



# *First English Lutheran Church* NEWSLETTER

November 2024

*There's always*  
**SOMETHING**  
*to be*  
**THANKFUL**  
*for*



## 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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## Notes from Pastor Cheryl



October 20, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isa 43)*

God was speaking to the people about change, telling them to trust in Him as it will be a positive thing. Change is hard for people as it pushes you out of the comfortable way of living you've known for some time. It often seems the wrong way to move forward from a routine way of living.

But change is a constant in life, for only Jesus does not change, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever,"* (Heb 13:8) which we can be thankful for.

At this time, decisions are to be made on whether to join in a call. You may feel you are in the wilderness, questioning why adjustments must be made. It's hard to perceive anything different as you dwell on what has been, that place of security. But God promises you a new thing.

*"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. (Jer 31:31)*

According to Amber Rose Monaco writing an online blog for Huffpost, new things help you grow as you learn from new opportunities and experiences. She states, change makes you more flexible and adaptable. Something you found a couple years ago with COVID. Churches had to quickly be flexible and adapt to new ways of proclaiming the gospel. It was challenging but the gospel was proclaimed and thrived through online services, parking lot and outdoor worship, and innovative ways to reach out to each other.

Congregations throughout the country continue to encounter change with reduced attendance and less financial support. The change Martin Luther and the Reformers made were not welcome in their time, but we know they were for good and not evil.

Rebecca Crespo, Creator of Minimalism Made Simple writes in an October 2023 blog *entitled 15 Inspirational Reasons Why Change is Good* explains change is:

- A period of transition where we discover new interest, skills, and perspectives that shape our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.
- It helps us to reevaluate our goals and priorities, to look outside the box for new opportunities and experiences that help us move forward often in a more exciting way to improve how we live together 'as communion of saints on earth'.
- Replacing old and worn-out ways of doing things provides interest for a new and younger generation who often have other attitudes, values, and needs.
- We become more humble and grateful by letting go of old habits and behaviors that limit our mission and prevent others from feeling welcome and included.
- It gives us hope for the future when we are flexible through a willingness to adapt to new ideas reassuring us that difficult and bad times do not last forever.

Change helps us refocus our identity on who we are as God's people in our world and community. The world has changed, God has not. He still empowers us by the Holy Spirit, calls and sends us to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. Not only inside the church but across the community. God encourages us saying: *"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." (Isa 65:17)*

Congregations all have unique personalities as do First English and Zion. Individually that will not change, but you can find ways to work together, sharing your resources of time, personnel and expertise, and continue to be the people God has called you to be.

For all are called... sent... to be witness to His creative ways, to see what God is up to, hearing God speak, join in to be about His work in new and changing ways, with God's will as the focus.

For the members of First English and Zion, this is an exciting time for, *"<sup>9</sup>Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do." (Heb 6)*

As we go forward together, I pray you will hold both First English and Zion Lutheran in your prayers. Together, you can handle the changes God has planned for you as Jeremiah 29 tells you, *"<sup>1</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."*

Let's look forward to all the new things God has planned and the way He has made through the wilderness, trusting in Him.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl

# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes – October 13, 2024 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) and *Lay Ministry*, Cody Backstrand - *Lay Ministry*, Kristi Ehrenberg - *Lay Ministry*, Emily Sigler - *Lay Ministry*, Michelle Bauer - *Lay Ministry*, Darin Ehrenberg - *Stewardship*, Alan Hodenfield - *Youth & Family*, Archer Dorry - *Youth & Family*, Kari Dorry - *Youth & Family*, Kandra Kellen - *Christian Education*, Kaitlyn Burdorf - *Christian Education*, Amanda Stattelman - *Christian Education*, Marla Strei - *Evangelism*, Dale Price - *Church Properties*.

Members discussed how to proceed with council meetings in the future. The council wants to continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month with the agendas being distributed before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month or ASAP. The council will change the way they meet to have the smaller board groups meeting right after church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (or at a different day of their own choosing), and then each board will send a voting member to the voting meeting around 10:30, keeping in mind that they may need to allow extra time to boards when things get busy and they should inform everyone if the time for the voting meeting will change (so that boards who met prior to that Sunday can know when to show up). The smaller board groups can choose to meet after service in other, more-private locations. The Evangelism board found having the agenda early and meeting earlier to be helpful so that they could get things done before the voting meeting.

Some members left.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 10:31 am.

**Approval of September Minutes** as presented – Marla, Dale **MSP**.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** – We were a little short this past month. We have had a new assessment which we will have to pay. We now have two assessments. We can pay it off at any time within 20 years. – Amanda, Ellie **MSP**.

**Board of Lay Ministry** – Emily Sigler – Lay Ministry approved the WAM report and recommended one Christmas Eve service at 2:30 pm based on historical attendance (Zion will hold one Christmas Eve service as well). The board is okay with the Blue Christmas service & election prayer service that Pastor Cheryl asked about. The choir stipend was tabled until a budget meeting. The board approved the finance work group and endowment. Ellie will lead our December 29<sup>th</sup> service. The board is okay with the 7:00 pm service on Thanksgiving Eve. The board tabled the appointing an Endowment Committee member because they wanted more information about that.

The board tabled the discussion of remuneration for the organists/pianists and choir director until they could discuss with Becky and the finance committee. The board is okay with the FELC Choir and community member Advent Cantata on December 7-8<sup>th</sup> at the Abbey of the Hills. Kristi will ask Barbara to send out the interview questions and job descriptions so that the board members can start their staff interviews. Those interviews should be done before the November council meeting.

Jon brought up that Pastor Cheryl was more than willing to do another Christmas Eve service. There was discussion of whether or not there would be too many people if we only had one service and if that would discourage people from coming. But Lay Ministry had already made their decision based on historical attendance to stick with one service rather than having a later service.

**Board of Evangelism** – Marla Strei – The board discussed how to incorporate the yearly theme; they decided, “Trusting that our loving Lord will guide us in the direction we need to go, we are hopeful people.” The board recommended Marilyn Hanson & Ethel Swenson for the internal audit of the books, both with business backgrounds. The board thought that in the interest of safety the Narthex doors would remain locked and people could be directed to the lower door during office hours. Maybe a sign could be placed directing people to the “Office.” The board is excited to transfer in some new people. It is important to reach out to new people. New Member Sunday will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The board of evangelism recommends Bryson, Brandon, Miley & Madilyn be confirmed on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Our mission emphasis Sunday will be November 24<sup>th</sup> and the emphasis will be on Katie's Kicks. Kirsten Karels will speak about that.

**Christian Education** – Amanda Stattelman – Kandra Kellen will email Barbara for the list of the confirmation students to confirm who all to get gifts for. The refuge scavenger hunt went great. The board has to remember to bring pencils, as those were forgotten this year. For the kid's Christmas Program, Marilyn Chindvall will be asked to help. If she says, “No,” then Amanda will pitch in and pull something together. The board was told that people wished for a more traditional service so that is what the board will do this year. Kandra will contact Sioux Historic for a skating event prices and dates. The board is thinking about a Sunday after church with pizza offered for lunch, or do it right after lunch. They board would like to do a sign up sheet in advance to figure out how many people to plan for. Kandra can bring items for smaller children to do at the tables and will check with Liz to see what is in the budget, ie. if families will pay for their own pizza or not. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> is when the children will sing in the service, and Carmen will lead this and they will sing songs from Vacation Bible School. The skating event could possibly be in January or February. There was discussion on asking Zion if they want to participate.

**Youth & Family** – Jon read their minutes as the members left earlier – Two individuals from Zion have been coming to the youth events. They will not be going to the Synod's Jr. High Youth Gathering on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> because it falls on the same weekend as the High School play.

**Stewardship** – Darin Ehrenberg – The board was fine with Dean opening the Narthex doors and they stuffed the envelopes with the Stewardship Drive letter and pledge cards. The board will hold a temple talk for the 1<sup>st</sup> three Sundays in November around this year's theme words and will discuss the packets and get people to pick those up to save postage. If you ever have any ideas for the Good News newsletter the board of Stewardship you can email someone on the board about that. Usually the board does four topics. There was discussion on mentioning New Members in November or October, or possible both. We are minus \$11,000 for 2024 giving. We will keep this in mind when making the budget for 2025. Ellie asked about maybe having someone from the bank to come to the church to help people change their automatic giving. It is difficult for some to change their automatic giving at the bank.

**Church Properties** – Dale Price – We completed getting the cross installed and that went smoothly. We've received two checks for damage on the back hallway. We're holding those as we're still getting estimates for repair. We have estimates from Kay Carpeting and also we're waiting for a bid for the stairwell. Glenn Henningson is working with Art to see if they're willing to replace the sheetrock. The roof repair above the Narthex was completed by Gunner, unfortunately we are waiting for a repair on the side window that was damaged by Gunner. It is the outer panel, so we're not worried about water problems. We have received an assessment for \$8,582.00 for infrastructure work done on the Monroe street. That will be added to our current assessment we got last year for the street on the other side. Perhaps a signpost could be added to direct people to the side door so we could make the practice of keeping the Narthex doors locked a permanent thing.

We had a Zion-FELC partnership transition team created a while back. Dale **motioned** to suspend the transition team, due to the fact that the executive committee meets with both parties. Marla **seconded**.

Pastor Cheryl has given her time sheet and she is consistently spending 30 hours a week, so the executive committee would like approval to increase her hours from 24 to 30 retroactive to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Marla, Amanda **MSP**.

There will be another meeting between the two executive committees on November 6<sup>th</sup> and they will be discussing more of the long-term issues about having an interim pastor full-time. Maybe after the 6<sup>th</sup>, Jon would explain during church what we are doing. Come January, we may have Pastor Cheryl be full-time (shared with Zion) like we would when we did an official call. One issue is church times. Zion is pretty understanding about our KDIO & Fairway View commitments but we still need to firm the times up. They offered to do the Interim at 50/50, but that percentage will change when she shifts to full-time. It may come down to a mathematical formula concerning attendance. Zion is happy about how things are going.

Jon will email the transition team thanking them for their service.

Motion to Adjourn, Ellie, Amanda, **MSP**.

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after church services.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 11:33 am.

## YOUTH NEWS NOVEMBER

Thank you to all the people that have provided snacks for **Confirmation**. The youth really appreciate the treats. If you have not signed up for a time, please check the sign-up sheet that is on the board on the way to the youth room. Classes are off to a great start. A reminder to the parents of the 7th-8th graders to please sign up for a time to sit in on the class and this is open to any other adults in the congregation that would be willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway on the way to the youth room.

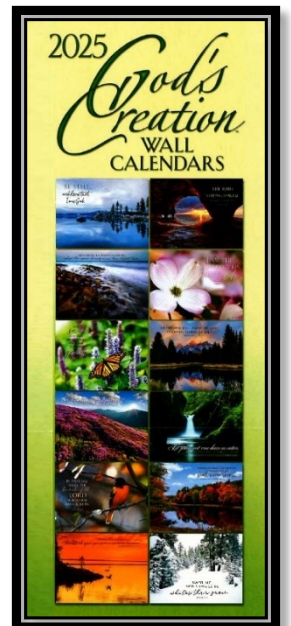
**Sunday school** has been going great! Thank you to all the volunteers! A good time was had down at the Refuge and special thanks goes to Simply Coffee, who supplied the coffee, hot chocolate, and chocolate chip cookies for the scavenger hunt. A reminder that there is a need for teachers throughout the year, so if you would be willing to take a Sunday or two there is a sign-up sheet on the board on the way to the youth room.

**Congratulations to** Miley, Bryson, Brandon and Madilyn on their Confirmation that was held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>!

**We are all set with new mentors** for the new confirmation students and we are working on the background checks and the Protect My Ministry training. The links will be emailed out shortly. (if not already done) Please, if you have not turned in the form for the background checks, get them in shortly. Liz will be contacting those who have not completed that process.

**Coming up for November:**

- **God's Creation calendars** will be available following the church services on November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. We will see if we sell all of them out or if we will continue into December. If you want to stop in at the office to purchase one, that is also an option. They cost \$8.00. If you write a check for the calendar, please make it out to FELC Youth.
- **Sunday School Dates:** November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Christmas Program Practices. The program will be held on December 15th. There is no Sunday School on December 1st due to Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Confirmation & Youth Group Dates:** November 6th, 13th, and 20th .



Thanks to Russ and Ronda Thielke for their donation to the Youth Fund in memory of Jean Hilleren.

Blessings to all this coming month and Happy Thanksgiving!!





## DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>)

at 11:00 am at Zion Church.

All are welcome to join!

Pastor Cheryl will hold a special non-denominational & non-political prayer service. It will be a time of prayer and scripture reading for our National Election, held on Tues, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am in Zion's sanctuary. God's Word will be read to hear what scriptures has to say about peace and our responsibility to honor our government. We pray for safety of election workers across the country. We pray God gives us a sense of thanks and gratitude for our freedoms and blessing. We will pray that God lead voters in truth for what is good and right for His will. We pray for the protection of the candidates. We pray for trustworthy leaders with a desire for justice and compassion, to serve with wisdom and a sense of mutual respect for all people, especially the vulnerable and oppressed. During this time of great division in our country, our prayers will conclude with petitions for unity and reconciliation. *1 Tim 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*



## Parish Nurse Article for November

Abigail

First mentioned in 1 Samuel, Abigail was a woman in a deeply unhappy marriage after managing to act quickly to prevent battle and blood shed from occurring- ends up saving many lives through her courage.

In 1 Samuel 25, a beautiful story emerges, one of submission and deliverance. Abigail is a lesser-known heroine in the Bible, a humble women who was married to a wealthy scoundrel. Abigail combined her wisdom with her wealth to appear before an approaching enemy to plead for the safety of her husband's household.

Abigail's courageous actions teach us the power of resistance, generosity and humility to change the world. "David said to Abigail, 'Bless the Lord God of Israel who sent me to meet you today! And bless you and your good judgement for preventing me from shedding blood and taking vengeance into my own hands today! Otherwise as surely as the Lord God of Israel lives - the one who kept me from hurting you - if you hadn't come quickly and met with me, there wouldn't be one single one who urinates on a wall left come morning' "Then David accepted everything she had bought for him. 'Return home in peace,' he told her 'Be assured that I've heard your request and have agreed to it.'" (1 Samuel 25:32-35)



"Prudent Abigail" by Juan Antonio de Frias y Escalante, US Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

## CHURCH NEWS

**Pastor Cheryl plans to be in the FELC Pastor office on** Wednesdays 11 - 6:30 (unless in a meeting or confirmation classes) & Thursdays 10 – 3 pm (unless up at FWV with members) or by appt. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

**We're looking for volunteers to sit in our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes** this year. If you would like to help please sign up for a Wednesday afternoon on the sheet in the hallway between the youth director and secretary offices. Non-parents welcome!

**The board of Evangelism will have the photo directories available in the Narthex on November 10<sup>th</sup>** so plan to come if you haven't picked up your directory (if pictured) or want to purchase one for \$5.

**New Member Sunday will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.** We invite anyone who is interested in becoming a member at First English Lutheran to stop at the church office or contact Pastor Cheryl about transferring your records to our congregation. We are thrilled to have new members and hope you will join us to be welcomed into our faith family.

**May the God of all consolation be with:**

...**Ron & Ginger Athey and Kelly & Gayla Athey and their families** on the death of Ron & Kelly's sister Deb Athey. There was a visitation at Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank, SD on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

...**Neva & Jim Foster and family** on the death of Janet Anderson. The memorial open house was held at the Orpheum Theatre at Fairway View Neighborhoods on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

...**Barb Jones Brotherton and the rest of the Jones family** on the unexpected passing of Barb's husband James on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Services were held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Mount Olivet Lutheran church in Minneapolis and the burial will be at a later date in Ortonville.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings be with:**

...**Garth and Chelsie Haukos** as we welcomed their daughter, Clara Joy Haukos, into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism October 6<sup>th</sup>. Her sponsors were Ryan Parady and Amber Haukos.

...**to our confirmands** Bryson Karels, son of Matt & Kirsten Karels, his mentor was Glenn Henningson; Miley Block, daughter of Amy & Mark Block, her mentor was Marilyn Chindvall; Brandon Kaye, son of Brett & Kelsey Kaye, his mentor was Alan Hodenfield; & Madilyn Sletten, daughter of Tim & Melissa Sletten, her mentor was Dawn Barnhardt.

**There are many of you that have such wonderful gifts in our congregation** and should highly consider sharing these with our youth in our Sunday School program. Sunday school teachers can influence and impact many lives with foundational teaching and grounding children in God's word. We are always looking for people to fill these roles in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

**Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers to continue.** Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



**Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, the December 1<sup>st</sup> bulletins will be printed earlier,** on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, not Friday. Please keep this in mind if you want to put an announcement in that bulletin. Please let Barbara or someone in the office know ahead of time.

**There will be Temple Talks every Sunday in November.** The first three Sundays in November, the board of Stewardship will be discussing speaking concerning this year's theme verse. On the last Sunday of November, the board of Evangelism will talk about their Mission Emphasis for the year.

**The Benson Area Memory Loss Network is proud to announce, Jolene Brackey,** the author of "Creating Moments of Joy for Persons with Alzheimer's or Dementia". Jolene will be speaking at the Benson Performing Arts Center on November 4, 2024. Jolene provides practical advice sprinkled with hope, encouragement, new stories and generous helping of humor. She will be available after her presentation to sign books during a time of refreshment. There is no charge for this event. Benson Performing Arts Center is located 1400 Montana Ave., Benson, MN

**The Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Christmas Dinner Theater is back & volunteers are needed.** They are looking for help filling the following roles: actors, choir members and musicians, kitchen helpers, table servers, greeters and more! Volunteers will get to see the show for free! Overnight housing can be made available as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kirsten at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org!

#### **KDIO BROADCASTS**

... (October 6<sup>th</sup>) was sponsored by Kathy Stolpman in memory of her sister Janet Worden who passed away 8 years ago Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.


... (October 13<sup>th</sup>) was sponsored by Art & Arlene Vollmer praising God for 50 years of marriage.

... (October 20<sup>th</sup>) was sponsored in memory of Darrell Rufer by David & Debbie Ellingson and family.


... (October 27<sup>th</sup>) was sponsored in memory of Gale and Ann Haukos by Kathy Haukos and family.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Ryan Adams, Carol Barrett, Jane Debner, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Ruth Hansen, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.





## CIRCLE FOUR

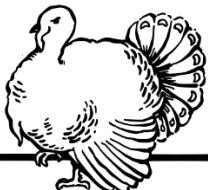



Meets in the Church Lounge on Wed.,  
November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.  
Hostess: Eryls Sis  
Lesson: Nancy Nolop



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## 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. If you do not receive personalized pink envelopes, there are generic ones in the Narthex for you to use.

Thank you for supporting FELC's giving emphasis!

### November 2024

#### Designated Funds

**Building (please specify)**                             \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Operating Fund**   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other** God's Work, Our Hands Projects     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

January .....Technology 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



**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.'*

### Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE Sponsored By Women's Connection

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm at  
**Fairway View Apts. Dining Room**  
 217 Lundell Ave. Town Center Door

The cost is \$6.00, and there is a free nursery available by reservation. For reservations call Paula Reisdorph at (320) 760-9583.

**Speaker: Lois Thomas** of Tabor, SD.  
**"Cherishing the Tranquility after the Storm"**

**Special Feature: Levi Waddell** of Central Church, Milbank, speaking on the youth trip to Costa Rica.

**Music: Brent Zahrbock** (soloist)

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED &  
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**A note from the Day of Love** - There is a buzz in the church basement on Tuesday mornings!!! One of our quilters shirts says it all..we cut with "hope"..stitch with "grace"..sew with "dreams" and we share with Love ❤️!! We are a group of gals doing God's work with our hands!!! And we thank Pastor Cheryl for stopping in on Tuesday and saying, "Hi," to all the quilters!



# REVERSE HOLIDAY CALENDAR

## PRAIRIE FIVE / BIG STONE FOOD SHELF

This November, find two wine boxes with dividers. Each day, fill a slot with as many items as you wish. Before Thanksgiving, donate the contents to the Prairie Five/Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf.

Suggested items for the holidays include:

**Baking:** Powdered/brown sugar, baking chips, cookie/cake/muffin mixes, flavorings, gelatin, pudding, marshmallows.

**Spices:** Season Salt, nutmeg, allspice, oregano, basil.

**Hygiene:** Men's/Women's razors, tampons, pads, pantyliners, lip balm, mouthwash, shaving cream, lotion.

**Snacks:** Nuts, crackers, cookies, trail mix.

**Cereal:** Instant oatmeal, Hot Wheat Cereal (Cream of Wheat), cold cereal.

**Miscellaneous:** BBQ sauce, olives (black or green), pickles, jam/jelly.

**Baby items:** Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed), wipes, baby shampoo, lotion.

**Household:** Paper towels, facial tissues, zip-loc bags, multi-surface cleaners, toilet bowl cleaner.



Suggested children's gift items for Project Christmas:

- Mittens/gloves
- Coloring books
- Socks/underwear
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Barrettes/ponytail holders
- Puzzles Card games (Uno, Skip Bo)



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDING

### FALL BACK

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR NOV. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> for Daylight Saving Time.



### CREATIVE SOULS - NOVEMBER 2024



### Creative Souls Fall Retreat

November 15-17, 2024 | Shores of St. Andrew The Village  
Participant Fee \$205

Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of creating and resting by the lake at Shores of St. Andrew. Enjoy fellowship and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative people. You will also have time for devotions, taking a walk, an offered craft or even a nap!

**Register by Tuesday, November 5!**

### ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – November

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Mari Athey & Courtney Giese

Banners:

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Flower Committee:

Neva Foster & Ranet Schmeichel





## SCHEDULING

### KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Nov. 3: Amy Adelman  
Nov. 10: Carol Ydstie  
Nov. 17: Lisa Berdan  
Nov. 24: Kathy Haukos  
Nov. 27\*: Carol Ydstie  
Dec. 1: Carol Ydstie  
Dec. 8: Kathy Haukos  
Dec. 15: Amy Adelman  
Dec. 22: Lisa Berdan  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): Marilyn Hanson  
Dec. 29: Kathy Haukos

### LECTOR

Nov. 3: Jim Foster  
Nov. 10: Kristi Ehrenberg  
Nov. 17: Carol Ydstie  
Nov. 24: Marge Dragseth  
Nov. 27\*: **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Dec. 1: Becky Parker  
Dec. 8: Amanda Stattelmann  
Dec. 22: Kelsey Kaye  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Dec. 29: Liv Wollschlager

### ACOLYTES

Nov. 3: Kimberly & Brooke  
Nov. 10: Katelyn & James  
Nov. 17: Oliver & Amelia  
Nov. 24: Meadow & Lola  
Nov. 27\*: Archer & **VOLUNTEER**  
Dec. 1: Brandon & Lexi  
Dec. 8: Martino & Nash  
Dec. 15: Mikaela & Liam  
Dec. 22: Ashton & Madilyn  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**  
Dec. 29: Ava & Chase

### LAY ASSISTANTS

Nov. 3: Lori Strei, Terry Kalberg, Archer Dorry, & Amanda Stattelmann  
Nov. 10: Liz Ketz & Amanda Stattelmann  
Dec. 1: Marilyn Chindvall & Kirsten Karels  
Dec. 8: Darin Ehrenberg & Jim Foster  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): **NEED 5 VOLUNTEERS**

### FWV Neighborhoods

Nov. 3: TBD  
Nov. 10: TBD  
Dec. 1: TBD  
Dec. 8: TBD  
Dec. 29: TBD

### GREETERS

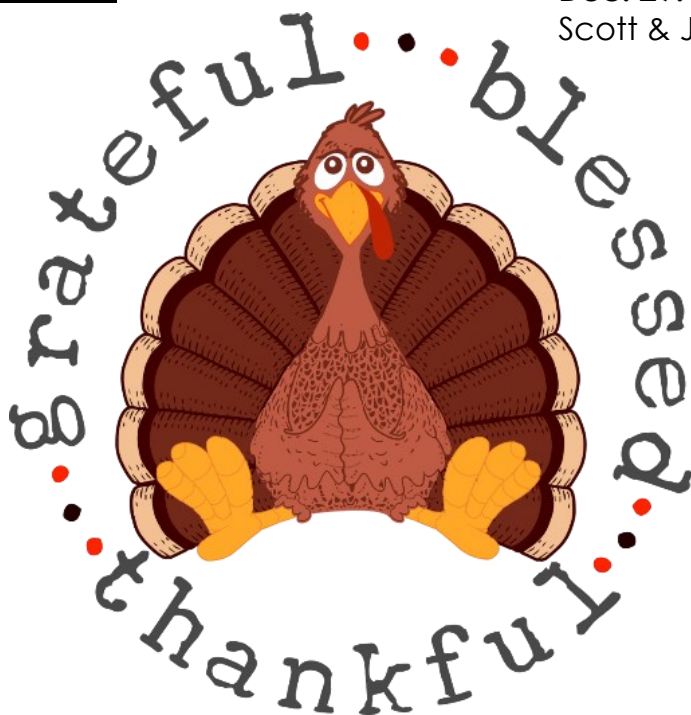
Nov. 3: Justice & Sandy Brown  
Nov. 10: Lola & Ginger Athey  
Nov. 17: Katelyn & Michelle Bauer  
Nov. 24: Amelia & Lynne Giese  
Nov. 27\*: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
Dec. 1: TBD  
Dec. 8: Cameron & Mike Lovgren  
Dec. 15: Mya & Carol Knutson  
Dec. 22: Jace & Austin Schoon  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): **NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
Dec. 29: Dawson & Eldon Knutson

### SOUND SYSTEM

Nov. 3: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson  
Nov. 10: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson  
Nov. 17: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson  
Nov. 24: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson  
Nov. 27\*: Marina Thomson & **VOLUNTEER**  
Dec. 1: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson  
Dec. 8: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson  
Dec. 15: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson  
Dec. 22: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): Marina T. & **VOLUNTEER**  
Dec. 29: Marina Thomson & **VOLUNTEER**

### USHERS











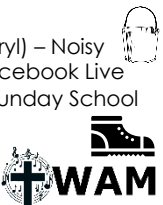

Nov. 3: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson  
Nov. 10: Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Scott & Julie Schneider  
Nov. 17: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei  
Nov. 24: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine  
Nov. 27\*: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
Dec. 1: Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson  
Dec. 8: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson  
Dec. 15: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman  
Dec. 22: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan  
Dec. 24\* (2:30 pm): **NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
Dec. 29: Tami Lundberg, Josh Wollschlager, Scott & Julie Schneider



\* November 27<sup>th</sup> is Wed.,  
**Thanksgiving Eve.**  
\* We only have **ONE**  
**Christmas Eve service,**  
Tues. at 2:30 pm.

Please contact the office  
if you would like to  
volunteer to help with  
these holiday services.

THANKS!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>November 2024 † † † First English Lutheran Church</b>			Daily Devotions are available @ <a href="http://www.firstenglish.net">www.firstenglish.net</a> go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">           There will be temple talks each Sunday in November!         </div>					<b>1</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>2</b> <b>Fall Back</b> Set clocks behind one hour at 2 am Sunday Morning 
<b>3 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Rick Hoyme) – Communion - KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice) 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded 4:00-5:15 pm Cantata Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 11:00 am Election Day Prayer Service (at Zion w/Pastor Cheryl) 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>9</b>
<b>10 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) – Communion – KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice) TBD: Council Meeting 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded 4:00-5:15 pm Cantata Practice 	<b>11</b>  	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>13</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/ Jack Holmquest) – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice) 4:00-5:15 pm Cantata Practice	<b>18</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>20</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>23</b> 
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) – Noisy Offering – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice) 10:15 am WAM Meeting 4:00-5:15 pm Cantata Practice 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>NO DAY OF LOVE</b> 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>27</b> <b>No Confirmation or Youth Group</b> <b>Bulletins Printed Early</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm <b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b> 