

First English Lutheran Church

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Rev. Paul Kaldahl, Pastor

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 25, 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, Sylvia Straub, sister-in-law of Diane Stein, Gayle Riessen, 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.

The KICD Broadcast and Altar Flowers are sponsored by Pastor Virgil & Bonnie Ewoldt in celebration of their anniversary and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings over the years.

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.

90th Birthday Celebration – Betty Pothast turns 90 years young on November 30th and her family invites you to celebrate with them on **Sunday, Dec. 2nd** during our fellowship time at 9:00 a.m. They are providing Danish rolls from Carrol's Bakery for all to enjoy. Cards only, no gifts Please.

KICD & Flowers for the Altar Sponsors for 2019 – The signup posters are up in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen window. Please sign up to sponsor the weekly KICD broadcasts or to place flowers on the altar for Sundays. Pick your special day and signup today. Cost to sponsor the broadcast is \$110.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00	10:45
ELDERS	Heath Staedtler	Paul Salton
ACOLYTE	Olivia Ruden	Parker Bergstadt
ORGANIST	Kristin Kaldahl	Kristin Kaldahl
USHERS	# 5 Bill Raska	# 6 John Hargens
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gilbertson & Karen Wee	
VIDEO TAPING	Allan Breidinger	
SERVICE BUILDER	Corey Langner	Corey Langner
PRESENTER	Victoria Bern	Jerry Enderton
SOUND BOARD	Amy Fitch	Monte Johnson
Acolyte Schedule	8:00	10:45
Dec. 2	Konnor McKeever	Kennedy Warburton
Dec. 9	Sophia Richardson	Jacob Hargens

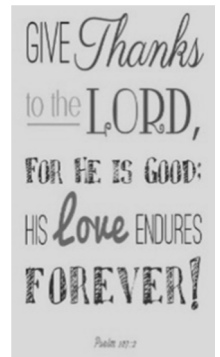
Dec. 5 Advent Service: 6:00 p.m. Camry Gonzales

Thanksgiving Day: Elder: Clayton Fletcher, Acolyte: Gabrielle Staedtler, Ushers #5 Bill Raska, Organist: Kristin Kaldahl, Builder: Ranae Kehoe, Presenter: Jerry Enderton, Sound Board: Ken Chalstrom

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

Offering: \$ 7,825.00 Checking Balance \$ 10,154.08 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's Sunday School lesson, "The Bronze Serpent," is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, "How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?"*

Today's Kingdom Quest Take Home Point (Grades 1-5) In today's Kingdom Quest, we learn God wants to bless us with joy. We are to say thank you to Him. Today we travel back to Biblical times and make a sukkah, a temporary shelter or tent that resembles the Israelites' dwellings after God freed them from Egypt. The Festival of Sukkot was one of the three feasts God ordained in Leviticus. Like our Thanksgiving, the seven-day Festival of Sukkot was a time to joyfully celebrate and thank God for His blessings. We thank God too!

G.I.F.T. for Wednesday Nov. 28th – Emoji Night "Bring your favorite Emoji" Snack – Smiley Faced fruit snacks, Julie Chalstrom; Menu: Maidrites, hash browns, fruit and chocolate cake. Early Prep: Chocolate Cake – Veronica Stickrod (4).

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.

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.

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

Giving Tuesday - Iowa District West! The leadership of Iowa District West thanks God for you! Because of your gifts and prayers, God is writing many stories around our District and connecting people to their Savior. As we approach Giving Tuesday, November 27th we invite you to follow us on Facebook (Iowa District West - LCMS) beginning the day after Thanksgiving as we share a story each day through Tuesday. Thank you for your partnership! *Celebrating the Victory*, Rev. Mark Gerken, *IDW Missions, Human Care and Stewardship*

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.

Handling end-of-year contributions: Generally, a contribution is effective when received. Donors must deliver or mail (postmark) checks on or before December 31 in order to claim a charitable deduction for 2018. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service of 2019 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2018 even if the check was written in 2018. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2018 will be deductible in 2018 even if they are not received by a church until 2019 (this also applies if donation given electronically).

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.

Tell Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors About the ILSTO: You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 65% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and possible federal tax deductions. Please call to make sure we have credits available. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.org.

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.

Calendar for the Week

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship

Nov. 25 9:00 Fellowship
9:15-Noon Childcare in the Nursery
9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class
10:45 Blended Worship
6:30 Bible Study at Langner's

Parish News Due

Mon. 8:05 Pre-School Devotions
11:30 Young at Heart Thanksgiving Dinner - Potluck

Tues. 7:00 am Spirit Lifters in Library
8:00 pm Worship Service on SMU

Wed. IGLLS Poinsettia Delivery
6:30 Men's Bible Study - Library
8:45 IGLLS Chapel
9:00 Board of Finance
9:45 Preschool Chapel
2:00 Worship Service TV Broadcast on SMU
3:45 GIFT Grades 1-6
7:00-8:30 LYF
7:00 Choir
7:15 Confirmation

Thurs. 9:45 Preschool Chapel
5:00 Decorate for Christmas

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Sat. Bonnie's Day Off

Pastor Jeremiah Jording, Guest Pastor

Sun. 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion

Dec. 2 9:00 Fellowship-90th Birthday Celebration-Betty Pothast
9:15 -Noon Nursery
9:30 Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 Divine Worship w/Communion
3:00 Messiah-at Sacred Heart
6:30 Bible Study at Langner's