

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

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**Worship at 9:30am**

# THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-13                      Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14                      John 9:1-41

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**March 29**

Isaiah 50:4-9a                      Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11      Matthew 26:14-27:66

## FAITH FORMATION (Sunday School)

All classes begin at 10:45am

- **PreK & K / 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** meet on the lower level for fellowship and snacks at 10:30am.
- **Adults** meet on the upper level in the Council Room.
- **Parenting Small Group** meets once a month downstairs in the Den.

**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).

## Welcome

This Sunday we welcome the Peoria Recorder Consort to our Worship. This group will provide music throughout our service.

Members of the group are Ellie Hansen, Bill Keefner, Christine Steele, Pat Kennedy, Verena Grossman, and Gail Hintze.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

### Today, March 22

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 10:45 am Faith Formation
- 10:45 am Egg Stuffing

### Monday, March 23

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, March 24

- 10:00 am Quilting

### Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30 pm Youth Group
- 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**

### Thursday, March 26

- 8:30 am Snack Packs
- 5:30 pm Book Club

### Friday, March 27

- 10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

### Next Sunday, March 29

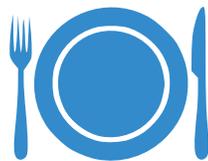
*Palm Sunday*

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

## RETIRES LUNCHEON AT AVANTI'S NORTH

**Tuesday, March 31 @ 11:30am**

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



**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:**

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

### **Attendance:**

Sunday, March 15 - 83  
Wednesday, March 18 - 40

## EASTER EGG STUFFING

**Sunday, March 22**

**in Luther Hall during Faith Formation**

Fill them up with JOY and LOVE & a bit of candy! Any adult not attending Faith Formation that day is asked to help fill the plastic eggs for the FELC Easter Sunday egg hunt. Thank you for helping!





# HAVE YOU?

## MADE A CARE CARD FOR YOUR PRAYER PARTNER?



Care Cards are notes to say hello, offer encouragement or just let the recipient know that they are being thought about. A Care Card table with all the supplies needed is located in Luther Hall. Please complete Care Cards now through March 22 and leave in the basket on the table for distribution.

Thank you for your care and participation in this ministry.



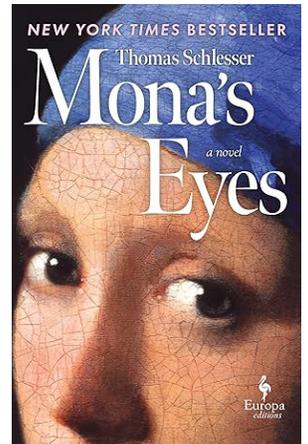
## BOOK CLUB MEETING Thursday,

**March 26, 5:30pm**

at Kathy Neptun's home.

All are welcome to join in the discussion of "Mona's Eyes" by Thomas Schlessler.

[Amazon Link](#) [HERE](#)



## FIRST AID/AED/ CPR TRAINING OFFERED

Sunday, April 19

1pm to 5pm

Thursday, April 23

4pm to 8pm

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 5.



\$20 per person payable to FELC, please give to Mrs. Brown.

*Space is limited for each session.*

Contact Mrs. Brown with any questions or concerns:

[raylee.brown@felcpeoria.org](mailto:raylee.brown@felcpeoria.org)

# PLANT SALE

hosted by FELC Youth

**March 1 - 22**

**LAST  
CHANCE  
TO ORDER!**

Order forms are in Luther Hall  
NEW options of flowers & vegetables!  
Gift Cards available

**Order pick up will be Friday, May 8 at FELC**

Proceeds from the sale will help fund youth mission trips, retreats and service projects.

The flowers and vegetables are ordered from **PICKET FENCE FOUNDATION**. At Picket Fence Floral, every bouquet tells a story-not just of stunning blooms, but of inclusion and community.

As part of Picket Fence Foundation's mission, our floral department provides meaningful employment and hands-on training for people with disabilities, fostering a workplace where talent thrives and creativity flourishes.

Voted #1 in 2024, our award-winning floral designers craft breathtaking arrangements for every occasion. We invite you to experience the difference of flowers designed with heart.

# FELC that youth group

## PLANT SALE HOSTED BY FELC YOUTH

Order taking now through March 22. Proceeds benefit the youth program to help offset costs for the 2026 Community Trip, Leadership Lab and CSIS LYO Carlinville Retreat.



Confirmation Co-Op  
Next Date:



April 12, 2pm-4pm



Leadership Lab

## LEADERSHIP LAB JUNE 22-27, 2026



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

[LINK HERE](#)

The FELC out of pocket fee is \$150 - Please make checks payable to FELC and give to Mrs. Brown.



## YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, March 25

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Lenten Worship





## EASTER LILIES

You may order Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!**

**ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, March 22.**

**Place orders in the offering plate or give to the church office.**

Cost is \$16 per plant. Please indicate below how many plants you would like to order and include payment with your order. Make checks payable to First English Lutheran Church. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office.

You may take your plant home following the Easter service or you can come in during office hours the following week to pick it up.

If you prefer to sign up online, please note: Your payment (check or cash) must be received by Sunday, March 22 or your order can not be included.



**ORDER NOW** 

# of Easter lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

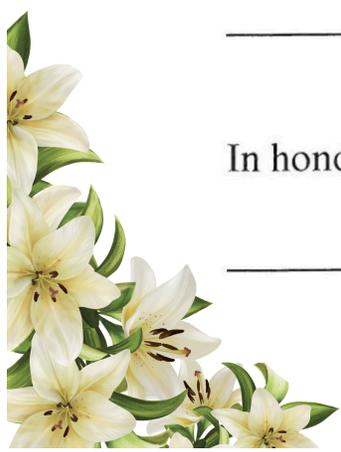
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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Richard Wehrs  
Deacon Kevin Eack  
Organist - Lois Neptun

<b>Sunday, March 22, 2026</b>	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Kathy Neptun
Lector	Tamera Sanchez Dewey
Communion Assistant	Kathy Neptun
Ushers	Tony Glass / Richard Franklin
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2026</b>	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Brian Lough
Lector	Kathy Neptun
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Tony Glass / Richard Franklin

**We are in need of  
additional volunteers  
during Holy Week.  
Thank you!**

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY SIGN UP**

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



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Save the Date

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am

Festive Coffee Hour treats with fellowship

Egg Hunt on the lawn at 11:00 am

No Faith Formation Classes.

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