



FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve

Sunday, October 25, 2026

***Reformation Sunday
Worship at 9:30 am***

THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

PRAYER PARTNER SIGN UP for
nine young people who are still
in need of additional prayer
partners. See Luther Hall bulletin
board for more info and sign up.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

1 John 8:31-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

November 1 - All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12



FAITH FORMATION (Sunday School)

- **PreK & K / 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 on the lower level in the Den at 10:45am.
- **Adults** meet on the upper level in the Council Room at 10:45am.
Exodus starts today
Books for the Exodus study are \$10

**No Faith Formation Sunday,
October 25th.**

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, October 25

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
RITE OF CONFIRMATION
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
Confirmation Reception

Monday, October 26

- 10:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:45pm Youth Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 27

- 10:00 am Quilting
- 11:30am Retirees Lunch - Lariat
- 4:00 pm Grief Share
- 5:30 pm Snack Packs
- 7:00 pm Dartball

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30

- 10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

Saturday, October 31

Next Sunday, November 1 - All Saints

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Faith Formation



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.

Altar Flowers were donated by Phil and Kathy Neptun in memory of loved ones.

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

Attendance:

Sunday, October 18 - 84



Make sure to turn your clocks back one hour the night of October 31!



NOISY OFFERING OCTOBER 18TH

The Noisy Offering last Sunday, October 18th totaled \$228, with \$114 going to East Bluff Community Center Food Pantry and \$114 to our FELC Snack Pack Program. Thank You for your generosity!



The dartball season began several weeks ago. To date, the FELC team has won one game and lost seven. In spite of the slow start, we have had a good bit of fun playing some of the other eight teams in the church league. FELC members who are playing this year include Ron Anderson, Jon Dewey, Jack Hartwig, Frank Hinojos, David Knollenberg, Fred Olesuk, Debby Tucker and Jim Yocum. Please ask any of these folks about the game of dartball if you might be interested in playing.



30 DAYS OF GRATITUDE Stewardship Appeal



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Psalm 118:24

This past year, our congregation and our members have been blessed each and every day. This year's Stewardship Appeal is an opportunity for us to give thanks! *30 Days of Gratitude* is an opportunity for us to reflect on the many ways God blesses us and equips us for our work together. Whether in our personal lives or our shared life as a congregation, we all know the kindness of God's love and grace, and we all have unique stories to tell about how that grace has touched us.

On October 18, every family was given a *30 Days of Gratitude* packet (if you were not in attendance that Sunday, packets have been mailed to you). It includes a 30-day devotional written by our very own members, a daily gratitude activity calendar, a pledge card, and another family that you will pray for during our 30 Days of Gratitude celebration.

RETIREES LUNCHEON at Lariat Steakhouse



Tuesday, October 27 @ 11:30am

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to join you for lunch. Come join us for food, fun, and good fellowship!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME!

Your help is appreciated by all.

We still need help in

November

Sign up on the clip board in Luther Hall. 😊



IT'S THE MOST WINE-DERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Enjoy a wine tasting for adults (21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 pm, sponsored by Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria.

Tickets are \$35 per person and **MUST** be purchased in advance. Deadline for reservations is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**. To get tickets, mail a check and your email address to:

Pepper Bauer
5220 S. Cameron Lane
Mapleton, IL 61747

Questions? Please call Pepper Bauer at 309-657-5726.



GRIEF SHARE[®]

TUESDAYS

4:00-6:00pm

August 18 - November 10

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Register online at griefshare.org

**BOOK CLUB MEETING Tuesday,
November 17 @ 5:30pm** at Ronna James' house.

All are welcome to join in the discussion of "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

[Amazon Link HERE](#)



#that youth group



Will be held next year from **June 7-11, 2027** at Augustana College.
Registration info coming in January.

#IMPORTANT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, November 4

5:30 pm Youth Group Dinner
followed by homework
or fun time and Bible
Study

8:00 pm Carlinville Participant
Meeting



Sunday, November 8

2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op

Sunday, November 15

Noon-1:30 pm Youth Coffee House

November 20-22 Carlinville Youth
Retreat

Living
into your
Baptismal
Promises

**Confirmation Co-Op
Meeting:** Sunday,
November 8th for all
7th - 8th Grade
confirmation youth
from 2 - 4 pm at FELC

**PLEASE
COMPLETE
CONFIRMATION
INFO:**





November 1

Sandra Beveridge
Marcia Lough
Colter Wettstein
Jim Yocum

November 2

Katlyn Reimer
John Ruff

November 4

Diane Santorineos

November 10

Bill Reber

November 11

Tammy Giosta

November 12

Lois Neptun

November 13

Fred Olesuk

November 14

Shirley Hubbard

November 17

Jorja Stephens

November 20

Brex O'Brien
Brinkley O'Brien

November 22

Micheal Allison
Liz Campbell
Dan Woody

November 23

Peter Dodson

November 26

Bev Gross

November 27

Debbie Roan

November 29

LeeAnn Meinhold

November 8

Brian and Megan Wright - 23

November 24

Bill and Sandra Beveridge - 36
Rev. Richard & Liz Wehrs - 42

*For additions or corrections
please contact the church office.*



**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**

GriefShare®

**Surviving
the *Holidays***

provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

First English Lutheran Church, Peoria

Register online or by calling 309-685-0337

griefshare.org/holidays



Save the Date

**SECRET PRAYER SISTERS
BREAKFAST**

**DECEMBER 12 AT 9:30 AM
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Stay tuned for details



Peoria ELCA Collaboration



Night at the Rivermen

Rivermen
Hockey

7pm

A link for block seating, including handicap seating and minimal stairs, will be coming out soon!

Save the date for an amazing evening!

Jan 24th

2027

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Ed Hudelson
Deacon Kevin Eack
Lois Neptun - Organist

Sunday, October 25, 2026	Reformation Sunday
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Marsha Kutter
Lector	Kathy Neptun
Communion Assistant	Caleb Wegner
Ushers	Ron Anderson & Fred Olesuk
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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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