



“Lead as Followers”

Being a leader means using whatever position, strength, or resource you have to invest in the best interest of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

When Jesus said “Come Follow Me” he wasn’t just asking his disciples to follow him without question or training. He educated them in God’s ways and then sent them out to be leaders and to spread God’s word to all. Jesus is now asking us to be his educators and leaders. We are today’s disciples.

God calls His leaders to lead from an attitude of servanthood, humility, compassion, kindness and generosity. This is different from the worldly way that lords their authority over people or tries to use their position to get others to do what’s best for them. Godly leaders use their position to serve, help and build up others. Every Christian can do this, even if you’re not in an “official” position of leadership.

You can use your knowledge of the Bible to disciple a new Christian. You can use your time to babysit or clean for a family in your neighborhood that needs extra help. You can use your finances to give generously to your church or to someone with a practical need, or even just to bless them with a gift. You can use your experience as a church volunteer, or employee, or student to mentor a new volunteer, co-worker, or classmate in their craft.

Don’t sell yourself short. God can, and wants, to use you to have godly influence in the lives of people around you. Ask Him what that looks like for you. Jesus is asking us to continue what he began by using all resources available to us. Please ask yourself how can I answer Jesus’s call to action “Come Follow Me”?

Enclosed is your pledge card. Please record your prayerful intentions, seal in the pledge envelope, and bring to the church prior to the end of the year. The opportunity sheets should be filled out by EACH member of the church. Please return these forms to the church office, place them in the basket in the narthex or email them to Barbara at secretary@firstenglish.net. If you need more copies for your family, pick them up in the narthex, see Barbara at the church office or go to the church website and print copies.

Please review how you give financially to the church. Consider utilizing automatic giving so our offerings are more consistent. There are options for you to choose from on the church website or ask the treasurer or financial secretary for help.

Prayerfully,

The First English Lutheran Church Stewardship Board

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