FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Commitment Sunday
Worship at 9:30 am

THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!



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.
  Books for the Exodus study are $10



TODAY'S READINGS
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
November 22 - Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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, November 15 - Commitment Sunday
9:30 am **WORSHIP**
10:30 am Food & Fellowship
10:45 am Faith Formation
11:45 am Congregational Meeting
After Congregational Meeting
Youth Coffee House

Monday, November 16
6:00 pm Outreach Committee
7:15 pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, November 17
10:00 am Quilting
4:00 pm Holiday Grief Share
5:30 pm Book Club at James' Home
7:00 pm Dartball

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
8:30 am Snack Packs
7:00 pm Worship Committee

Friday, November 20
10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

Friday, November 20 - Sunday, November 22
Carlinville Youth Retreat

Saturday, November 21

Next Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King
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.

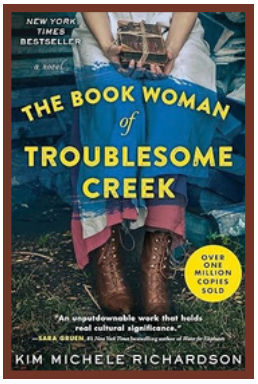
Attendance:
Sunday, November 8 - 79



RETIREES LUNCHEON
at Chili's
Tuesday, November 24 @ 11:30am
This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to join you for lunch. Come join us for food, fun, and good fellowship!



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



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

And, November 15 we will rejoice and be glad in the collection of our *30 Days of Gratitude* Stewardship Campaign pledge cards! Please bring your pledge cards to service and we will collect them during the offering.

GRIEFSHARE®

TUESDAY **4:00-6:00pm**

November 17

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









NOISY OFFERING THIS WEEK - Sunday, November 15th Our noisy offering will be collected for the St. Vincent de Paul ministries for the 61603 zip code.



FELC FOUNDATION

The next Foundation meeting will be Monday, November 23 at 6:00pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We bring good news as we have found a candidate well suited for our needs. The Church Council has formally called a Special Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:45 am in Luther Hall**.

The Call Committee has worked prayerfully and diligently to guide us through this selection process. They have nominated a pastoral candidate they have extensively interviewed, heard preach via recorded services, and unanimously recommend. The Church Council has met with the candidate and approved the nomination for congregational approval. Please join us this Sunday.

8:45 - 9:20 - Meet & Greet in Narthex
Service
10:45 - 11:00 - Faith Formation - Children
11:00 - 11:20 - Faith Formation - Adult
11:20 - 11:40 - Coffee Hour
Candidate exits
11:45 Special Meeting Convenes

Attendants will be on duty in the Littles Nook in Luther Hall.

First English Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
October 31, 2026

General Fund Activity

October 31, 2026

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	$ 40,847	$ 49,557	$ 8,710
Expenses	$ 43,623	$ 37,569	6,055
Difference	$ (2,776)	$ 11,988	$ 14,765

2026 Year to Date

Income	$ 410,970	$ 417,325	$ 6,356
Expenses	$ 445,232	$ 405,337	39,896
Difference	$ (34,263)	$ 11,989	$ 46,251

#that youth group

#IMPORTANT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, November 15
After Congregational Meeting
Youth Coffee House - snacks provided

November 20-22 Carlinville Youth Retreat

Wednesday, December 2
5:30 pm Youth Group - Dinner, homework/fun time, Bible Study & baking Christmas cookies

Sunday, December 6
Noon-3:30 pm **Youth Shopping Spree for Giving Tree**

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION & BREAD BAKING
for 3rd and 4th Grade young people on November 28th from 9am-Noon.





YOUTH GROUP COFFEE HOUSE
After Congregational Meeting
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

At the Starbucks on Prospect
All youth and parents welcome!



CROSSWAYS CONFIRMATION CAMP

Will be held next year from **June 7-11, 2027** at Augustana College.
Registration opens February 1.



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

LSSI GIVING TREE

SIGN UP DATES

Sunday, Nov. 22
Wednesday, Nov. 25th
Sunday, Nov. 29th
Sunday, Dec. 6th



LSSI Recommends that each child receives both

AN ITEM OF CLOTHING
&
A "FUN" ITEM

Spending limit of $40 per child for the combined items

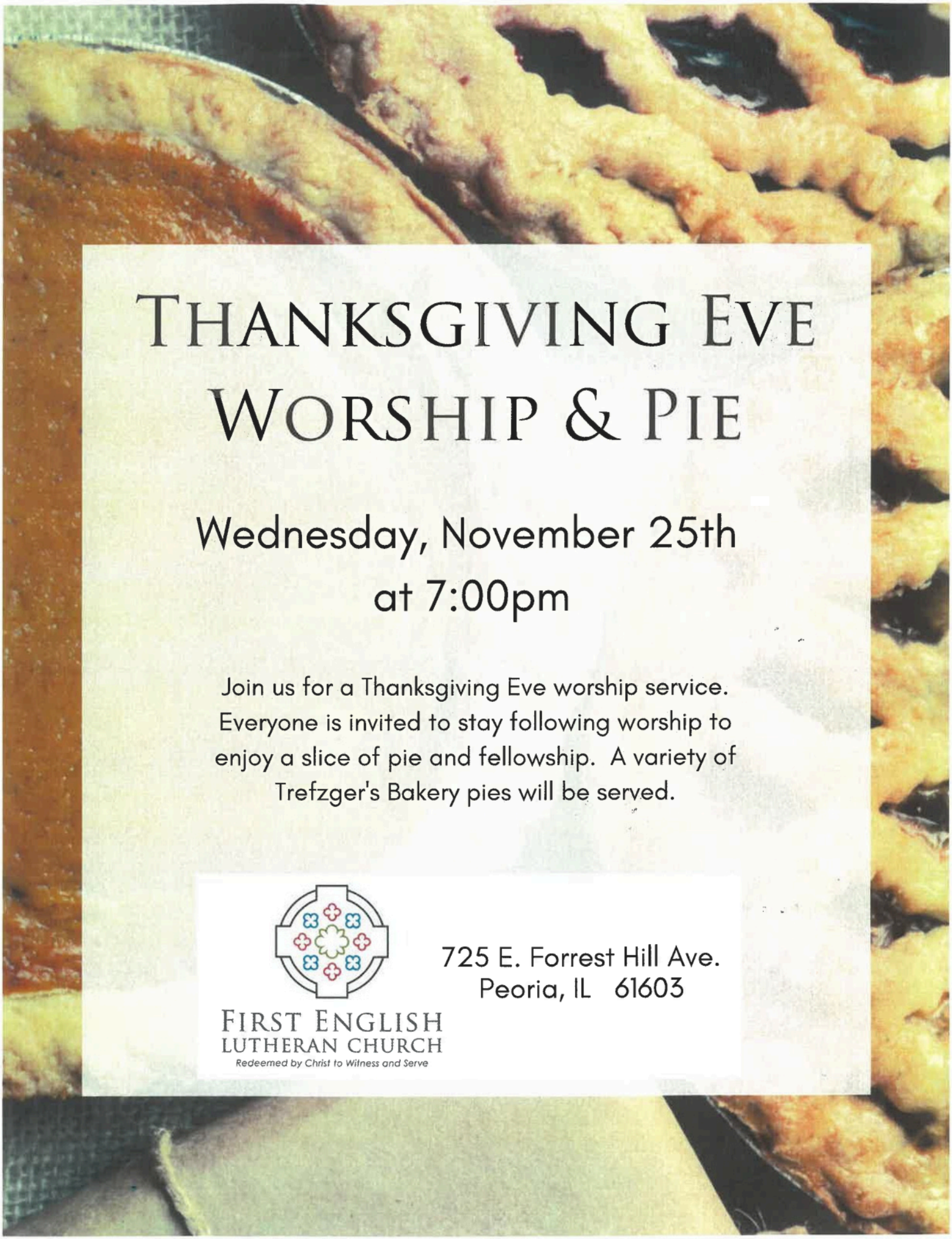
If you'd like to make a donation but can't make it to church, please mail it to...

LSSI Giving Tree
C/O FELC
725 E Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Please make checks out to FELC

Please contact Shelley Atkinson of the Outreach Committee with any questions (309) 397-2203

Gifts due back at church by Sunday, Dec. 13th



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie

Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm

Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Everyone is invited to stay following worship to enjoy a slice of pie and fellowship. A variety of Trefzger's Bakery pies will be served.

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Youth Shopping Spree for The Giving Tree

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Noon-3:30pm

Please sign up with the QR code below by **Sunday, November 29.**



SECRET PRAYER SISTERS

Christmas Breakfast

Join us for a joyful morning together.

Good food and fun.
Secret prayer sister "reveal."
Gift exchange.
Meaningful fellowship.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 12
9:30-11:30 A.M. IN THE FIRST ENGLISH COUNCIL ROOM.
PRAYER SISTERS: PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR SIGN UP DETAILS AND UPDATES.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, BUT ARE NOT A SECRET PRAYER SISTER THIS YEAR, PLEASE JOIN US!
CONTACT KATHY OLESUK OR RONNA JAMES.



Prayer Partner
BREAKFAST

SIGN UP

December 13, 2026

For all young people and their prayer partners. Light breakfast will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend.



Please sign up by December 6.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Ed Hudelson
Deacon Kevin Eack
Lois Neptun - Organist

Sunday, November 15, 2026	**Commitment Sunday**
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Beth Stalker
Lector	Amy Glass
Communion Assistant	Tiffany & David Knollenberg
Ushers	Marcia Lough & Donna Hartwig
Sunday, November 22, 2026	**Christ the King**
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Amy Glass
Lector	Kathy Neptun
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Marcia Lough & Donna Hartwig

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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