First English Lutheran Church

20th Sunday of Pentecost | October 15, 2023

**WELCOME**! We are glad you are here! Please connect with us using a visitor card found in the pew & deposit it in our offering plate.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 15th**

9:30 a.m. Harvest Festival Worship Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Harvest Festival Brunch

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (in classrooms following brunch)

**Tuesday, October 17th**

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 18th**

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**Thursday, October 19th**

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

**Sunday, October 22nd**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE – October 8, 2023**

**Weekly Offering: $4,131 | Attendance: 87**

**Monthly: $13,293 of $18,534 goal; YTD: $155,391.66**

**Thank you for your generous support of First English Lutheran Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

* **Flowers** are given today by Michael & Carolyn Carlson in memory of Samantha Goudy.
* The **Ministry of the Month** for October is McCrossan’s Boys Ranch. McCrossan’s Boys Ranch is a private non-profit organization that reaches out to troubled boys between the ages of 6th grade to age 20 who have experienced conflict in their lives. By working on values, goals, education and life skills, they prepare boys to live a balanced life outside the Ranch.
* **Prayer Requests:** Kevin Schoffelman, Angela Schuyler, Dennis Weeldreyer (Laura Stoffer’s father), Jim Jibben, Albert Iken, Marin Bultena, Geri Monson, Bob Boe**,** Nick Buehner, Trinity Drake, and Robert Jungen

* Families assigned for serving the **Month of November** are Chris Berg, Tim Ferguson, Jay Held, Jane Iken, Randy Krohn, Corey Munce, Mike Oltmanns, Dave Roesler, Wendy Sherard, Rob Sweeter, Art Ringen, Josh Fischer, Zach Nothdurft, Carol Burma. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway across from Pastor’s office for whatever weeks will work for you to provide/serve treats & coffee, usher, and lay lector.

* There are a few **large print bulletins** available on the table by the newsletters for anyone who may need one.
* **We will begin to make our transition to the Lutheran Book of Worship starting at the October 22nd worship service.** For some of us at First English, this will be a completely new hymnal. For others of us, this will be like returning to an old friend. The LBW will give us access to more Lutheran hymns [569 vs. ReClaim's 275] and a familiar worship setting. The central activity of worship will remain the same. We will gather together to hear our Lord Jesus speak to us; to confess our sins before God; to receive the gifts of God's forgiveness, mercy, and life in His Word and Sacrament; and be sent out into our vocations with the comfort and strength of the Gospel.
* **Condolences** to the family of Jeanette Goslee, Tim Reiners’ mother, who passed away. Please keep Tim and the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.
* **Condolences** to the family of Carol Braa, who passed away on Monday, October 9th at Ava’s House in Sioux Falls. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 16th at Peace Lutheran Church, 5509 W 41st St Sioux Falls. Interment will be at a later date at Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne MN. Visitation with the family present will be 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th at Miller Funeral Home’s Westside Chapel, 6200 W 41st St Sioux Falls. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.
* **“Once Upon an Apron”:** Oh, the stories that aprons could tell… All women are invited to a guest afternoon of fellowship, refreshments, a spiritual message, a large display of aprons, and a program on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Second Reformed Church in the fellowship hall. Feel free to wear an apron if you’d like!
* Laurie Wernke RN, Faith Community Nurse, will again be teaching **Tai Chi** at First English Lutheran Church. Class will begin Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall at 120 E 2nd Ave Lennox. The class will be offered weekly every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. You may ask “What is Tai Chi?” Tai Chi is best described as a meditative exercise. It is easy enough for most all abilities and ages. Tai Chi has been proven to help with relaxation, stress, feelings of well being, improves balance and the physical benefits of exercise. The class is 30 minutes long.
* **Harvest Festival 2023** at First English Lutheran will be October 15th. The offering will go toward updating and improving the sound system in the sanctuary. As in the past, you are asked to bring non-perishable food, paper products, and hygiene items to be taken to The Exchange, Lennox’s food pantry located at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Confirmation students will meet you at the door to take your donations to the front. Following worship, a pancake, sausage, and fruit brunch will be served in Luther Hall. As you come to the brunch, you can sign up for a door prize. Harvest Festival offering envelopes are on the usher’s table.
* We will be skipping opening music today for **Sunday School** so the kids have time to go down for the Harvest Festival Brunch with their families. Please meet in your classrooms following brunch (approximately 10:45 a.m.).
* **Are you interested in becoming a member of First English Lutheran Church?** Pr. Adam Guthmiller will be offering our semi-annual [as needed] Membership Classes to those wanting to become members and participate fully in the life, mission, and ministry of this congregation. Those who are interested are invited to attend. Those interested in membership at First English Lutheran Church are invited to attend the three Membership Classes on **November 2nd, 9th, 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2**. Over the course of the three weeks, we will have an opportunity to learn more about you – and you about us. We will talk about the history of First English Lutheran Church, our affiliation with the North American Lutheran Church, the basics of the Christian faith found in Luther’s Small Catechism, Lutheran Worship, and the Lutheran Confessions [Book of Concord]. Please contact Pr. Adam Guthmiller if you are interested in membership at First English Lutheran Church. If attendance at the three classes does not work – please contact Pr. Adam Guthmiller and we can find the time to meet.