

FIRST ENGLISH  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve*

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
***Epiphany of Our Lord***  
***Worship at 9:30am***

# THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

**POST-IT PRAYERS:** Please post your prayer requests on the board in the Narthex and we will include them in our prayers in worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS,** crayons and coloring pages are available.

**REMINDER** - The nursery is available during worship with attendants on duty.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** Join us at 10:30am in Luther Hall (the gym).

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6    Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**January 11**

Isaiah 42:1-9    Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

## NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY

January 4



Books for the upcoming Faith Formation series are available for \$15 each. Please make payable to FELC and give to Mrs. Brown.

**FAITH FORMATION** (Sunday School)  
resumes January 11

- **PreK & Kindergarten / 1st - 4th / 5th - 8th** meet on the lower level for fellowship and snacks at 10:30am. We begin at 10:45am.
- **Parenting Small Group** meets once a month on the lower level in the Den at 10:45am.
- **Adults** meet on the upper level in the Council Room at 10:45am.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

### Today, January 4

9:30 am **WORSHIP**

De-decking the halls  
following Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Time

### Monday, January 5

9:30 am Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, January 6

10:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Dartball

### Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:15 pm Handbells Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 8

8:30 am Snack Packs

5:45 pm Executive Comm Mtg

### Friday, January 9

10:00 am Yarncraft &  
Needlework

### Saturday, January 10

1:00 pm Youth Christmas  
Celebration

### Next Sunday, January 11

9:30 am **WORSHIP**

10:30 am Fellowship Time

10:45 am Faith Formation

2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op

**Hospitalizations:** If you, a loved one, or church member is hospitalized, please notify the church office.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests may be submitted by filling out a prayer request card and placing it in the offering plate or e-mail [prayer@felcpeoria.org](mailto:prayer@felcpeoria.org).

**Altar Flowers:** Were donated by Deb Tucker.

If you would like to donate altar flowers, you can sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

#### Attendance:

Christmas Eve, December 24  
(both Worship services) - 210  
Sunday, December 29 - 63

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Please consider sponsoring Altar Flowers! This is a great way to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.



### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 25, 2025 - 10:45 am  
in Luther Hall



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



*Secret Prayer Sisters  
2026 Signup happening now!*

*Visit the table in Luther Hall  
for more info or  
learn more here:*



Questions regarding Secret Prayer  
Sisters? Please contact Kathy Olesuk:  
540-505-8062 / kfolesuk@yahoo.com

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## Potluck & Game Night

Friday, January 23 at 5:30 pm

**Join us for an evening of  
fun, food, & games.**

**Mark your calendar. All are welcome!**

Meat entree will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

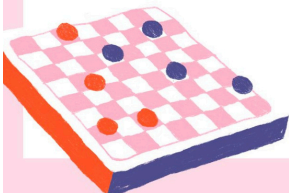
You may bring a favorite game to share.



**Sign Up by January 14!**



**Door Prizes!**





## **LUNCH 'N LEARN SESSIONS AT FIRST ENGLISH**

In our recent survey many of you have expressed an interest in three specific topics, so we have arranged for speakers to present on each of them during the winter doldrums of January and February. They are:

**1. Wednesday, January 21, 11am – 1pm at FELC: Planning for senior living –**

This presentation will be focused upon considerations in moving to senior living centers, independent or assisted living, or long-term care facilities. What is involved, what are the costs, and how does one know when it may be time to be considering a move to such arrangements? A presenter from Lutheran Hillside Village will be speaking generally about things one should consider and how to best time such a move;

**2. Wednesday, January 28, 11am-1pm at FELC: Legal considerations for seniors –**

Far too many times those of us in ministry meet families to make funeral arrangements and learn that the family members are in distress because the deceased did not have their legal affairs in order. What are the most common issues or challenges practicing attorneys see with elderly clients? A presenter will address the importance of estate planning, wills, health care and property powers of attorney, and related issues that all of us should be mindful of as we get older. While a consultation with your own attorney is best, this presentation is intended to give us all a high-level overview of things we should consider as we get older;

**3. Wednesday, February 4, 11am-1pm at FELC: How many times have all of us been the victim of an attempted scam by phone, email or text? Or had our social media compromised?** This presentation will provide an overview of the latest methods criminal actors use to target the elderly, and steps we all can take to help protect our assets and personal information from being stolen and used by fraudsters;

The format for these will be a 30-40 minute presentation with questions and answers followed by a light lunch in Luther Hall.

Please register by calling the church office: 309-685-0337 or online [HERE](#):





Northern Conference Youth Board

# Be Like Jesus

## Day of Service

Saturday, February 21  
10AM-2PM

First English Lutheran Church, Peoria  
for K-8th Grade Youth

**Needed: Senior and Post High Small Group Leaders  
and adult volunteers for service projects and lunch**

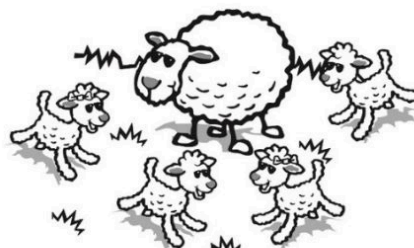
### **Registration Now Open**

Fee per participant, includes:  
t-shirt, light lunch, and service project supplies

Give registration forms and checks (made out to FELC)  
to Mrs. Brown

**Sign up by Wednesday, January 14**

**Questions:** Mrs. Brown at [raylee.brown@felcpeoria.org](mailto:raylee.brown@felcpeoria.org)



"Be Like Jesus"

# #that youth group

**Confirmation Co-Op**  
**Next Date:**

Living  
into your  
Baptismal  
Promises

January 11, 2pm-4pm

January 17 - Excursion to MWFB - ***all volunteers must complete the registration and waiver***

Scan the QR code to fill out the forms today.



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**



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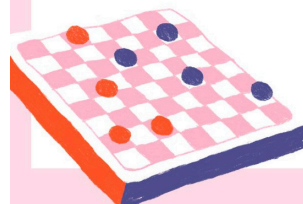
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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Richard Wehrs

Lois Neptun - Organist

<b>Sunday, January 4, 2026</b>	
Acolyte	Brianna Henson
Assisting Minister	Amy Glass
Lector	Kathy Neptun
Communion Assistant	David & Tiffany Knollenberg
Ushers	Jon Dewey / Fred Olesuk

<b>Sunday, January 11, 2026</b>	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Sandra Beveridge
Lector	
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Ron Anderson / Fred Olesuk

## WORSHIP MINISTRY SIGN UP

Sign up by using [THIS LINK](#)  
or QR code. Thank you for  
volunteering during our  
Worship Services!



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