



Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

If you are new to worship at First English, please fill out a blue Visitor Card that you can find in the pew rack in front of you. **We would like members to fill out the black pew pad found on the end of your row.**

Children in Worship. We encourage children to learn to praise God at an early age. We welcome commotion, crying, and fussing, because they are unavoidable parts of the learning process, and because these remind us that Jesus was born an infant and grew as we do.

Yet, to help families at times when children do need a break from worship, busy bags and children's bulletins can be picked up at the entrance to the sanctuary. Also, during each worship service, our professional attendant is in the nursery located to your right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery also has space for nursing mothers.

Large Print Bulletins for both services are available from an usher.

Gathering: Following the 8:30 am worship service, there are refreshments available in Luther Hall (the gym).

If you have any questions, please check with an usher or a pastor for more information.

COMMUNICATION SURVEY: A brief survey was sent to FELC members via email on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions. Paper copies of the same survey can be picked up from the Welcome Table near the front doors. There is a box to return the completed surveys. Deadline is March 11. Thank you for your ideas and feedback as we work to keep people informed and involved at First English Lutheran Church.

FOOD DRIVE: Thanks to all who brought food today to benefit the East Bluff Community Food Bank.

We have a limited number of the blue bags available to purchase for your personal use. We are selling the bags for \$5.

YOUTH PLANT SALE BEGINS

TODAY: A wide variety of plants are available for spring planting. Order sheets and more information are in the gym this morning. Orders and payment are due by March 14th. Make checks payable to FELC.

Flowers will be available for pickup on Friday, May 11 from 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

SIGN UP TODAY

→ To serve at the East Bluff Food Bank on Saturday, March 10, 8 am-Noon.

→ Youth Lunch and Bible Study on Sunday, March 11, noon-3 pm.

→ Ushers are still needed for several of the midweek Lenten services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the office.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, March 4

- 8:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour / Fellowship
- 9:45 am Sunday School, Adult Classes
- 11:00 am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Monday, March 5

- 9:45 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Share & Support at Red Lobster
- 7:00 pm Church Council
- 7:00 pm Dartball Round Robin

Tuesday, March 6

- 5-7 pm Von Steuben Family Fun Night
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Alumni Meeting
- 7:00 pm Dartball Round Robin

Wednesday, March 7

- 9:00 am Unloading for Snack Packs at FELC
- 9:15 am Rebecca Circle
- 1:00 pm MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal
- 5:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 6:00 pm Adult Study, Youth Choir, Handbells
- 7:00 pm MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Thursday, March 8

- 9:00 am Quilting
- 9:00 am Snack Packs
- 5:15 pm Worship Committee

Friday, March 9

- 10:00 am Needlework Group

Saturday, March 10

- 8 am-Noon FELC serves at E. Bluff Food Bank

Next Sunday, March 11

- 8:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour / Fellowship
- 9:45 am Sunday School; Adult Classes
- 11:00 am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
- Noon Youth Lunch and Bible Study

Hospitalized This Week:

OSF: JoAnn Wofford, Jim Sylvester

Methodist: Clifford Meyer (*released*)

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or hear of a member who is, please let the church office know.

Altar Flowers today are given by Dona Bell in honor of her and her sister Doris' birthday (Feb. 28th).

Prayer Requests: Requests for the prayer chain may be submitted by filling out a prayer request card and placing it in the offering plate or call/e-mail Martha Schmitt at mschmitt9911@yahoo.com.

Loose Coins: All loose coins in the offering today go to world hunger. The loose coin offering for last week was \$24.26.

Attendance: Last Sunday (February 25):

8:30 am – 98, 11am – 70; Total – 168

Sunday School: 2 yrs.-8th grade 13;
High School 7

Mid-week Lenten service (Feb. 28):

1 pm – 23, 7 pm – 71; Total - 94

LENTEN MEALS hosted by the FELC youth are served on Wednesdays during Lent from 5pm to 6:30pm. Please purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are available from Mrs. Brown or from any youth. An extremely limited number will be available at the door. Cost is \$6, beverage and dessert included.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE of Aubrey Knepler (b.11/28/17 d.11/30/17), daughter of Lee and Laura Knepler, granddaughter to Tim and Donna Cross, will be held at First English Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 18th at 3:00pm with dinner to follow in Luther Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

A class on the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ, led by Pastor Ryan, meets from 9:45 am to 10:45 am in the Council Room.

Follow Jesus to the Cross this Lent.
Hear his last words.

Learn seven simple meditations to
enhance your Lenten journey.

March 11

"I am thirsty."

John 19:28

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A course on Luther's understanding of God's life-changing gospel meets in the Parlor at 9:45 am. Lee Maki leads this class.

All are welcome to join these classes at any time.

THANK YOU for the varieties of blank cards you have donated to the support prayer partner ministry and Sunday School birthdays. They are put to very good use. Thank you very much!

- Your grateful sister in Christ, Ronda Hudson

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Enjoy some adult fellowship at Wheel Art Pottery Studio in Peoria on Friday, March 16th from 5:45pm to 8:00pm.

Cost is \$23 per person plus any tip you would like to leave the night of the event. There is a price break if we have more than 20 people participate, so the more the merrier!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the gym. If you have any questions, contact Kari Gosteli at kari@gosteli.org or 309-657-5175.

SINGERS NEEDED: The Chancel Choir would love to have a few more voices join us to sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" on Easter Sunday. We will be rehearsing this from 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesdays in March. Please join us, and if you have another commitment on Wednesday prior to the evening service, you can do both.

Traditionally, we sing at the 8:30 am service on Easter and also at the beginning of the 11 am service.

If you have any questions please see Beth Stalker, director.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT VON STEUBEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 6, 5 pm-7pm

This event is similar to the one First English helped with in the fall. Come and support the students, teachers, and library of the middle school across the street.

How You Can Help:

- Volunteers are needed at the school from 5 pm to 7 pm. We will be helping with carnival-type games.
- Financial donations to purchase books.
- Stop and shop on March 6th. Bring your family!

Contact Marilee Tilly if you would like to volunteer.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Candy should be placed in the bins in the donation hall by Sunday, March 18th.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at 1 pm and 7 pm

Our worship will follow the *Small Catechism* of Martin Luther. Each service will include Word, song, and prayer, as well as interactive reflection on the Catechism.

FOLLOW

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Asstg. Minister	Kathy Neptun	---
Lectors	Beth Stalker	Keri Dodson
Comm. Assts.	Marsha Kutter, Pam Anderson	Jon and Gavin Dewey
Ushers	Richard Franklin, Linda Dippon, Jack and Donna Hartwig	Jerry and Ronna James, Nonnie Smith, Don Bruna
Acolytes	Lainey Campbell, Grace Therkildsen	Liz Setti, Gavin Riggins
Altar Guild	Donna Hartwig	
Altar Guild – Set up March 10: Kathy Neptun		

SERVING IN WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, March 7

	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Lectors	Emma Rees	Lainey Campbell
Ushers	Bobby Lumberry, Linda Dippon	Grant Fredericksen
Acolytes	---	Peter Dodson, Gabe Ross

SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, March 11

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Eden Blair	Ronna James
Comm. Assts.	Amy Glass, Lorie Riggins	Ronna and Jerry James
Ushers	Richard Franklin, Linda Dippon, Jack and Donna Hartwig	Jerry and Ronna James, Nonnie Smith, Don Bruna
Acolytes	JoLyn Allison, Connor Thomson	Liz Setti
Altar Guild	Donna Hartwig	
Altar Guild – Set up March 17: Kathy Neptun		

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am to 2pm

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EASTER LILIES

Again this year you may order Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday,

**ORDERS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
MONDAY, MARCH 12th.**

Cost is \$13 per plant. Please indicate below how many plants you would like to order and include payment with your order. Make checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office.

You may take your plant home following the 11am Easter service or you can come in during office hours the following week to pick it up.

of Easter lilies _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____