

FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve

Sunday, August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 am

THE WEEKLY BUZZ

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

WORSHIP MINISTRY SIGN UP

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME!

You can sign up on the clip board in Luther Hall. Several dates available. Thank you for helping!



THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 25

- 10:00 am Quilting
- 11:30 am Retirees Luncheon
- 4:00 pm Grief Share

Wednesday, August 26

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

Next Sunday, August 30

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship



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

Hospitalizations: If you, a loved one, or church member is hospitalized, please notify the church office.

Memorial: First English member, Jerry Robert Janssen died on Sunday, August 16 in Peoria. Please remember Jerry's family and loved ones in prayer. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 27.

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 Deb Tucker in honor of August birthdays.

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

Attendance:

Sunday, August 16 - 86

RETIREES LUNCHEON AT LARIAT STEAKHOUSE

Tuesday, August 25 @ 11:30am

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



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

REGISTER NOW

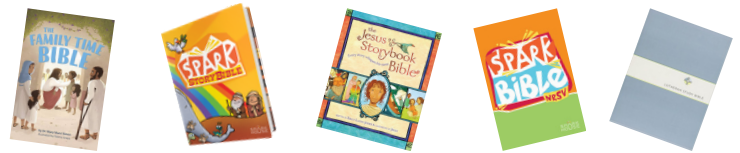
NORTHERN CONFERENCE SYNOD DAY

Sunday, September 20, 1:30-6:30pm

at Bethel Lutheran Church, Bartonville.
Synod Days are for learning, worship, and fellowship together.

Registration is now open!

[Register HERE](#) Deadline is August 31.



BIBLE BLESSING

Sunday, September 13 during worship service. FELC provides a number of age-appropriate Bibles for our youth and families—we look forward to celebrating our joy of hearing the Word of God.

We invited all families who may have missed a Bible Blessing in recent years and any youth or families who are new to FELC to receive a Bible/s.

We also invite youth in the following grades:

New Preschoolers, Kindergarten,
3rd Graders, 7th Graders

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by
Lutheran Women
of Greater Peoria.

Mums are only \$12
each and come in an 8" pot
in a variety of colors; sourced through
Picket Fence Foundation in Chillicothe.



Order forms can be found in the main
church entrance and Luther Hall.

Order deadline is September 6th.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. O. Wayne Shelksohn

Deacon Kevin Eack

Sunday, August 23, 2026	
Assisting Minister	Amy Glass
Lector	Marsha Kutter
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Tony Glass & Richard Franklin
Sunday, August 30, 2026	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Brian Lough
Lector	
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Tony Glass & Richard Franklin

#that youth group



JUNE 28- JULY 2, 2027
2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING



YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING September 2, 7:30pm

Those interested in attending Youth Gathering and parents encouraged to attend. Youth Gathering is open to current 8th Grade through High School Youth.

#IMPORTANT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Gathering Meeting

Sunday, September 13

10:45 am Faith Formation Kick Off –
God's Work, Our Hands
Service Project

Sunday, September 13

2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 pm Youth Group

Sunday, September 27

4:00 pm Littles & Middles Subs &
S'mores



Faith Formation Fall Kickoff!

2 years and up

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Worship at 9:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:45am-11:45am

Please update your
young person's
information here:



Living
into your
Baptismal
Promises

**Confirmation Co-Op
Meeting:** Sunday,
September 13th for all
7th- 9th Grade
confirmation youth
from 2 - 4 pm at FELC

Northern Conference Synod Day

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 1:30 PM

Hosted at Bethel Lutheran Church
200 Colona Ave, Bartonville



As part of the work of the church in connection with the Synod Day, you are invited to support a local mission. Ronald McDonald House has been serving families with children (age 0-22) receiving care at any area medical facility. Our conference is located within the area served by the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois. The homes in Springfield and Peoria contain private bedrooms or mini-suites that are available for families whose children are receiving care in the NICU, Oncology, Mental and Behavioral Health, Emergencies, and specialists that also include dental and vision. High Risk Moms also have access to rooms until they deliver (and perhaps after as their children often spend time in NICU).



Members of the Northern Conference are invited to support the work being done at RMH. While at the Synod Day (before/during the event), there will be fleece blankets ready to tie. But we will also be collecting items for families who may show up with little as they left home in a hurry or did not expect to have a long stay in a hospital. Any of the following can be brought to Bethel and will be delivered to RMH after our Synod Day.

Personal hygiene kits can be created by filling a 1-quart zip lock style freezer bag with travel size toiletries, including the following:

- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash
- Comb
- Fingernail file
- Pack of gum
- 3x5 card with a note of encouragement (cannot be of any religious nature)

Bordum buster items that families (all ages of children, parents and grandparents) can select according to their interests, including:

- Uno, Phase 10 or other card games
- Decks of standard playing cards
- Puzzle books for adults (crossword, Sudoku, word search, etc)
- Adult coloring books
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Small notebooks (good for keeping notes from doctors, nurses and social workers)
- Ballpoint pens
- Manageable lego kits (that can be assembled in a hospital room)
- String or bead bracelet kits

Find your copy in
the Narthex



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LITTLES & MIDDLES

SUBS & SMORES

Sunday, September 27

4-6 pm

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