

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

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship at 9:30am**

# THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32      1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**April 26**

Acts 2:42-47      Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25      John 10:1-10

## FAITH FORMATION (Sunday School)

- **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. We begin at 10:45am.
- **Parenting Small Group** meets once a month on the lower level in the Den.
- **Adults** meet on the upper level in the Council Room at 10:45am.

**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.



## NOISY OFFERING THIS WEEK -

**Sunday, April 19th** Our noisy offering will go to support Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) as part of next week's Good Shepherd Sunday.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

### Today, April 19

*Noisy Offering*

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 10:45 am Faith Formation
- 1:00 pm FA/AED/CPR Training in the Council Room

### Monday, April 20

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

### Tuesday, April 21

- 10:00 am Quilting

### Wednesday, April 22

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

### Thursday, April 23

- 8:30 am Snack Packs
- 4:00 pm FA/AED/CPR Training in The Coucil Room

### Friday, April 24

- 10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

### Next Sunday, April 26

*Good Shepherd Sunday*

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am Prayer Partner Breakfast in the Council Room
- 3:00 pm Northern Conference Assembly at Lutheran Hillside Village

SAVE THE DATE

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

**Sunday, April 26, 3:00pm** at Lutheran Hillside Village

**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 Amy and Tony Glass in celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

### Attendance:

Sunday, April 12 - 111

### FIRST AID/AED/ CPR TRAINING OFFERED

Sunday, April 19

1pm to 5pm

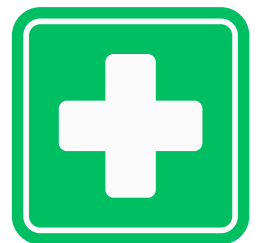
Thursday, April 23

4pm to 8pm

*For those who pre-registered for the classes.*

Contact Mrs. Brown with any questions:

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



**MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY:  
FACING A SPRINGTIME SHORTFALL**

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	\$123k	\$106k	(\$17k)
Expenses	<u>134k</u>	<u>131k</u>	<u>3k</u>
Difference	(\$ 11k)	(\$25k)	(\$14k)

As of March 31, FELC contributions are running at a \$25,000 deficit versus a budgeted deficit of \$11,000. This \$14k gap is surprising, and the reasons for the shortfall aren't clear.

As this year's budget was created, we tried to be realistic in our planning while also challenging us all to grow in our support for ministry. Our 2026 budgeted income of \$523k is an increase of 2% over 2025 (actual contributions were \$510k and \$514k in '24 & '25, respectively) which continues to seem like a realistic and achievable goal.

**Growing in our giving by 2% is roughly the equivalent of "1 extra week of giving."** Personally, I know I can do that, maybe a little more ... will you join me?

Blessings!  
Jim Yocum, Treasurer

**Prayer Partner  
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 26,  
10:30am** - Council Room  
For all young people and their prayer partners, parents are encouraged to attend as well.



Please sign up [HERE](#) by Sunday, April 19

**RETIRES LUNCHEON  
at Chili's**



**Tuesday, April 28 @ 11:30am**

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

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**



**Sunday, May 3**

**10:30 am**

hosted by the FELC Youth

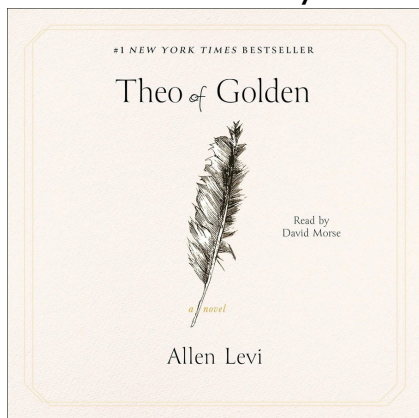
*Proceeds will help pay for the van needed on the Community Trip to serve at Give Kids The World*



**BOOK CLUB MEETING Thursday,  
April 30 @ 5:30pm** in Marilee Tilly's home.

All are welcome to join in the discussion of "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

[Amazon Link HERE](#)



**Congratulations!**

**FELC JR, SR, POST YOUTH  
CLASS OF 2026**

Please help us recognize the education milestone of the FELC Youth by emailing the following information along with a digital photo to Mrs. Brown no later than Sunday, April 26

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

- Full name of youth being promoted or graduating
- Name and town of school being promoted or graduating from
- Next school they are attending and focus of study/major or plans after graduating

**Thank you for helping us  
celebrate our young people!**

**SPRING OUTSIDE WORK DAY  
Saturday, May 2,  
9 am - noon**

Bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows



to help with mulching, weeding, and other important outside projects.

Help us beautify the church property as good stewards of God's creation.

If you have questions, please contact Exec Director Wayne Heinemann at the church office, 309-685-0337.

Note - We schedule our work day in conjunction with the Stewardship Committee's FELC Shredding Event.

**SHREDDING EVENT Saturday, May 2 &  
Sunday, May 3, 9am - Noon**

Bring any confidential paperwork to be shredded. All material will be placed in locked bins and taken to Confidential Security Corporation for shredding.

And computer disks, tapes, CDs will be collected and destroyed.

*No hard drives or electronics will be accepted.*

Event sponsored by Thrivent and FELC Stewardship Committee.



# #that youth group

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EVENT!**

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**10:30 am**

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## YOUTH GROUP

**Wednesday, April 22,**

**5:30pm - 8pm**

Dinner, homework time,  
games and Bible study.

*Save the Date*



## FELC

## RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**8AM TO NOON**

SET UP DATES:

**TUESDAY, MAY 26 THRU**

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**5PM - 8PM**



**CROSSWAYS  
CONFIRMATION  
CAMP**

**JUNE 8-12, 2026**

**Payment is due Sunday, April 26**



**Wednesday, April 29**

**6:30pm**

Community Trip youth and  
parent Meeting  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> payment due

**Give Kids  
The World®**



**First English Lutheran Church  
Glen Oak Christian Church  
& First Christian Church  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
July 6 - 9 from 6pm - 8pm**

being held at:

***Glen Oak Christian Church***

For young people Pre-K 3yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
(based on the 2025-2026 school year)

**VOLUNTEERS**

**SIGN UP**

**HERE!**



**PARTICIPANTS**

**REGISTER**

**HERE!**



We Are in Search of  
VOLUNTEERS:

- + Adult Crew Leaders
- + Youth Crew Leaders needed
- + Station Leaders and Assistants
- + Helpers for serving dinner and snack

Contact Mrs. Brown with any questions.

# GLOW WILD!

**GOODNIGHT GRACIE AGAIN PLAYS  
GLOW WILD!**

**Saturday, May 2, from 6:30 to 9 pm.**

Last year we had a fabulous time watching Goodnight Gracie (featuring FELC member Tony Glass) at the Peoria Zoo during their Glow Wild event!

Faith and Fellowship committee is **inviting you to meet at Oliver's in the Heights for dinner at 4:45 pm,** followed by going to the Zoo.

*If you want to join us just for dinner, that's fine; if you want to join us just for the Zoo, that's fine too!*

Please let Marcia Lough or Amy Glass know you're coming for the dinner by Sunday, April 26, so they can give Oliver's time to plan accordingly.

Get tickets to Glow Wild [HERE](#)  
We look forward to seeing you!

## MEAL TRAIN FOR THE ULLMANN FAMILY

The Ullmanns welcomed Baby Byron on April 3!

You can help them with the transition by participating in the Meal Train *2 dates still open* - [LINK HERE](#)



## FELC

## RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8AM TO NOON

DONATION INTAKE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 THRU

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

SET UP DATES

TUESDAY, MAY 26 THRU

FRIDAY, MAY 29

5PM - 8PM

## COUNCIL LEADERS NEEDED

Two council positions are currently open - would you consider serving Christ and FELC in one of these roles?

1. Worship Committee Co-chair - work creatively with the Committee and pastor in preparation for Sundays and special occasions! Attend monthly Committee and Council meetings.
2. Council Secretary - provide important support to the Council by keeping minutes, preparing agendas, coordinating intra-council communications. Attend monthly Executive Committee and Council meetings.

Both positions are appointments until the next congregational meeting, at which time they're electable to a one-year renewable term.

Sound intriguing? Want to learn more?

Please speak to Council President Kelsey Perkinson or Pr. Dick Wehrs for more information!

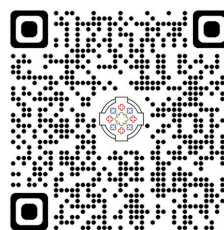
## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Deacon Kevin Eack - Preaching  
Rev. Dan Stalker - Presiding

<b>Sunday, April 19, 2026</b>	
Assisting Minister	Katlyn Reimer
Lector	Stained Glass Praise Band
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Marcia Lough / Reid Larson
<b>Sunday, April 26, 2026</b>	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Amy Glass
Lector	
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Marcia Lough / Reid Larson

### **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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