

Upcoming Events

Sun. Rev. Dave Simonson, Guest Pastor

Sept 1 8:00 Divine Worship w/Communion
 9:00 Fellowship
 9:15-Noon Nursery
 9:30 Bible Class / Sunday School
 10:45 Divine Worship w/Communion

Mon. Labor Day

Office Closed
 No Preschool/IGLLS

Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters
 8:05 Preschool Devotions
 1:30 Guild Topic
 2:30 St. Luke's Auxiliary
 8:00 pm Worship Service TV Broadcast on SMU

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study
 8:45 IGLLS Chapel
 9:00 Finance Board
 2:00 pm Worship Service TV Broadcast on SMU
 7:00-8:30 LYF

No PM Pre-K Service

Thurs. 9:30 Esther Guild-FELC
 1:30 Naomi Guild-FELC
 6:30 Sarah Guild-FELC

Fri. Pastor's Day Off

Makeup Day for M-W Preschool Class

Sat. Bonnie's Day Off

Sun 8:00 Divine Worship

Sept. 8 9:00 Fellowship
 9:15-Noon Nursery
 9:30 Bible Class / Sunday School
 10:45 Blended Worship w/Communion
 1:30-5:30 Confirmation Parents/Elder meetings

Mon. 6:30 Preschool Board

Tues. 7:00 Spirit Lifters
 8:05 Preschool Devotions
 7:00 Trustees
 7:00 LYF/JLYF Concert at the CC Fair

Wed. 6:30 Men's Bible Study
 8:45 IGLLS Chapel
 9:00 Finance Board
 9:45 Preschool Chapel

No LYF

Clay County Fair
 September
 7th-15th.

Pastor & Bonnie.
 Pastor's Conference
 September 9th & 10th.
 In Fort Dodge

Whether
 we **live**
 or
 Whether
 we **die,**
 we are
 the **Lords.**
Romans 14:8

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Rev. Dave Simonson, Guest Pastor
12th Sunday of Pentecost
September 1st, 2019

Welcome to First English – With pleasure we welcome all who have come to worship. If you have no church home or if you wish to become a member of First English, contact the church office. Everyone is invited to join us at 9:00 a.m. for coffee & donuts and Bible Class with Pastor at 9:30 a.m.

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 childcare from 9:15-Noon each Sunday morning.

Please Remember in your Prayers Karna Jackson and family as they mourn the death of her husband; Richard, the family of Joanne Mickelson as they mourn the death of her nephew, Rodney Mayou, Ken & Dee Schroeder and family as they mourn the death of his mother, Evelyn Paulsen, those who are fighting health issues including; Doug Rutter, Kasen Meyer, Dr. Steven Wolfe, Becky Meier, Jacob Johnson, Vern Mickelson, Vinh Lovan, Harry Ritchart, Todd Hart, Stephanie McKewon, Ava Kruse, Larry Bush, Barbara Burns, Steve Schroeder, Heath Huberg, Karlie Bern, Kathy Mast, Holly McClain, Skip Ritchart, our loved ones in medical and care facilities, missionaries Craig & Christi Gabhart, Louis & Jane Faulstich, our military personnel and their families.

Today's KICD Broadcast is sponsored by Allan & Janice Breidinger in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

A Special Thank you for the donations to cover the cost of the printer for the Preschool Office. We are truly grateful for your continued support!

We are truly grateful to our church family for your expressions of kindness and caring support during the extended illness and passing of our mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Betty Kaiser. Thank you also for the expressions of concern and many prayers for our son-in-law, Cory Krieger. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." *Rod and Sherry Kaiser and family.*

Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School - We are thankful for our faithful lunch volunteers who serve our students every day. Almost all of our volunteers are returning, however we are in need of 1 regular volunteer on Tuesdays. The time commitment is 11:10 - 12:30. Please contact the school at 262-8237 or email to office@igllstech.com if you are willing to fill this role.

Those Who Serve the Lord Today

	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
ELDERS	J Young/H Staedtler	P. Salton/M. Schauer
ACOLYTE	Konnor McKeever	Camry Gonzales
ORGANIST	Dennis Avery	Dennis Avery
USHERS	#7 Mike Morfitt	# 8 LYF
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Gilbertson & Karen Wee	
VIDEO TAPING	Allan Breidinger	
SERVICE BUILDER	Renae Kehoe	Renae Kehoe
PRESENTER	Renae Kehoe	Jerry Enderton
SOUND BOARD	Ken Chalstrom	Monte Johnson

Acolyte Schedule	8:00 a.m.	10:45
September 8	Connor Stickrod	Gabby Staedtler
September 15	Sophia Richardson	Angelina Kabrick

Sunday's Attendance: E/132 L/91 T/ 223 **Communion:** None

Offering: \$7,695.00 **Negative Available Funds** (\$ 40,504.21)

Operating Note: \$27,500 **Sunday School Offering**

Apples For First English Preschool—We have an apple tree set up in the Fellowship Hall with apples containing items needed for fall. We invite and encourage you to pick up an apple or 2 and purchase the items listed on it. Please put the item(s) in the crates under the tree. Many thanks and may God continue to smile on our efforts to teach His little ones; we can't do it without your help.



Fair Booth - The Lutheran Laymen's League (Lutheran Hour Ministries) is having a display booth in the Varied Industries Building at the Clay County Fair from Saturday, September 7 – Sunday, September 15. Friday, Sept. 13 is the day that First English is scheduled to staff the booth with two persons per shift. The first shift from 9:00 A.M. – Noon is filled. However there is still a need to fill the Noon – 3:00. 3:00 – 6:00, and 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. shifts. If you would like to fill one of those shifts please call Doug Kading at (712) 260-3438 and he will place you on the schedule. Each volunteer will receive a Free Ticket to enter the fair for the day. If you would like to volunteer for another day, you may also call to see if there is an opening for the shift which you would be available to work. Saturday and Sunday September 7 & 8 are already filled. Doug Kading E-mail: dougekading@gmail.com or call (712) 260-3438.

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter – 2019 Camp Okoboji is sponsoring a bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. The bus will leave Camp Okoboji at 7am on Monday, September 23 and return late on Friday, September 27. For more information or to sign up, go to www.campokoboji.org or call Camp at 712- 337-3325.

IGLLS Annual Auction - Be sure to mark your calendars for **November 9, 2019** to attend the annual auction. The committee has been hard at work already to make sure this year's event is a success. The committee would like several individuals to head up various tasks associated with the auction. If you are interested, please contact the office.

We are once again collecting school supplies for Orphan Grain Train. We hope to deliver them at the end of October. It cost \$11 to ship a box of school kits to kids who need them. Please consider a donation to help with shipping along with purchasing some of these supplies. This is the list of supplies: 1 backpack, 2 spiral Notebooks, 2 pencils, 2 pens, 10 sheets of construction paper, (24 pack) crayons, 1 ruler, 2 glue sticks, 1 scissor, and 1 pack Washable markers (8 to 10 pack). Please leave your donations in the totes in the Opportunity Corner. Donations can be made to First English with OGT School Supplies in the memo line. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Monthly Mission Moment - Did you know that Iowa District West is one of the top districts in providing financial aid to students attending our Concordia schools? The 2019 District budget includes \$250,000 for financial aid, most of which comes from restricted/endowment sources and LWML. The District also helps pastors and professional church workers after they graduate. Since 2014, the District has paid out over \$250,000 in grants to reduce the educational indebtedness of 36 LCMS rostered workers in the District (89 individual applications; workers can currently apply up to 5 years). Deadline to apply is November 1. This is possible, thanks to generous people in the District who have remembered the District in their estate plans.

Use Your IRA for Charitable Giving - Are you over age 70½? Do you have an IRA retirement plan? Did you know that you can have your advisor of your IRA make a distribution from your IRA directly to your favorite LCMS ministries? If you do so, you do not have to show the distribution on your income tax and the distribution counts towards your annual minimum distribution. This distribution could go to your local congregation, Lutheran Family Service, Camp Okoboji, Mission Central, Lutherans For Life, Iowa District West or any LCMS ministry. If you need help in learning about this type of tax-wise charitable giving, contact me. Jim Schroeder, Gift Planning Counselor-LCMS Foundation jim@iowadistrictwest.org

Life Thought in the Church Year for September 1 – Pentecost XII (Proper 17C): Supporters of abortion suggest babies with disabilities are better off not being born. Advocates of assisted suicide also presume certain injuries and illnesses make life too burdensome. But Jesus calls us all fallen and helpless—and then rewrites His commandments to save us as sons and daughters (Luke 14:2-5). He receives “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13) as honored guests and invites us also to celebrate the blessing of each one.