Spring Women’s SPA Retreat April 20-22. Come for all of it or part of it - whatever your schedule allows. You are welcome to stay at Camp overnight or drive home each day. Cost includes all meals, programming, speakers, entertainment, and housing. Reduced cost if you don’t need housing. Please contact Marlena Langner or Bonnie Kabrick for more info or register online at campokoboji.org.

Hong Kong Mission Trip - Iowa District West is once again hosting a mission trip to Hong Kong in July. The sole purpose of the trip is to lead a 6-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) to area children. Two groups are hosted each day so VBS hours are 8-5 pm with evening activities planned by our host congregation. Adult volunteers would serve as crew leaders and station leaders for VBS. They may also need to help oversee any FELC youth that may go. All participants for the mission trip stay at the host church in shared dorm rooms sleeping on thick foam mats with a shared bathroom. Approximate cost of the trip is estimated at \$1200-\$1600 per person. Potential funding is being explored. Please contact Bonnie Kabrick, our FELC group coordinator, if you would like more info.

The LWML Spencer Zone needs Two Young Women’s Representatives to serve at the District Convention June 28th thru June 30th 2018 at Camp Okoboji. YWR Requirements: 22 to 35 years old. Have a deep love and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ along with the willingness to participate and engage in the full scope of our 2018 Okoboji District Convention. The YWR selected will have all their expenses related to attending convention covered by the LWML Spencer Zone. Applications are due to our Spencer Zone President, Terry Chalstrom by March 31, 2018. YWR Zone applications can be found at <http://www.idwlcms/lwml.php>.

Camp Okoboji Spring Volunteer Weekend - Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a fun-filled weekend, Thursday, May 3rd through Saturday, May 5th. Saturday will conclude with a dinner. You are welcome to stay overnight and enjoy the Omelet Brunch on Sunday, May 6th from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The free will offering will go for camp projects and the annual fund. Please call ahead for reservations for housing and meals. 712-337-3325 or email Joy.campokoboji@gmail.com

Calendar for the Week

Sun. Palm Sunday /Unity Sunday

Mar. 25 8:30 Fellowship
9:00 Sunday School/Bible Class
10:00 Divine Worship-Meal in the Upper Room
Re-Enactment w/communion
11:30 Congregational Dinner
1230-2:00 Children’s Easter Celebration
4:00 Basketball Pizza Party-Gym
6:30 Pastor’s Foundations of Faith Class

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

Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters-Church Library
8:00 Preschool Devotions
9:45 Preschool Chapel
8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

Wed. 6:30 Men’s Bible Study
9:00 Finance Board
9:45 Preschool Chapel

No GIFT, Confirmation or LYF

Thurs. Maundy Thursday

7:30 Divine Worship w/Communion

Fri. Good Friday

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
7:30 Divine Service

Sat. 9:00 LYF Fellowship Hall for Easter Breakfast
Prep & Setup

Sun. Apr 1 Easter Sunday

6:00 Easter Sunrise w/Communion
7:00-8:00 Easter Breakfast
8:00 Easter Festival w/Communion
9:00 Fellowship
9:00-1200 Nursery – Childcare
9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 Easter Festival w/Communion

Mon Offices Closed Easter Holiday