



First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

October 2023



FELC Mission Statement

By the grace of God First English Lutheran Church will grow as one family of faith, secure in the knowledge of Christ's gift of salvation, proclaiming God's love for all.

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WELCOME
OCTOBER!





From the Pastor



Our theme verse for the 2023-2024 year is based on Psalm 139:14. *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

In other words, “created to be...”

This verse is based on the church wide ELCA youth gathering July 16-20, 2024, held in New Orleans, Louisiana. A verse that reminds us of who we are, whose we are, and what we are created to be. We already have several students and parents interested in attending this exciting and encouraging event.

This theme is also the basis for our contemporary service, the third Sunday in the months of October, November, and January through May. In this Thanksgiving for Baptism service, we remember our new birth in baptism and will include new songs from the hymnal supplement “All Creation Sings” along with several Dakota Road favorites. You’ll leave the service with a “pep in your step” as you go out into the world to love and serve your neighbor.

We look forward to Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) on October 29th, Reformation Sunday. We have five students affirming their faith who will also help lead the worship service.

In other worship news, we will use a seven-week-long Advent series based on the theme “Out of Time.” As we remember Jesus’ first coming to prepare ourselves for his second arrival, we also are training to recognize the places where Christ is already appearing in the world.

This series invites reflection on how people experience time and how God uses our experience to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings. We’ll begin the extended Advent on November 12th, the Sunday after All Saints Sunday, and keep this theme through Sunday morning on the December 24th service at the regular 9:00 am time. WAM (worship arts music) is already working on creating visuals for this theme including a large clock, a supplemental table, and candles for seven weeks of candle lighting, and more.

There is much excitement for the upcoming fall and winter worship experiences in the music and arts ministries of this church. We all look forward to the Spirit’s work in aiding you to hear the gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, in a new way, through music, the Word of God through scripture and sermons, visuals, and prayers. We look forward to seeing how “created to be...” comes alive in each one of you.

To God be the Glory,

Pastor Denise

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes – September 11, 2023 (not yet approved)

Members present: Pastor Denise Fossen, Kristi Ehrenberg (president), Becky Parker (treasurer) and *Stewardship*, Darin Ehrenberg- *Stewardship*, Kaitlyn Burdorf - Christian Ed, Kari Dorry- *Youth & Family*, Kim Anderson - *Evangelism*, Marilyn Chindvall- *Lay Ministry*, Glenn Henningson- *Church Properties*, and Barbara Wegner- *Secretary*.

Meeting was called to order by President Kristi Ehrenberg at 7:51 pm.

Approval of August Minutes. Becky & Glenn **MSP**.

Approval of August Treasurer’s Report – We didn’t take money out of operating reserves last month. We’re ahead cumulatively compared to last year. Our expenses are down because we’re not paying a youth director and we’ve lowered what we give the synod. \$97,000 of our \$107,000 in Capital Improvement is owed to Noble Roofing. Darin, Kari **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Marilyn Chindvall – Board needed clarification from Pastor about advent. The board approved the WAM minutes once they understood them. Our advent season is usually 4 weeks, but it will be 7 weeks this year with a focus on the theme of running out of time. We will have an Advent morning service Christmas Eve at 9 am, and then our normal Christmas Eve services at 2 and 4 pm. We had a suggestion from someone about our acolyte robes being updated to linen-type which would cost about \$100/robe and we would need seven different sizes. The board decided it was not the best allocation of our resources at this time. There will be an interview with a possible youth director on Wednesday at 2:15 pm. The Safety booklet is done, and the board thought it would be good to have them in the pews. The board would like Sheriff Brown (and hopefully many ushers) to come on a Sunday

and talk about the safety procedures. Staff interviews will be in October. The next Pastor-Parish meeting will be October 23 at 3:00 pm. The Christmas Tree will go up after Thanksgiving, regardless of our Advent services starting early. The youth director applicant applied before we split the youth position up. All possible position options will be discussed at the interview.

Board of Evangelism – Kim Anderson – The board recommends transferring Ryan, Amanda, and Winnie Stattelman and John & Lila Salls in as new members on September 17th, 2023. We will have a short introduction to them during our Sunday morning service. The introduction will not be after service because Sara, one of the sponsors, is involved in Rally Sunday and Ryan, Amanda, and Winnie will also be involved in Rally Sunday too. This way the whole church membership will meet the new members, rather than just those who go to the coffee fellowship after service. The board also recommends that Mason Block, Rylie Conroy, Archer Dorry, Mikaela Johnson, and Ashton Sletten be confirmed on October 29, 2023. Directory planning went back into organizing mode. Marla and Barbara have been working on that. Barbara found an online directory that should allow us to take our own photos in the church with an iPhone, and those photos will get placed into the online directory for about \$100 a year. We would have a physical photo directory printed with Heritage to give to those who don't want to look it up online. It would be set up in a similar way to our past photo directories, with staff pictures in front and people can submit their own photos. The board would like to give a temple talk on September 24th and October 1st to say the church directory will be ramping up again and you won't be asked to buy a photo because it's simply members of this church taking them. The photos are going to a secure website which requires a password. The whole world will not be able to see what's in our directory. **Just for the Love of it:** there are two other meals being held in October. November and December become busy. January seems quiet & people may need to have a come together time. If the weather's bad, we just postpone it.

Christian Education – Kaitlyn Burdorf – The board discussed the theme verse and will continue to consider how to incorporate it into Sunday School. Kaitlyn & Ashley will hand out bibles on 9/24. The board discussed the application for the youth leader position and Kid's Club and Youth Group. All board members have full-time jobs and cannot help with leading these groups. Sara will purchase The Sunday School Store's curriculum for this year. Carmen was going to come up with dates for the Sunday School to sing in worship. She was sick so she wasn't at the meeting. The Christmas Program has been moved up to December 10th this year. The board was wondering if they are supposed to buy the confirmands gifts. It was discussed that there were gifts of the confirmand's verse (in a frame) given in the past. Kristi thought Liz had the template for it. Rally Sunday will be a normal Sunday School at the church.

Youth & Family – Kari Dorry – Safe Haven and Background checks will be online and are being taken care of by Liz. The Youth Gathering is coming up next summer. Kari will chair, Kelsey and Kirsten said they would be on that committee. Liz will help in the background and was able to figure out the point system. There will be a meeting soon to figure out how much that will cost. Pastor Denise mentioned to discuss the question, "Do we want confirmation-age students who are not participating in our confirmation classes to be a part of the Youth Gathering?" There is also a Junior High Youth Gathering November 17-18th. The board asked Liz to post to see if anyone is interested in going and if there would be someone willing to volunteer by chaperoning.

Stewardship – Darin Ehrenberg – Because Advent is longer the board will do their temple talk on the 5th of November. A Stewardship letter has been created, with the theme verse on one side, and instructional information on the other. There is information in the letter about what active members do. After the October council meeting we plan on getting the letter printed and get envelopes with names on them and mail the remaining letters on November 6th. Year to date, we are over \$5,000 in giving and we didn't have to use our reserves. God's Work, Our Hands was well-attended and the potluck meal was also well-attended. The board of Stewardship believes that Vacation Bible School is a community outreach activity. Regardless of it costing us money, we raised almost half of that back. The board believes it is worth it regardless of the monetary cost. VBS helps children get excited to go to bible camp. It also is another form of evangelism when the kids go home and tell their parents what they did and learned. The board plans to designate the Lenten offering to Vacation Bible School.

- Approval to financially support Vacation Bible School from Green Lake Ministries. Becky, Kari **MSP**.

Church Properties – Glenn Henningson – The cross still needs fixing. Glenn Berdan may manufacture something for it. Dean will call Noble Roofing to patch it over for the winter, so we don't get ice damage. The heat tape will be replaced with new heat tape for the roof. Someone tried to look at the bells and was chased by hornets. He will look at them sometime later when hornets won't be around. Long-term needs like the tile, and painting still need to be done, but they are being put on the back burner due to lack of funds. The fire extinguishers were recently checked.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Denise – **Worship:** We had our last hymn sing for the summer at Fairway View on August 9th. It was good to see people from our parish, besides the residents, attend. **WAM** met on August 27th after church. Discussed September through December worship services. **Special services** included Backpack Blessing on August 27th, God's Work Our Hands on September 10th, New Member and Rally Sunday September 17th. **October** brings a baptism on October 1st, wedding rehearsal October 6th and wedding October 7th, and Affirmation of Baptism on October 29th. With five students being confirmed, they will have their faith statements/creeds printed and on display in the narthex that day. **The 2023-2024 verse is Psalm 139:14.** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. In other words, "We are created to be..." This is based on the 2024 National Youth Gathering theme. A contemporary service outline has been completed, using new songs from the All Creation Sings hymnal supplement and familiar Dakota Road songs. Our sending song is one that will leave you with a pep in your step as you go out into the world. Amy Adelman and I met to select September-October hymns.

We are using an extended Advent season beginning November 12th – December 24th with the theme, "Out of Time." WAM members are working on the visuals of additional Advent candles, etc. We will still acknowledge and celebrate All Saints Sunday November 5th and Christ the King on November 26th. Final details of these services are a work in progress. **Youth and Confirmation:** Confirmation interviews were held August 23rd and it's recommended that all five be confirmed October 29th. Acolyte training and confirmation orientation for parents and students was

on August 30th. We currently have registered fourteen 7th & 8th graders and four 9th graders. After last year's winter experience, we will be meeting on early out days and during Lent. Marge will coordinate meals after confirmation before service during Lent. We do not yet have a paid employee to run the after-school program and youth group for the 7-12th grade. Volunteers are needed to keep these important programs going. **Pastoral Care:** We had no baptisms nor funerals in August. Connections were made with parishioners and non-parishioners in person, by note, and by phone. Twice in August I had pastoral conversations with people unaffiliated with FELC in need of pastoral care. I attended the Big Stone County Mental Health meeting on August 30th with the focus on suicide prevention. I plan to attend the Ortonville Childcare Forum in Clinton on Wednesday evening after confirmation classes. **Synod and Community:** Kevin and I attended Zion Lutheran's pie and ice cream social. It was good to see so many in the community attending. The synod minister assigned to our area and conference, Rev. Naomi Mahler, has chosen hospice after her cancer returned. In the meantime, Synod Minister Rev. Heather Culuris or Executive Assistant Tammy Schacher will be available for inquiries.

FELC is hosting the Laq Qui Parle minister conference on September 21st. Ethel Swenson has agreed to coordinating people to serve coffee and a lunch.

The Bishop's Fall Theological Conference is scheduled for October 8-10th in Sioux Falls. I will be leaving Sunday, October 8th in the afternoon and returning October 10th in late afternoon.

The Junior High Youth Gathering is November 17-18th.

Next council meeting will be on October 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn – Kari, Kim **MSP**.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:25 pm.



2023 Backpack Blessing

YOUTH NEWS OCTOBER 2023

We are back at it! Confirmation and Sunday school have started! So far, we have not started Kid's Club or Youth Group. Please watch for more information as it becomes available.

Backpack Blessing was held on August 27th. We had a good number of students there to get their backpack tags. We do have more available if you were not able to be there. Just stop by the office and we will gladly give you what you need.



Rally Sunday was held on September 17th. It was so nice to have so many children at the front of the church for the children's message. Following a time of fellowship together, the students went off to do their lessons and the parents filled out paperwork for the year. A reminder that volunteers are needed to help teach the classes each week. There is a copy of the schedule pinned up on the youth wall just down from the office. If you have not signed up to help, please stop by and sign up for a turn.



Bible Presentation to the 3-year-olds and 3rd graders was held on September 24th. The following students received their Bibles. **3-year-olds:** Eleanor, Lynken, Katelynn, Silas, and Lyla. **3rd graders:** Wiley, Maliah, Maizie, Nicholas, Landri, and Joey.



Thank you to everyone for joining in on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 10th. A special thank you to Michelle Bauer, Archer Dorry, and Kari Dorry for coordinating and making sure things ran smoothly that morning!

Coming up for October:

1st- Sunday School regular classes.

4th - Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.

8th – Sunday School at the Big Stone Wildlife Refuge.

11th – Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.

15th - Sunday School regular classes.

Mentor Meeting @ 10:15 in the Youth Room

18th – NO Confirmation classes due to MEA Break.

22nd - No Sunday school- MEA weekend.

25th: - Confirmation Classes at the Early Out times: 1:45 and 2:45.

29th – Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders: Mason, Rylie, Archer, Mikaela, and Ashton.

Sunday School will begin their Christmas Program Practices.



There will be a junior high youth gathering in Willmar, MN on November 17-18th.

We are looking to see if there is any interest in attending this or being a chaperone. This gathering is open to all 6th-9th grade students. Please let the office know if you are interested in chaperoning this event or if your child would like to attend should we find someone to chaperone it.

REMINDER that God's Creation Calendars are available for \$8.00. You can stop and pick one up in the office. We will be selling them in the Narthex beginning in November following the church services.

Parish Nurse Article for October

Yahweh Shalom - "The Lord Our Peace"



Simply knowing the source of peace doesn't guarantee the presence of peace. We must invite Yahweh Shalom to take up residence in our lives. God alone is the only source of peace. He made a way for us to know and experience that peace through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul said, "And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6)

As we face the storms of life, face them with God at your side, knowing he is the Lord Our Peace.

CHURCH NEWS

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. If there is no one willing to help, we may not be able to hold coffee fellowship.



We are seeking 2 candidates to fill the positions of **Jr./Sr. High Program Leader** and **Elementary Program Leader**. The **Jr./Sr. High Program Leader** would work a flexible schedule of 5-10 hours per week. Primary responsibilities include leading Jr./Sr. High youth group sessions on-site for approx. 2 hours on Wednesday evenings, plus additional planning hours. The **Elementary Program Leader** would work a flexible schedule of 3-8 hours per. Would primarily be responsible for leading Kids Club on-site for 1st - 6th grade students for approx. 2 hours on Wednesday after school, plus additional planning hours. If we have a candidate willing to perform both positions as a combined Youth Program Leader, that option is also available for anywhere from 10-20 hours per week. We are very flexible. Can earn up to \$20/hr for these positions relative to responsibilities. If interested, contact the secretary at secretary@firstenglish.net.

The 2024 KDIO Cards have been added to the KDIO box in the Narthex. If you would like to pick a specific date to sponsor, you can grab your cards today.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO

...Doug & Amy Adleman on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

...the following 3-year-olds and 3rd graders who received their Bibles September 24: **3-year-olds:** Eleanor, Lynken, Katelynn, Silas, and Lyla and **3rd Graders:** Wiley, Maliah, Maizie, Nicholas, Landri, and Joey.

MAY THE GOD OF ALL CONSOLATION be with the family of Doug Leger, father of Carmen Zupfer, and brother-in-law to Ronda Thielke, Ginger Athey, and Terry Block. He passed away September 17th.

The 68th annual Norwegian Smorgasbord of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson, MN will be Wednesday, October 25th at 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults - \$16.00 / Children under 6 - \$10.00.

The LQP Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering is October 17th at Granite Falls Lutheran Church. The Building Bridges Choir will be singing their patriotic concert. There is a \$5 registration fee that should be in by October 13th. On the 17th Registration, Coffee & Rolls start at 8:30 am with a 9:30-10:30 program. You can contact Bernice Oellien (320-752-4757) or Carla Johnson (320-752-4674) to register and learn more.

CentraCare Hospice has a high need for volunteers in the Dawson area and invite you to consider learning more. As a volunteer, you will be able to enrich the lives of others during their final journey on this side of heaven. Their Fall volunteer training will be held at our Willmar Administrative Office on Tuesday, October 3, and Thursday, October 5. The 2-day training we will give you a comprehensive look at the hospice program including communication and caring skills, infection control, overview of our complementary therapies, and so much more. CentraCare Hospice is looking for men and women of all backgrounds who have hearts of compassion and a genuine interest in helping others. (They do have a high need for veteran volunteers.) For questions or for more information please call Deb Van Buren at CentraCare Hospice, 320-231-4450. Or visit CentraCare Hospice online at www.centracare.com/hospice.

There is a Memory Cafe in Ortonville that meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Lower Level of the Ortonville Library from 1-3 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church is having an Ol' Settlers Supper Saturday October 7th from 5-7 pm. The menu includes Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sausage & Sauerkraut, Glazed Carrots, Pickles, Breads, Pies, Coffee and Kool Aid. Take-Out Available. Call 320-839-3422 (church office) or 320-305-0353 (Betty Reinke) for more information. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children (5-12) \$10, Children 4 and under FREE.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Dinner Theater will run December 7-10th at Green Lake Bible Camp. They are looking for volunteer actors, choir members, and musicians along with a variety of roles helping in the kitchen and serving and more. If you would like to take part in the entertainment, limited quantity of tickets are available (\$80 per person). To order tickets call 320-796-2181 or visit GLLM.org/dinner-theater. This year's Theater is called The Last Resort, with all music and lyrics by Dave Eliason & Brian Pearson.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Jyla Dahle, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



KDIO BROADCASTS

... (September 3rd) was sponsored in memory of Kathy's parents Don and Joyce Koch from Kathy Haukos and family

... (September 10th) was sponsored in honor of Doug & Amy Adleman's 40th Wedding Anniversary on 9/10. Given by their children and grandchildren: Alyssa Weinand, Aaron, Tyler, Kyle, Alicia, Owen, Ava, Ella, Tenley, Ander, and Savannah.

... (September 17th) was sponsored in memory of Ralph Quade, Kathy Randall's dad who would have been 92 on September 6th.

... (September 24th) was sponsored in honor of our awesome family – Ron & Ginger Athey – Ronda & Russ Thielke – Dawn & (Doug) Leger & families from Terry Block and family.

THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship.

Thank you for supporting FELC's giving emphasis!

October 2023

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Jaycees Project Christmas \$ _____

Name _____

JanuaryTechnology Fund
 February.....Service Trip Scholarship
 March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
 April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
 May..Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
 June.....Someplace Safe
 July.....Families in Need
 August..... Baptism Chests
 September.....Endowment Fund
October.....Jaycees Project Christmas
 November.....God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December.....ELCA Missionaries

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

Part of the Board of Lay Ministry's job description says that the board is to: **Ensure that a pastoral relations committee is active and that it offers verbal encouragement and/or directions to the pastor(s).** Current members of this committee are Jackie Domine, Josh Wollschlager, and Marilyn Chindvall. If any congregant has an issue and doesn't feel they can talk directly to the Pastor, they are invited to speak to one of the committee members. Please consider this an open invitation; both negative and positive comments are welcome. The committee meets with the Pastor twice each year, more frequently if necessary. Thank you to those willing to serve in this capacity.



**Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries
 Sponsored By Women's Connection**

Tuesday, October 17th, at 5:30 pm at
 Tabor Methodist Church.
 The cost is \$6.00, and there is a
 free nursery available by reservation.

Speaker: Sherry Segal of Owatonna, MN
 "My Journey From Hopeless to Joy in Christ"

Special Feature:

Sherry Segal's experience as a missionary in Africa & Teri Spors
 – Grant County Cancer Walk "It Only Takes a Spark"

Music: Liv Wollschlager – Soloist

FOOD WILL BE SERVED & ALL ARE WELCOME!

CIRCLE FOUR



Meets in the Church Lounge on Wed.,
 October 4th at 9:00 am.
 Hostess: Carol Bell
 Lesson: Sharon Smith

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2023

We celebrated GWOH day on September 10th. It was a very fulfilling day reaching out and serving our community. We had 14 different projects, reaching close to 400 community members. We cleaned ditches, scrubbed cemetery headstones, delivered muffins to area employees, treats for the city/county employees, tootsie pops for area church parishioners, candy bars for local residents at apartments, gifts for teachers, birthday bags for the food shelf, and movie night buckets for Monarch Heights. We also did a supply drive for Someplace Safe and Mainstreet Industries. The Day of Love group donated beautiful quilts. After, we gathered for fellowship and a delicious potluck lunch. It was a wonderful day!

Michelle Bauer



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 10
2023

The Day of Love donated eight colorful quilts to Someplace Safe. God's Work Our Hands.. stitched & bound with love.



Someplace Safe - Big Stone Office

A HUGE shoutout out goes to First English Lutheran Church for their amazing generosity! Thank you for collecting 11 boxes of quilts, personal care items, clothing and toys for survivors from the recent "Sunday Request of Giving". We appreciate your support of our services in Big Stone County! Thank you, Amanda, for stopping by!

Main Street Industries and Training Center, Inc.

Mainstreet Industries would like to thank our friends at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville - God's work, Our Hands for the box of fun donations! On behalf of everyone here at MSI- it is very appreciated and will be enjoyed by all!



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

By God's grace, together we have what we need.

'As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.'



Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Continuing Prayers for Synod Minister, Pr. Naomi Mahler.

Please visit Pr. Naomi's [CaringBridge](https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/naomimahler) site for updates. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/naomimahler>

Holy and life-giving God, whose mercy is without end, we lift up our prayers for Pr. Naomi Mahler. Surround her with your compassion and love. Be present with Pr. Naomi, her husband Todd, their daughters Sophia and Grace, and all of their family and friends. Give wisdom to her family, her care team, and all those who will accompany her in the days to come. May she be well cared-for, comforted, and surrounded by circles of love. Fill them all in your abiding love, and sustain them with your peace, which surpasses all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Gifts & Memorials

(June 29th – September 27th)

BELLS

Garry & Ethel Swenson *in memory of Wally Sayles.*

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

DAY OF LOVE

Larry & Jyla Dahle *in memory of Wally Sayles.*

Art & Arlene Vollmer *in memory of Daryl Bell.*

ELCA SW MN SYNOD

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Ron & Ginger Athey *in memory of Mark Block, Marilyn Chindvall; Melvin & Jackie Domine; Liz Ketz, and Mary Weber.*

KATIE'S KICKS

Eldon & Carol Knutson.

KDIO

Anonymous, Lois Bergeson *in memory of Ray Bergeson; Terry Block and family in honor of "our awesome family – Ron & Ginger Athey – Ronda & Russ Thielke – Dawn & (Doug) Leger and families;" Terry Block, Mark II, Jennifer, Matthew & families in honor of "My grandson Nathan Block and the 2023 Confirmation Class," in memory of Mark Block's 72nd Birthday on December 12th; Kathy Haukos in memory of Larry Haukos, in memory of Done & Joyce Koch, in memory of Gale & Ann Haukos, Liz Ketz in honor of VBS volunteers and students, Connie & Carol Newman in memory of Swede Anderson, in honor of Connie & Carol's 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 7th, James & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of our parents & all who've loved & lost, David Tonn in honor of Ruth Hansen's birthday, Kyle & Alyssa Weinand and family in honor of Doug & Amy Adelman's 40th Wedding Anniversary on 9/10/23.*

LIBRARY

David Tonn.

OPERATING

Gayle Anderson; Ron & Ginger Athey; Hope Beachem *in memory of Mark Block; Sharon Carlson; Larry & Jyla Dahle; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Marilyn Hanson; Evelyn Johnson; Paula Reisdorph, Erlys Sis in memory of Mark Block, Sharon Smith, Richard & Marla Strei in memory of Wally Sayles, Garry & Ethel Swenson; Bruce & Evie Swigerd; Russ & Ronda Thielke; Jack & Mary Weber, Joeseeph & Jennifer Wiik in memory of Mark Block, and Clara Zeek.*

PARISH NURSES

Anne Tonn *in memory of Daryl Bell.*

SENIOR CHOIR

In memory of Wally Sayles: Jim & Julie Hipple; Patricia Janke; and Rob & Kathy Randall.

In memory of Mark Block: Rob & Kathy Randall.

SOMEPLACE SAFE

Melvin & Jackie Domine.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Marilyn Chindvall; Sharron Johnson; Liz Ketz; Erlys Sis; Sharon Smith; and Jack & Mary Weber.

SQUARES

In memory of Mark Block: Ron & Ginger Athey and Kathy & Gerald Longhenry.

Marilyn Chindvall; Sharron Johnson; and Liz Ketz.

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER FUND

Glenda Reiffenberger *in memory of Mark Block.*

VBS

Kelly & Gayla Athey; Ronald & Ginger Athey; Cody & Jennifer Backstrand; Kevin & Becky Backstrand; Marilyn Chindvall; Ashton & Caiti Conroy; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Dave & Debbie Ellingson; Erik & Beth Fladhammer; Kyle & Courtney Giese; Kathy Haukos; James & Kate Heinecke; Alan & Amy Hodenfield; Brett & Kelsey Kaye; Sara Mattison; Rob & Kathy Randall; and Jack & Mary Weber.

YOUTH GROUP

In memory of Mark Block: Ron & Ginger Athey; Lois Bergeson; Terry Block; James & Ranet Schmeichel; Sharon Smith; and Lisa Wold.

In memory of Zach Giese: Bruce & Evie Swigerd.

In memory of Wally Sayles: Russ & Ronda Thielke.



Adult & Family GREEN LAKE CAMP Retreats Fall 2023

Whether you are yearning for spiritual growth, seeking fellowship, or simply craving a much-needed break from the hustle and bustle of daily life, our programmed retreats are tailored to meet your needs.



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ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – OCTOBER

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Lori Strei

Banners:

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Flower Committee:

Evie Johnson



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Oct. 1: Kathy Haukos
Oct. 8: Carol Ydstie
Oct. 15: Lisa Berdan
Oct. 22: Marilyn Hanson
Oct. 29: Amy Adelman
Nov. 5: TBD
Nov. 12: TBD
Nov. 19: TBD
Nov. 26: TBD

LECTOR

Oct. 1: Dave Ellingson
Oct. 8: Darin Ehrenberg
Oct. 15: Kim Anderson
Oct. 22: Ellie Helgeson
Oct. 29: Confirmands
Nov. 5: Sara Mattison
Nov. 12: Liz Ketz
Nov. 19: Kathy Randall
Nov. 22*: **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Nov. 26: Marge Dragseth

ACOLYTES

Oct. 1: Bennett & Bryson
Oct. 8: Liam & Mikaela
Oct. 15: Chase & Ava
Oct. 22: Ashton & Madilyn
Oct. 29: Raimi & Martino
Nov. 5: Brandon & Nash
Nov. 12: Jaclyn & Lola
Nov. 19: Rylie & Bailey
Nov. 22*: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
Nov. 26: Owen & Cameron

LAY ASSISTANTS

Oct. 1: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg
Oct. 8: Liz Ketz & Marilee Haukos
Nov. 5: Marilyn Chindvall & Marge Dragseth
Nov. 12: Jim Foster & Lori Strei

FV Neighborhoods

Oct. 1: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg
Oct. 8: Liz Ketz & Brent Zahrbock
Oct. 29: TBD
Nov. 5: TBD
Nov. 12: TBD

GREETERS

Oct. 1: Kim & Jon Anderson
Oct. 8: Jackie & Mel Domine
Oct. 15: Dean & Anita Longnecker
Oct. 22: Sandy & Tom Rice
Oct. 29: Ethel & Garry Swenson
Nov. 5: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel
Nov. 12: Sara Mattison & Liz Ketz
Nov. 19: Glenn & Deb Henningson
Nov. 22*: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
Nov. 26: Clara Zeek & Becky Parker

SOUND SYSTEM





Oct. 1: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Oct. 8: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson
Oct. 15: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Oct. 22: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Oct. 29: Dave Ellingson & Marina Thomson
Nov. 5: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Nov. 12: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson
Nov. 19: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Nov. 22*: Marina Thomson & **VOLUNTEER**
Nov. 26: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

USHERS

Oct. 1: Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
Oct. 8: Liz Ketz, Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, & Harley Helgeson
Oct. 15: Russell Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman
Oct. 22: Eugene Stotesberry, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Oct. 29: Rodney Torgerson, Liz Ketz, Rob Randall, & Josh Wollschlager
Nov. 5: Ev Johnson, Kevin Fossen, Kim & Jon Anderson
Nov. 12: Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, and Larry Dahle
Nov. 19: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Russel Thielke, & Dick Strei
Nov. 22*: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
Nov. 26: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine



*November 22nd is Wednesday, **Thanksgiving Eve**. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer to help that evening.
THANKS!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 2023 † † † First English Lutheran Church						
				Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net click on "Lutheran Faith" & "PRAYERS, STUDY, & DEVOTIONALS"		
1 9:00 am Worship – Communion – David Bartels Baptism – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School with Baptism Party to follow. 10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE 1:00 pm Howard Janssen Burial at Eidskog Cemetery	2 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	3 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV	4 9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir 	5	6 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	7 7:00 am Doors Open 3:30 pm Rachel Mork & Jordan Thorson Wedding
8 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Family Bible Scavenger Hunt at Wildlife Refuge 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded	9	10 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV	11 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:15 pm Endowment Committee Mtg 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:15 pm Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Senior Choir	12	13 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 12:30 pm Staff Luncheon at Pastor's Home	14
Pastor Denise Fossen leaves Sunday for Bishop Fall Theological & will be back late Tuesday afternoon.						
15 9:00 am Worship – KDIO & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 am Mentor Meeting	16 10:00 am Staff Meeting	17 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV	18 NO SCHOOL – NO CONFIRMATION 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	19	20 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	21 
22 9:00 am Worship – KDIO & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:20 am WAM meeting	23 10:00 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Pastor-Parish Relations NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV	25 EARLY OUT 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8) 2:45 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	26	27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	28  Simon & Jude, Apostles
29 CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship – Confirmation – KDIO & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded 	30 10:00 am Staff Meeting	31 Reformation Day 8:30 am Day of Love 12:00 pm Executive Meeting 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV HALLOWEEN	