First English Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday | Confirmation Sunday

October 29, 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 29th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion/

 Rite of Confirmation

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Wednesday, November 1st**

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - 2nd Reformed

7:40 p.m. High School Youth Group - 2nd Reformed

**Thursday, November 2nd**

6:30 p.m. New Member Class - Room 2

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

**Sunday, November 5th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion/

 All Saints Sunday

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE – October 22, 2023**

**Weekly Offering: $2,506 | Attendance: 94**

**Monthly: $19,436 of $18,534 goal; YTD: $161,534.66**

**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 Roger & Gayle Hanisch in honor of the confirmands.
* 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:** Abbie Thoreson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s great niece), Kim Hanson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s sister-in-law), 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.
* 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.
* **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.
* **Butter braids are back!** The youth group is selling butter braids, and our sale is open until Wednesday, November 8th. Delivery will occur on Monday, November 20th. Please see any youth group student to place an order, or there is an order form by the sanctuary door. If you’d like to leave cash or a check to pay for your butter braids, please put the money in an envelope and mark it “butter braids” and slide it under the office door. Funds raised help us cover transporta-

tion and trip costs for youth events. Please contact Marc Weeldreyer or Nicole Winterboer with any questions. As always, we appreciate your continued support!

* **Harvest Festival** giving was $1,704.00. 42 quilts were distributed - 11 to the Union Gospel Mission; 11 to Helping Hand, where Bev Kerr is a resident; 12 to the Lennox Ambulance; and 8 to the Lennox Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way!