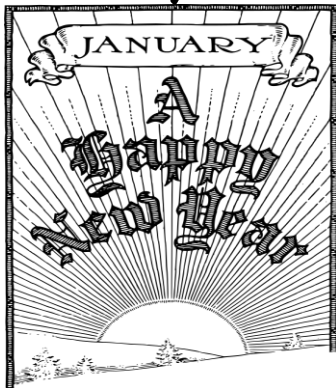




First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

January 2025



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



December 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, December 22nd, First English council approved a partnership agreement with Zion Lutheran. The Zion council approved it on December 17th. Next the agreement will go out to the congregations and the two will vote on it at their annual meetings on January 19th.

Most of you are familiar with partnerships as there are many kinds and forms of these types of arrangement. One of the best known this arrangement resembles is that of a marriage where two unique individuals with different personalities come together, united as one, yet remain two individuals.

Scripture tells us in Ecclesiastics 4: *⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹²And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

This partnership is like that threefold cord of two congregations with God in the middle. And as partnerships work, especially marriage partnerships, it will take cooperation, openness, willingness, and a lot of give and take.

Of course I look at this from the outside, as a pastor working between the two congregations. My goal is to find ways for it to flow more easily between the two keeping the uniqueness of each and enhancing their gifts while making it feasible for a pastor to serve both.

Last month I talked about the need for good communication in the newsletter article, which is needed to collaborate and receive the benefits of a threefold cord. Threefold as Paul reminds us: *⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.* (1Corinthians 3)

You have already experienced how well it works, as you held Vacation Bible School together last summer, then combined confirmation classes this fall. The Youth Group has been meeting together for some time and will hold a skating event on the first Sunday in January. Going forward there will be other things to work together on.

In January, the pastor will lead morning worship services for both congregations. This has been the biggest hurdle and takes a great deal of cooperation to allow the pastor to be at both in a limited amount of time.

I ask for your prayers to hear God's wisdom and guidance, just as Jesus spoke to us through John 15: *⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

I ask for your understanding to see how God is working a new thing in you that is about His purpose for you. *⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I 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.* (Isaiah 43)

And I ask for your patience as we all consider the other in our decisions. *¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* (Colossians 3)

I am excited to be on this journey with you as we all work together for the mission and ministry given to us by Jesus. And as Paul writes: *³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.* (Philippians 1)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl



FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes December 8, 2024 (not yet approved)

Members present: Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) and *Lay Ministry*, Becky Parker (treasurer) and *Stewardship*, Sara Wollschlager – *Christian Education*, Glenn Henningson – Church Properties, Julie Schneider – *Stewardship*, Michelle Bauer – *Lay Ministry*, Cody Backstrand – *Lay Ministry*, Alan Hodenfield – *Youth & Family*, Jane Debner – *Evangelism*.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 10:37 am.

Approval of November Minutes as presented – Becky, Michelle **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – We have received the first two months of payments from Zion. It will be recorded differently in January to make it more readily visible. Julie, Glenn **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer Reported – Ellie met with Liz and Becky on the budget. The board is looking for a replacement for Kristi. The board has a few recommendations on updating a little bit of the language in the partnership agreement. Lay Ministry recommends each board taking a month of Coffee Fellowship, being responsible for getting volunteer servers for those Sundays. Lay Ministry recommends keeping the minutes more general with less names mentioned when just discussing things. Barbara knows and she agreed. WAM minutes and Endowment minutes were approved. The board has names in mind for the Endowment committee. The board is okay with moving the communion Sundays around and splitting Lenten services with Zion (1 Wednesday here, next there, etc.) if needed. The board wanted to make a note that the WAM group is an advisory role, working with the pastor, but our pastor will have final say in how the services go. WAM's work, especially during COVID, is very much appreciated, but Pastor has to be the final say so that Barbara can know what the bulletins should look like and she can go to Pastor Cheryl with any questions. Pastor Cheryl would like PowerPoint on the computer in the sanctuary and is willing to teach Marina on how to use it.

Council discussion on the partnership & pastoral agreements – The partnership agreement the council had printed up would not be the ultimate one because of the addition of Synod advisements. Some things from the Pastoral Agreement will go into the Partnership Agreement (without her name) as an example of the mechanics (such as the split, hours, and times of service). There was a suggestion that the mileage language could be updated and there is a need to figure out if mileage starts from the home or from the church and whether it should be spelled out in the agreement. The interim agreement can be cancelled with 30 days of notice. The Partnership agreement has to be for at least two years (according to Synod advisement). It will be reviewed annually. There was also discussion on the vacation time and the need for specifics of whether it should be calculated in terms of weeks or days for the Pastoral agreement. It was also brought up that the congregation should be informed that our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) wasn't active and that's why we haven't received any Pastoral applicants yet. The Synod is waiting for First English & Zion to come to an agreement (which will be voted on in January) before they list our MSP. We will have the agreement on our website so that the congregation can read it before voting on it at the annual meeting. When it gets put on the website, Jon will do a Temple Talk explaining what's going on.

Approval of Boards (minus Christian Ed) taking responsibility for a month of Coffee Fellowship – The Board members do not need to serve coffee, they just need to find volunteers. Christian Ed is responsible for finding Sunday School volunteers each Sunday so they are excluded. The snacks will be cookies for both the adults and Sunday School children. The board of Lay Ministry will start in January, Evangelism will take on February, Youth & Family Ministry will do March, Stewardship will do April, and Church Properties will do May. Where will the money come from to pay for it when we deficit spend? The Executive Committee decided on something but forgot. – Michelle, Glenn **MSP**.

Board of Evangelism – Jane Debner Reported – The giving box will be left in the office during the week and there's a note by the tree directing people to the office during the week. The board will try to put in an article about the Christmas & New Years' service in the newspaper instead of an ad to try to save money. Marge Dragseth will talk with Barbara to get the times of the services and will also get the annual report done. Marge will visit Liz concerning the amount of money spent on the publications. The giving tree will be taken down January 1st, 2025.

The board wondered if confirmation students could be a part of the services at Fairway View. It's pretty easy to find one person to do the FWV services (unless it's a couple). But there should be more than one person helping with the service. Can that be a service act for the confirmation students? Yes. In the case that someone signed up to be there and doesn't show, FELC might be letting down FWV members. Someone has to be able to handle that service at the last minute in case of no shows. The Board of Evangelism would be responsible for this. It already is an option for students to choose to help greet or help with FWV services. They would need to be required to sign up for FWV to force them to volunteer. It's not required this year. It could be required for confirmation students next year. In this case, it was discussed that it would be good for the confirmation students to go up to Fairway View and receive instructions. The board is looking for two replacements.

Transfer out of Denise & Kevin Fossen – Marge, Jane **MSP**.

Christian Education – Sara Wollschlager Reported – Sara will do the annual report. The board will use the same budget as last year. This year the board will be losing two members and has three new possibilities in mind. Sunday School will resume January 12th and will pick up in the lessons where they left off. The board wants to update and organize the supply closet. Board members will throw out old supplies and buy new ones. The Zupfers will be contacted about the Sunday School kids singing in church in 2025. The Christmas Program is next week. Someone will talk with Marilyn Chindvall to see if an extra practice may be needed, possibly on Wednesday after school. There will also be a bake sale that day that Kaitlyn is putting together. The congregation is invited to Sioux Historic for a free family skating on January 5th from 10:00 – 1:00 pm. All ages are welcome. Pizza will be served. This is only for our congregation this year, not knowing the costs of how many would show up and Zion will be having their service during this time. No one invited Zion.

Youth & Family – Alan Hodenfield Reported – Because there’s no large youth trip planned the board is going to go back to the 2022/2023 budget. Board members are working on their annual report and it will be submitted by the due date. Students from Zion continue to come to confirmation/youth group. There were 24 students at youth group last week. Katelyn is organizing the bake sale for Sunday. Thank you, Katelyn. If anyone is baking and would like to donate extra treats, that would be appreciated.

Stewardship – Julie Schneider Reported – The Stewardship annual report is completed and will be emailed to Barbara. The budget for 2025 will be \$625 which is close to the board’s actual spending for 2024. It was reduced because of financial issues. There will be a change in how the payroll reimbursement from Zion will be reported, down at the bottom instead of up in the receivables. The dedication of stewardship pledges will be on January 5th. The board is not losing any members. The Pastor / Agreement is fine with some changes as previously discussed. Stewardship’s Good News will talk about the Christmas Services (and times), Cantata, Children’s Christmas Program and the pastoral agreement for another 6 months.

Church Properties – Glenn Henningson Reported – The back hallway is completed except the carpet. FELC has had checks for that; we’ll cash them and hold on to the money until spring. The board doesn’t want to put new carpet down in case it starts leaking again. The budget hasn’t been completed yet.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Cheryl presented her report (via email/document) to the council detailing her activities, such as 2 funerals (Zion), and her past special services (Election Day, and Thanksgiving). She’s been attending WAM meetings. She is planning on a special Blue Christmas service (for those who mourn) at FELC on Dec. 21st and she plans to lead our FELC Christmas Eve service at 2:30 pm and also lead the Zion Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm. She held a Hanging of the Greens service at FELC on December 8th. She is working on streamlining services for the two congregations for January. Starting January 5th Pastor Cheryl will be starting to lead both FELC (9:00 am) & Zion (10:30 am) on the same day. January Confirmation classes will start up again on the 8th. Come January she will be planning to work at FELC Mondays (from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm), at Zion Tuesdays (10:00 am to 4:00 pm), at FELC Wednesdays (10:00 am to 3:30 pm & 5:30 to 7:00pm), at FELC Thursdays (10:00 am – 4:00 pm). Thursday is generally the day she does visitations. Sundays, she plans to be at church 8:00 am to about noon.

Jon adjourned the meeting and Pastor Cheryl led the council in the Lord’s Prayer.

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, January 12th after church services.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes December 22, 2024 (not yet approved)

Attendance: Jon Anderson, President, Ellie Helgeson, Vice President and Bd of Lay Ministry, Becky Parker, Treasurer and Bd of Stewardship, Dale Price and Glenn Henningson, Bd of Properties, Marge Dragseth, Bd of Evangelism, Julie Schneider and Mark Block, Bd of Stewardship, Alan Hodenfield, Kari Dorry and Archer Dorry, Bd of Youth and Family. The meeting was called to order at 9:52 a.m. following worship service by President Anderson.

Motion by Julie Schneider, seconded by Kari Dorry to pass the Pastoral Interim Services Agreement which covers January 1-June 30 with Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Becky Parker, seconded by Marge Dragseth to pass the First English Lutheran/Zion Partnership Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. This agreement will remain in effect for at least two years.

Attached are the two agreements that were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Parker

JANUARY 2025 YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to the Sunday School students on a wonderful performance of “Just a Little Christmas”. The students, Marilyn Chindvall, Amy Adelman, Pete and Carmen Zupfer, the Board of Education, and all the parent volunteers that assisted. Thank you.

The Youth Group has been busy: They helped decorate the narthex; went caroling up at Fairway View and played games with the residents; and had a Christmas party of their own. They will begin meeting again after the New Year’s break on January 8th.

Thanks also to everyone who purchased a God’s Creation Calendar. We are a few shy of being sold out!!!
☺ (as I write this on December 18th.)

Thank you to those who provided snacks and meals for the youth in the various groups.

COMING UP IN JANUARY:

8th , 15th , 22nd , and 29th – Confirmation and Youth Group will be held at their regular times.

5th : Sunday School will be held out at Sioux Historic Pavillion. There will be skating fun for the whole family. This will begin right after the church service and run through 1:00 PM. Pizza will be served.

12th, 19th, 26th – regular Sunday School resumes.

We will need teachers for 4th - 6th grade students for January 19th and 26th and looking into February we will need someone for the 2nd and 9th also. Please let us know if you can help out! There is also a sheet on the bulletin board down the hall from the office to sign up on.

December donations were made by: Russ and Ronda Thielke.



A big thanks to Marilyn Hanson, the youth and their leaders for decorating the Narthex for Christmas & for the Hanging of the Greens.

Parish Nurse Article for January



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This year we are studying the book, "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus." It is a 52-week bible study by Max Lucado and we want to help you know Jesus as a "close friend."

Our Shepherd Jesus knows each of us as a unique person. He knows you. He knows your name and He knows your heart. He has written your name on his hand (Isaiah 49:16).

Prayer

Dear Father, my heart is filled with anticipation for the month ahead. I want to feel the gentle touch of Jesus. I want to understand His concern for me. I want to know that He will catch me if I stumble. I want Him to soothe my aching heart. I am ready Father. Let me experience the care of Jesus, Amen.

Memory Verse

*"But if any person loves God, that person is 'known by God'"
(1 Corinthians 8:3)*

CHANGES IN WORSHIP SERVICES in JANUARY

As we go forward in the partnership between First English and Zion Lutheran, there will be several changes and adjustments made to our worship services.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

The time of service will change for Zion Lutheran from 9 am to 10:30 am on Sundays. First English worship services will remain at 9 am with the KDIO radio broadcast continuing live during their service. For First English, this means the pastor will need to leave before the end of the service to travel to Zion and be ready for worship at 10:30. A leader will complete the dismissal and end of service. There will be a few changes to their order of service at First beginning with:

- Sharing of the peace – this will move to the end of the service and prior to the dismissal and closing hymn allowing everyone to greet each other before they leave as the pastor will leave at this time and not be greeting them.
- Announcements – they will be moved to the end of the service after the sharing of the peace
- Welcome – will be brief and only announce the KDIO sponsors of the day

It is important to devote ourselves to worship each week with all that our tradition has provided but we must also be aware of others who are waiting to worship in our partnership congregation so the pastor can be on time for them as well. Timing is important and the services will adjust as needed.

COMMUNION:

As a compromise, the Lord's Supper will be held every other Sunday (including 5th Sunday which happens once a quarter) beginning with the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in January. The 5th Sunday month would then flip the communion from the 1st and 3rd to 2nd and 4th at times. This will be a trial period to re-evaluate to establish if anyone is being excluded. Those dates will be:

Communion Services in January: the 5th and 19th.

Communion Services in February: the 2nd and 16th.

Communion Services in March: the 2nd – 5th (Ash Wed) – 16th – 30th (a 5-week month)

Communion Services in April: the 13th – 20th (Easter) – 27th

Communion Services in May: the 11th – 25th

Communion Services in June: the 8th – 22nd (5-week month flips July back to 1st and 3rd)



SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER SERVICES:

Each congregation will hold services on Ash Wednesday as follows:

5:30 at Zion

6:30 at First English

During Lent and the three days, services will rotate between First English and Zion.

These services will all begin at 6 pm. The rotation goes as follows:

March 12th – 6 pm at First English

March 19th – 6 pm at Zion

March 26th – 6 pm at First English

April 2nd – 6 pm at Zion

April 9th - 6 pm at First English

April 17th - Maundy Thursday – 6 pm at Zion

April 18th – Good Friday - 6 pm at First English

Easter Sunday Services will be at the regular times with the addition of Sunrise service:

7 am at First English

9 am at First English

10:30 at Zion

All things can be evaluated. Remember, Jesus did not establish the church or give direction on how the service should be held. Many things are man-made traditions, and we have the option to worship our Lord in Spirit and truth in many and great ways.

Starting in January, Pastor Cheryl's office hours will change. On Mondays, she will be at First English from 10 am to 4 pm. On Tuesdays, she will be at Zion Lutheran Church from 10 am to 4 pm. On Wednesdays, she will be at First English from 10 am to 3:30 pm (and then teaching confirmation). On Thursdays, she will be at First English from 10 am to 4 pm. Thursdays are usually her day to visit members. As always, she will be available by appointment as needed. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual reports are due into the office ASAP. Financial reports are due 1/8.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation of FELC will be held Sunday, January 19th (with a backup date of January 26th) at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Join us for a free family fun day of skating and pizza from 10am-1pm Sunday January 5 at Sioux Historic. They have plenty of skates available if you don't have a pair at home, or bring your own if you prefer.

We are always looking for people to help with our Sunday School teaching 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.)

GLLM's summer programs have opened and spots can fill up fast. There is a \$65 early bird discount by Feb. 13th. If interested, we have flyers in the pickup room or office.

GLLM CREATIVE SOULS RETREAT: February 7-9, 2025 Escape the cold and snow and enjoy a cozy weekend of creating! Crafters of all skills and projects are invited to a weekend of dedicated time to create and work on projects. No need to think about meals or dishes, because we have those covered. When you need a break, there is space for taking a brisk walk, reading a book, or even enjoying a nap. Join us for a weekend filled with whatever your creative soul needs! Register before the deadline - Tue, Jan 28! Visit gllm.org for more information & to register today!

SEVERE WINTER WEATHER NOTES: The decision to cancel church based on winter weather conditions will be made by 7:00 am on Sunday morning. Jon Anderson will consult with head custodian (Dean) and organists. All of our organists have a longer drive and we do not want them in danger because of trying to get here. The announcement to cancel will be called into KDIO Radio and put on our Facebook page if possible. We will also call Fairway View. We ask that when in doubt you err on side of caution when making the decision to come in during inclement weather.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Larry & Jyla Dahle on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

May the God of all consolation be with the family of Carol Barrett who passed away on Thursday, December 19th. Her funeral was held here at First English on December 30th.



Thanks to all of our wonderfully talented musicians who performed for us on Christmas Eve and those who performed at the Abbey of the Hills!

KDIO BROADCASTS

. . . . (December 1st) was sponsored by Barbara (Jones) Brotherton in memory of her husband, James Brotherton.

. . . . (December 8th) was sponsored in honor of our Music Family at First English Lutheran Church by Jonathan & Carol Ydstie.

. . . . (December 15th) was sponsored in memory of Mark Block whose birthday was Dec. 12th from Terry and family.

. . . . (December 22nd) was sponsored by Larry & Jyla Dahle in honor of December 29, 1959, 65 years ago here in First English Larry & Jyla Dahle were married by Pastor Ward.

. . . . (December 24th) was sponsored by Roger & Barb Nornes in honor of their 71st wedding anniversary and was also sponsored by Marilyn Hanson in memory of loved ones.

. . . . (December 29th) was sponsored by Marla & Dick Strei in honor of their family and in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Jyla Dahle, Jane Debner, Ruth Hansen, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter; Dick Verheul; 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, 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.



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.

January 2025

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Technology Fund \$ _____

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



DAY OF LOVE: On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Day of Love took a break from their "Humanitarian Mission". After signing many cards for the month of December's weekly mailings, they thoroughly enjoyed a delicious ham dinner prepared and served by the Crazy Aprons Catering Service. It was a time of great fellowship, great friends and great food. The gals will resume their "Humanitarian Mission" on January 7th at 8:30 a.m. You can be sure the church basement will be a "buzz" once again.



CIRCLE FOUR



Meets in the Church Lounge
on Wed. January 8th at 9:00 am.
Hostess: Nancy Nolop Lesson: Carol Bell



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.'

Gifts & Memorials

(September 26th – December 26th)

Altar Guild

Melvin & Jackie Domine; Jim & Julie Hipple *in memory of Janet Anderson*; and Anthony & Jocelyn Schowalter.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

DAY OF LOVE

In memory of Janet Anderson: Kevin & Becky Backstrand; Adeline Burgess; Sharon Carlson; and Russ & Ronda Thielke.

ELCA MISSIONARIES

Marilyn Chindvall; Liz Ketz; Sharon Smith; and Jack & Mary Weber.

ELCA SW MN SYNOD

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Sharon Smith.

FAMILIES IN NEED

Dave & Debbie Ellingson *in memory of Debbie Athey*; and Sharron Johnson.

FOOD SHELF

Eldon & Carol Knutson.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Marilyn Chindvall; Melvin & Jackie Domine; Sharron Johnson; Liz Ketz; Sharon Smith; and Jack & Mary Weber

JAYCEE'S PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Marilyn Chindvall; Melvin & Jackie Domine; Liz Ketz; and Jack & Mary Weber.

KATIE'S KICKS

Sharron Johnson; and Eldon & Carol Knutson

KDIO

Jon & Kim Anderson *in honor of 49 yrs of their marriage*; Kevin & Becky Backstrand and family *in honor of Adeline Burgess*; Terry Block *in memory of Mark Block*; Barbara Brotherton *in memory of James Brotherton*; Day of Love *in honor of Day of Love's anniversary*; Dave & Debbie Ellingson & family *in memory of Darrell Rufer and in memory of Billy Thymian*; James & Neva Foster *in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary*; Marilyn Hanson *in memory of loved ones*; Curt & Penny Hormann *in honor of Deputy Eric Burman & canine Argo and all law enforcement, in memory of Arlene Dockter, Inez Fraasch, & Roy Hormann, in honor of grandchildren*;

Avery, Oakley & Ryley Sigler and DJ Bartels, *in honor of Curtis Hormann and Douglas Fraasch and in memory of Roy Hormann*; Liz Ketz *in honor of our veterans especially Don Tiegs, Pat Ketz, and Drew Johnson*; Darlene Mikkelsen; Roger & Barb Nornes *in honor of their 71st wedding anniversary*; Glenda Reiffenberger *in memory of loved ones*; Cheryl Rondeau-Basset *in memory of daughter, Sally Rondeau*; Dick & Marla Strei and family *in honor of family and in honor of Eldon & Carol Knutson's 61st anniversary*. Jon & Carol Ydstie *in honor of our music family at FELC*.

OPERATING

Gayle Anderson; Kirby & Mari Athey; Ron & Ginger Athey; Judith Beckman; Sharon Carlson; Larry & Jyla Dahle; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Marilyn Hanson; Glenn & Deb Henningson; Evelyn Johnson; Nancy Nolop; Glenda Reiffenberger; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Bruce & Evie Swigerd; Russ & Ronda Thielke; Jack & Mary Weber; and Clara Zeek

PARISH NURSES

Joanne Schmeichel.

SENIOR CHOIR

Ron & Ginger Athey *in memory of Swede & Janet Anderson*; Mark & Sandra Bergeson *in honor of Lois Bergeson*; Marilyn Hanson; & Glenda Reiffenberger *in memory of Janet Anderson*.

SQUARES (BAPTISM CHESTS)

Ron & Ginger Athey *in memory of Deb Athey*; and Glenda Reiffenberger.

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER FUND

Glenda Reiffenberger.

THANKSGIVING (FOOD SHELF)

Lois Bergeson; Mel & Jackie Domine; Dave & Deb Ellingson; Keith & Lynne Giese; Ruth Hansen; James & Kate Heinecke; Carrie Hjelle; Liz Ketz; Evelyn Olson; Burton Pansch; Dennis & Jane Pansch; Paula Reisdorph; Sharon Smith; Dean & Karen Strand; Dick & Marla Strei; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Jon & Carol Ydstie.

YOUTH FUND

Russ & Ronda Thielke *in memory of Jean (Anthony Hilleren's Mom)*.

Christmas Poinsettias/Floral Arrangements have been given...

- ... in memory of loved ones from Dean & Anita Longnecker.
- ... in memory of loved ones from Marilyn Hanson.
- ... in memory of loved ones from Glenda Reiffenberger & family.
- ... in memory of Jerry Wollschlager from Josh & Sara Wollschlager.
- ... in memory of Herman & Alice Ellingson and Adeline Brown from David & Debbie Ellingson and families.
- ... in memory of Bonnie Hill and Leo and Darlene Barnhardt from Rick & Dawn Barnhardt.
- ... in memory of Bill & Donna Hoel from their children.
- ... in loving memory of Richard Janke from Patricia Janke.
- ... in loving memory of Henry Domine from Jackie & Mel Domine.
- ... in loving memory of Patrick Ketz, and Donald & Corinne Tiegs from Liz Ketz and family.
- ... in loving memory of Mick Boone, Wes & JoAnn Strei from Dick & Marla Strei and family.
- ... in loving memory of Bob & Donna Thompson from Chuck, Carol & families, Greg, Pat, & Families, and Mark, Sheila, and Family.
- ... in loving memory of Jerry and Katie Dragseth from Marge and the Karels family.

Thank You



ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – JANUARY

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Banners:

Flower Committee:

Ginger Athey & Chelsy Stattelman

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Carol & Connie Newman



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Jan. 5: Amy Adelman

Jan. 12: Carol Ydstie

Jan. 19: Lisa Berdan

Jan. 26: Kathy Haukos

Feb. 2: Carol Ydstie

Feb. 9: Kathy Haukos

Feb. 16: Lisa Berdan

Feb. 23: Amy Adelman

LECTOR

Jan. 5: Jim Schmeichel

Jan. 12: Kathy Randall

Jan. 19: Sara Mattison

Jan. 26: Chris Petersen

Feb. 2: Brent Zahrbock

Feb. 9: Darin Ehrenberg

Feb. 16: Barb Wiese

Feb. 23: Jon Ydstie



ACOLYTES

Jan. 5: Brandon & Lexi

Jan. 12: Katelyn & James

Jan. 19: Dawson & Jace

Jan. 26: Martino & Nash

Feb. 2: Hannah & Brooke

Feb. 9: Bryson & Bennett

Feb. 16: Madilyn & Ashton

Feb. 23: Ava & Chase

LAY ASSISTANTS

Jan. 5: Becky Parker & Marla Strei

Jan. 12: Kirsten & Bryson Karels

Feb. 2: Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel

Feb. 9: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

FWV Neighborhoods

Jan. 5: TBD

Jan. 12: TBD

Feb. 2: TBD

Feb. 9: TBD

GREETERS

Jan. 5: Barb Wiese & Liv

Jan. 12: Sara Wollschlager & Kimberly

Jan. 19: Jim Foster & Bennett

Jan. 26: Sara Mattison & Liam

Feb. 2: Eldon Knutson & Dawson

Feb. 9: Cody Backstrand & Jordan

Feb. 16: Mentor/Mentee? TBD

Feb. 23: Mentor/Mentee? TBD

COFFEE SERVERS

Jan. 5: Judy Beckman & Burt Pansch

Jan. 12: Cody Backstrand

Jan. 19: Amanda Stattelman & Michelle Bauer

Jan. 26: Harley & Ellie Helgeson

SOUND SYSTEM

Jan. 5: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Jan. 12: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Jan. 19: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

Jan. 26: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Feb. 2: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Feb. 9: TBD & Marina Thomson

Feb. 16: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

Feb. 23: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

USHERS

Jan. 5: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Scott & Julie Schneider

Jan. 12: Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Jon & Kim Anderson

Jan. 19: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei

Jan. 26: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine









Feb. 2: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson

Feb. 9: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

Feb. 16: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Brent Zahrbock, & Connie Newman

Feb. 23: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 2025 † † † First English Lutheran Church				Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."		
			1 Name of Jesus OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	4
5 9:00 am Worship - Communion – Pledge Dedication - KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10-1:00 pm Roller Skating at Sioux Historic 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded	6 Epiphany of Our Lord 11 am Staff Meeting 	7 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	8 Financial Reports Due 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge) 9:30 am TV Broadcast 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	9	10 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	11
12  9:00 am Worship - KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 (or TBD) Council Meeting 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded	13 11 am Staff Meeting	14 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	15 9:30 am TV Broadcast 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	16	17 9:00 am Bulletins Printed NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 Confession of Peter 
19 9:00 am Worship - Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation (in sanctuary)	20 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed 	21 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 	22 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	23	24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	25 Conversion of Paul 
26 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 am WAM Meeting 	27 11 am Staff Meeting	28 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	29 9:30 am TV Broadcast 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	30	31 