

First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 24

November 18, 2018

Welcome to First English – Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. All are invited to join us for coffee and donuts at 9:00, then Sunday school or Bible Class at 9:30am. 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, please contact Pastor Kaldahl.

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 fighting health issues including, Gayle Riessen, who is having knee replacement on Tuesday, Ken Richardson, Todd Hart, Harry Ritchart, Paul Schmid, Stephanie McKewon, Caleb Harris, Cory Krieger, Ava Kruse, Shirley Granstra, Brenda Potratz, Larry Bush, Barbara Burns, Steve Schroeder, Heath Huberg, Karlie Bern, Marlene Butler, Lori Cam, Bill Pierson, Gilbert Denny, Rhonda Menke, Kathy Mast, Becky Full, Holly McClain, Skip Ritchart, Dixie Rigby, our loved ones in medical and care facilities, missionaries Craig & Christy Gabhart, Louis & Jane Faulstich, our military personnel and their families.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Kay Wilson in loving memory of good neighbors, Donna & John Frans.

The Flowers that Grace Our Altar are placed by Kay Wilson in honor of the victims of dementia and their loved ones. Revelations 21:4 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Last Door Offering Today for Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards – The Christian Life Board is collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase Fareway gift cards for families in the congregation in need of a little help with their food budgets during the holidays. Thank you for helping us help those in need this holiday season.

Before the turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and football, please join us for Thanksgiving Day Worship, Nov. 22nd at 9:00 a.m. "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" *Psalm 107:1*

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDERS	Sid Fitch & Heath Staedtler	Mike Koenecke & Paul Salton
ACOLYTE	Gracy Elsenbast	Gracelyn Thompson
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Karen Hargens
USHERS	# 5 Bill Raska	# 6 John Hargens
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gilbertson & Karen Wee	
VIDEO TAPING	Lynn Wee	
SERVICE BUILDER	Keith McCloud	Keith McCloud
PRESENTER	Keith McCloud	Charlie Peterson
SOUND BOARD	Ken Chalstrom	Monte Johnson
Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
Nov. 22	9:00 am Thanksgiving Day – Gabrielle Staedtler	
Nov. 25	Olivia Ruden	Parker Bergstadt
Dec. 2	Konnor McKeever	Kennedy Warburton



Sunday's Attendance: E/116 L/ 80 T/196 No Communion

Offering: \$6,322.00 Checking Balance \$ 744.66 Operating Note: \$17,500

Sunday School: 19 SS Offering: \$ 5.00 Bible Class: 65

Today in Sunday School - (Pre-K, Kindergarten & 6-8th grades) Today in Sunday School, students will study "Worship in the Tabernacle." In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. *Ask students, "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?"*

Today's Kingdom Quest Take Home Point (Grades 1-5) In today's Kingdom Quest, we learn to catch God's promise when it's passed to you. We review the main events from Adam and Eve through Joseph through games that challenge the students to know and remember the promise that God passed down through the Patriarchs. Even our puppet friend Gordy understands the promise from John 3:16 where God promises to send His Son Jesus to save us!

No G.I.F.T., LYF or Confirmation for Wednesday Nov. 21st – Thanksgiving Break. Please join us for Worship on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m.

Turkey Dinner! Monday, November 26th, at 11:30. Sponsored by Young at Heart. Turkey and gravy furnished; guests may sign-up to bring a side dish, or contribute money toward expenses, if they wish. IGLLS students will sing at 12:45, Bible study led by Pastor Ewoldt to follow. Everyone is welcome! PLEASE RSVP at the Opportunity Corner by SUNDAY, NOV. 18th, so we can plan the amount of food needed.

2019 Offering Envelopes are out in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and pick yours up after church today. Just a reminder to wait to begin using them until January 1, 2019. Thank you – The Board of Finance

OGT Backpack & School Supply Ingathering a Big Success - A special thank you to all who donated school supplies and backpacks for Orphan Grain Train. We collected enough for 28 complete backpacks and Naomi Guild donated 10 complete backpacks. Thank you to the IGLLS 5th & 6th graders for assembling the backpacks.

Special Services Offering Designations –Thanksgiving, Nov. 22- LCMS World Relief; Advent 1, Dec. 5 -Orphan Grain Train, Advent II, Dec. 12-Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School, Advent III, Dec. 19-Lutheran Hour Ministries, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24-First English Preschool, Christmas Day, Dec. 25-General Fund; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31-Local Care Fund.

Reminder for Next Week's Herald – If you have an announcement for the Herald please have it to the church office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21st. We will be printing them on Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you. Julie

Decorating for Christmas - Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 29th as we decorate our sanctuary and church hall for this festive time of year. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. Any help will be appreciated.

Cards for the Military this Christmas! Today is the last day we are collecting Christmas cards for the military, signed by FELC members. Two boxes are at the Opportunity Corner. One is for contributions of new, unsigned RELIGIOUS Christmas cards to be signed, and the other for collecting signed cards. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile project!

It Is Annual Report Time! Board Chairs, Guild Secretaries and others who write reports for the Annual Report, please start thinking about your article now. We'd like to have the articles in by mid-December at the latest. Your article can be sent via email to the church office at felcoffice@smunet.net.

Wanted: new or used white sheets to be used for making medical wraps/bandages for medical missions. Sheets will be torn into strips, rolled and given to IDW for distribution. Due to the use of dyes, colored sheets cannot be used for this purpose. Contact Bonnie Kabrick if you have any to donate or would like to help roll bandages.

ILSTO update: The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 67% of its \$806,000 goal as of Nov. 1. You have until Dec. 31 to mail your gift, but please call ahead as credits can go quickly the closer we get to the end of the year. Giving is not limited to Lutherans, church members, etc. Remember the financial benefit to a contributor is a 65% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years). For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

Hoodies & Footies- Please provide a Christmas gift for a guest of The Banquet! This Christmas guests will receive 1 warm hooded sweatshirt and a pair of socks. Please purchase these items in your size and leave them in the tote in the Opportunity Corner. Deadline-Dec. 16th

Winter Address for Ken & Dee Schroeder- Ken & Dee will be leaving on Thanksgiving and will return in the spring after the snow is melted. Their address in Florida is 3294 C Ave., Northgate Court, Mims, FL 32754.

Photo / Video Release Forms- In the November Parish News we sent an orange ½ sheet asking for you to either allow or not allow First English to use photos or videos that you and/or your family appear in. Please fill this out and return as soon as possible to the church office. Extra copies are available in the Opportunity Corner. Thank you.

November & December LWML Ingathering will be Upper Des Moines Food Bank. The following items are requested as the food bank is running low. Box Dinners, any kind of noodles, boxed cakes, and canned fruit. Personal care items are in need; toothpaste, shampoo and soap. You can place the items in the LWML Ingathering box in the Opportunity Corner.

THANK YOU to all the churches and individuals who have generously donated for the support of the hurricane relief efforts!!!! At this time, Nov. 12th, we as a district have sent over \$8,000 to Trinity Lutheran Church in Panama City FL. I am working with Rev. Ed Brashier, Disaster Response Coordinator for the Southern District and Kathy who is the head of the distribution of items at Trinity. Trinity is conducting a huge outreach to their community and beyond. (It's like Camp Restore after Katrina hit)

Some of the things that Kathy shared with me: (Remember that Hurricane Michael hit over a month ago)

- In one day last week, Trinity distributed items to 868 individuals. To date, 15,049 people have received help from the Trinity center.
- A few schools are starting to have classes today, 11-12-18, on a limited basis. In the buildings where they can now have classes, some are operating on two shifts.
- Because of the damage done, both hospitals in Bay County are still able to only offer emergency care. All their patients were evacuated.

- Many homes and businesses still do not have power and many gas stations are not in operation.
- Debris on the curbs are ten feet high in place
- Soldiers, helping with cleanup, who served in Afghanistan said that Panama City looks like a war zone. They also volunteered with the Katrina relief and said that this is worse than Katrina.
- On our phone visit today, I was surprised to learn that now people are asking for tents that they can live in. Their homes have been condemned but they want to get a tent to put it on their property. The coordinator shared that yesterday she gave out the last one she had and the recipient cried with joy and happiness to be able to get a tent.
- Also learned today from Pastor McComack, Trinity, that a tent city is developing in a neighboring church parking lot. Then to add insult to injury, it rained four inches along with a high wind and the tents didn't fare well.

\$8,000 of the money donated to IDW, was spent with Amazon Prime on specific items that Trinity needed. The first time I sent charcoal, matches, flashlights, etc. Last week, I sent deodorants, canned meat, 3,000 heavy duty trash bags, 180 boxes of mac and cheese, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, juice, diapers, etc.

Money is being sent to Redemption Lutheran Church at Panama City. Redemption lost their church building. Orphan Grain Train brought them a portable chapel that they can use for 11 months.

I am also working with Calvary in Jacksonville NC. Money and many kitchen appliances have been sent to help two families who lost much in the hurricane.

Good Shepherd is another congregation in Panama City that was hit hard. I will be checking with them to see how we can help.

If you wish to donate for the NC/FL Disaster Relief, make checks payable to Iowa District West--NC/FL Relief and send to: Iowa District West, 409 Kenyon Rd Suite B, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Please pray for the people affected by the hurricanes and for the people involved with the California fires. Thank you and God's Blessings, Ellie Menz

Calendar for the Week

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

Nov 18 9:00 Fellowship

9:15 -Noon Nursery

9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class

10:45 Blended Worship w/Communion

6:30 Bible Study at Langner's

Mon. 8:30 Pre-School Devotions

7:00 Board of Youth

Mon.-Tues. IGLLS Parent / Teacher Conferences

School dismisses at 2:30 p.m.

Tues. 7:00 am Spirit Lifters in Library

10:00 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast

8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

Wed.-Sun. **Thanksgiving Break, Preschool & IGLLS**

Wed. 9:00 Board of Finance

2:00 Worship Service TV Broadcast on SMU

No G.I.F.T., LYF or Confirmation

7:00 Choir

Thurs. **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 Divine Worship

Fri. **Offices Closed** (Bonnie & Julie Vacation Day)

Pastor's Day Off

Sat. **Bonnie's Day Off**

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship

Nov. 25 9:00 Fellowship

9:15-Noon Childcare in the Nursery

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Mon. 11:30 Young at Heart Thanksgiving Dinner - Potluck