



Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

We would like everyone to fill out the black pew pad found on the end of your row. 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.

Communion: At the 8:30am service, the ushers will direct you to the altar rail for communion. You may kneel or stand. We offer wine (dark color) and grape juice (lighter color). We also have gluten free wafers available. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come forward for communion and the pastor will bring communion to you.

At the 11am service, communion is served at the front, in the center aisle. You will be handed bread and then may dip it in a cup of either wine or grape juice.

Worship with children. There are busy bags and children's bulletins as you enter the sanctuary. At each worship service, our professional attendant is in the nursery, located to your right as you exit the sanctuary. There is space in the nursery for nursing mothers.

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.

RALLY DAY – NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

8:30 amWorship
9:15-9:40 am ... Sunday School Check-In
9:45 am Sunday School for Youth age 2-Senior High
11:00 am..... Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Bibles for Sunday School Pre-K, 1st & 7th grade youth, and installation of Parish Education staff.
Noon..... Indoor Picnic Lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. **Sign up on the gym bulletin board TODAY.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: New and returning students are asked to register. A table is set up in the Narthex for registration.

-- Sunday School begins next Sunday --

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, September 3

- 8:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour/Fellowship
- 11:00 am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

- 9:00 am Quilting
- 4:30 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 6

- 9:15 am Rebecca Circle
- 9:30 am Unload Snack Pack food at FELC
- 5:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmands meal and banner making
- 5:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir
- 7:00 pm Handbells; Mandatory parent and confirmation youth meeting

Thursday, September 7

- 9:00 am Snack Packs

Friday, September 8

- 10:00 am Needlework Group
- 6:00 pm Dine In Movie Night

Saturday, September 9

- 9-Noon East Bluff Food Pantry

Next Sunday, September 10

RALLY DAY

- 8:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour/Fellowship
- 11:00 am OUTDOOR WORSHIP with Blessing of Bibles and Sunday School staff installation
- Noon Church Picnic

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS are available in the Narthex. Pick one up today!

Hospitalized This Week: No members have been hospitalized this week.

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 Micheal Allison in honor of JoLyn's birthday and her mom, Deb Stonecipher's birthday (both Sept. 4).

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 our World Hunger mission. The loose coin offering for last week was \$29.65.

Attendance Last Sunday (Aug. 27):

8:30 am – 78, 11am – 67 Total – 145

HURRICANE RELIEF: See the insert in today's Buzz for information on how you can help with a financial donation through Lutheran Disaster Response. Envelopes for your use are available in the pew racks or in the narthex. You may place your donation in the offering plate and we will forward it, you can send it in on your own, or you can give online. Please be sure to mark your donation for "Hurricane Harvey." Thank you for your donation!

SENIOR PASTOR UPDATE: Pastor Ryan Anderson will begin at First English on Monday, September 25th. Installation service for Pastor Ryan will be on Sunday, October 8th at 3 pm.

SNACK PACK MINISTRY: On Wednesday, Sept. 6th, help is needed at church to unload food for the snack packs. Come to church at 9:30 am to help.

Packing of Snack Packs begins on Thursday, September 7th at 9 am.

Donations for the Snack Packs are needed. See the newsletter for items needed and please bring them and place in the containers in the narthex. We are now **NUT FREE** for our snack packs. Be sure to check the bottom of the ingredients list for product content.

**CROSS GENERATIONAL EVENT
DINE IN MOVING NIGHT**

Friday, September 8th, 6 pm

Join us for a Disney classic and a drive-in dinner.

Please sign up TODAY with the number attending.



GREATER PEORIA DINING TOUR BOOKS: The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria are again offering the Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Book. Most coupons in the book are for a buy-1 get-1 free dinner, appetizer, or dessert. Coupon books are available in the church office. Coupons are valid until November 1, 2018. The cost is \$30.00 per book. Ten dollars from each book will go equally to Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

There are 22 new restaurants this year and 115 restaurants total.

With the purchase of this coupon book, you will help us provide for needs at Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services, and at the same time enjoy an evening out or lunch with a friend. The books will be available until December 15th.

If you have any questions, please call the church office.

REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS: 9th graders will meet at 5 pm this Wednesday, Sept. 6th for a meal and banner making.

At 7 pm there will be a mandatory parent and student meeting for all confirmation students, 7th-9th graders, in the council room upstairs.

**EAST BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER
DATES TO SERVE**

First English's monthly commitment to serve at the East Bluff Food Bank is next Saturday, September 9th, 9 am to Noon. Meet at the East Bluff Community Center.

Help is also needed to unload food donations at the East Bluff Community Center on Wednesday, September 13th. The truck arrives between 12:30 pm and 1 pm.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Asstg. Minister	Amy Glass	---
Comm. Assts.	Amy Glass, Liz Campbell	Rod & Corina Smith
Lay Readers	Amy Glass	Jim Yocum
Ushers	Paul & Carolyn Hesselberth, Richard Franklin, Linda Dippon	Jerry & Ronna James, Nonnie Smith, Don Bruna
Acolytes	Lainey Campbell	Kole Schoenheider
Altar Guild	Donna Hartwig	
Altar Guild – Set up Sept. 9: Kathy Neptun		

SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, September 10

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Asstg. Minister	Beth Stalker	---
Comm. Assts.	Phil and Kathy Neptun	Perkinsons
Lay Readers	Beth Stalker	Katlyn Reimer
Ushers	Paul & Carolyn Hesselberth, Richard Franklin, Linda Dippon	Nonnie Smith, Don Bruna
Acolytes	Josh Ross, JoLyn Allison	
Altar Guild	Kathy Neptun	Kathy Yocum
Altar Guild – Set up Sept. 12: Kathy Neptun		

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

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Interim Pastor's Hours

Pastor Wells is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.