

FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve

Sunday, August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 am

THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Welcome

WE WARMLY WELCOME REVEREND O. WAYNE SHELKSOHN, who will be serving First English as our Interim Pastor. Thank you for your willingness to lead our congregation.

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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES resume Sunday, September 13.

**BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2



Please remember to bring your backpacks and work bags to church! There will be a special tag for you to place on your backpack or work bag as a reminder that the love of God and your friends at FELC are supporting you in this new school year.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, August 2

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 10:30 am Parsonage Open House

Monday, August 3

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

- 10:00 am Quilting

Friday, August 7

- 10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

Next Sunday, August 9

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op Youth and Parent Meeting



PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 2, 10:30 - Noon

We enjoyed restoring the parsonage very much and are excited to show FELC! We are hosting a private open house for the church.

Anyone interested, please walk over and take a tour after service or food and fellowship!

- Jared and Aubrey O'Brien

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 Char Davis in celebration of Hunter's 11th birthday.

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

Attendance:

Sunday, July 26 - 74

Thank You

SPECIAL THANKS to Gail Hintze and Ellie Hansen from Salem Lutheran Church for providing music during our Worship Service today.

REGISTER NOW



GRIEF SHARE®

TUESDAYS

6:30-8:30pm

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

C/SIS Women of the ELCA

Northern Conference

WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING

Saturday, August 8, 9a-12p

at Bethel Lutheran Church,
Bartonville, IL. See the sign up sheet
on the bulletin board outside Pastor's
office or contact Bev Gross for more
information and to register: 309-
256-6650 or b.gross2649@icloud.com

FAREWELL THANKS FROM PASTOR WEHRS

Dear FELC family,

I can't thank you enough for the last 18 months together. You've heard me say, hopefully many times, that FELC is truly a very special congregation, and as I take my leave that truth is absolutely clear in my mind and heart. It has been an immense privilege to work alongside you all, and, especially, as a teammate with our truly AMAZING staff.

After 42 years as a pastor, I am certain I'm retiring with as positive and hopeful heart as I can ever remember having, and that is entirely thanks to the passion, generosity, enthusiasm and joy of this congregation. I will miss serving you — but I look forward to re-engaging as a church member sometime later this year. Meanwhile: every blessing to Pr. Wayne, the call committee, all of our hard-working committees and leaders, our church staff and each and every member of the FELC family!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dick Wehrs

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

Help us collect the needed supplies for this year's



LWR School Kit Campaign. The congregation will be assembling the kits on **Sunday, September 13** during Faith Formation time at 10:45am in Luther Hall. Collection bins are set up in the donation hallway of FELC.

Each school kit needs:

- 4** 70-sheet single subject ruled paper spiral bound notebooks
- 1** 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with inches on one side and inches on the other
- 1** pencil sharpener
- 1** pair of blunt scissors – safety scissors
- 5** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5** black or blue ballpoint pens–no gel ink
- 1** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1** 2.5 inch eraser

We do NOT NEED drawstring bags

*Please do not donate any items decorated with the U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

SHOPPING LISTS TO TAKE WITH YOU ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026



AMEREN/SOLAR NEWS FOR JULY

Ameren bill for First English in July was \$625, which was \$285 higher than June. This was partly due to lower production than expected, with one of the two newly installed inverters not operational for 11 days. The good news is that the monthly bill was still considerably lower than the past three years in July. With both inverters now functioning properly, production levels should increase during this summer season.



#that youth group

#IMPORTANT

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, August 2

Blessing of the Backpacks during
Worship Service

Sunday, August 9

2pm - Confirmation Co-op Youth
and Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

5:30pm - Youth Group

Friday, August 21

6:00pm - Dine In Movie Night

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ONE TO ONE

Junior, Senior and Post-High Youth:
please set up your One to One with
Mrs. Brown. **Dates
available now and
must be completed
by August 16.**

Contact Mrs. B
today to schedule your time.



Living

into your

Baptismal Promises

Confirmation Co-Op

Meeting: Sunday,
August 9 for all 7th - 9th
Grade confirmation
youth and parents
from 2 - 4 pm at FELC

SAVE THE DATE



DINE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 @ 6PM



Give Kids The World Village is a magical resort for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Thank you so much for supporting our trip to GKTW! We had a great time!

-Poppy & FELC youth



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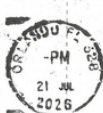
To:

FELC Staff
725 E. Forrest Hill Ave.
Peoria, IL. 61603-1961



The Gingerbread House

If you'd like to learn more about Give Kids The World Village, please visit www.gktw.org.



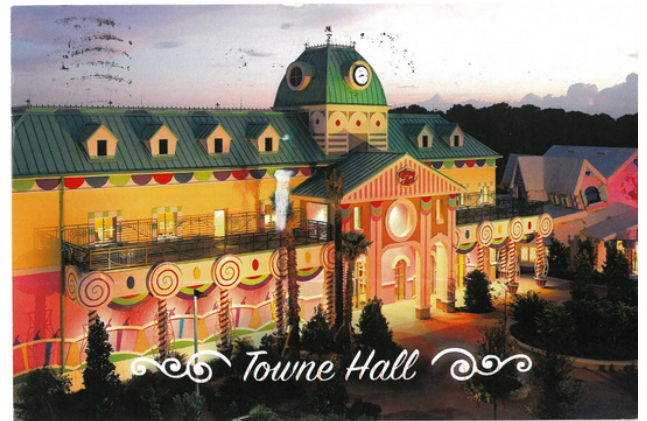
To:

FELC Council & Congregation
725 E. Forrest Hill Ave.
Peoria, IL. 61603-1961

Thank you so much for your support!

We had such an awesome time serving at Give Kids The World!

Sincerely Marilyn and the FELC youth



Towne Hall

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To:

FELC Outreach Committee
725 E. Forrest Hill Ave.
Peoria, IL. 61603-1961

Thank you for your support! We wouldn't be on this trip without you! We are so grateful for all you do.

Sincerely Maddy + FELC youth



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. O. Wayne Shelksohn

Deacon Kevin Eack

Lois Neptun – Organist

Gail Hintze and Ellie Hansen – Recorder Duets

Sunday, August 2, 2026	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Marsha Kutter
Lector	Bev Gross
Communion Assistant	David and Tiffany Knowlenberg
Ushers	Joe and Laura Baumgardner

Sunday, August 9, 2026	
Assisting Minister	Katlyn Reimer
Lector	Stained Glass Praise Band
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Joe and Laura Baumgardner

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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