

FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemed by Christ to Witness and Serve

Sunday, September 13, 2026
16th 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 KICKOFF!

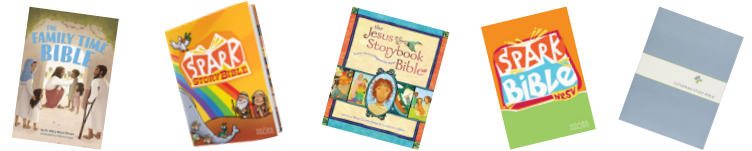
Sunday, September 13.

God's work. Our hands.



Wear your Thrivent T-Shirt!

Mrs. Brown will have new Thrivent shirts in Luther Hall if you need one.



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

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, September 13

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP & BIBLE BLESSING**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Faith Formation-All Together
God's work. Our hands.
- 2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op

Monday, September 14

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

- 10:00 am Quilting
- 4:00 pm Grief Share

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

- 8:30 am Snack Packs

Friday, September 18

- 10:00 am Yarncraft & Needlework

Next Sunday, September 20

- 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
- 10:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Faith Formation
- 1:30 pm CSIS Synod Day @ Bethel
Lutheran in Bartonville

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 for Cory's birthday.

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

Attendance:

Sunday, September 6 - 77



NOISY OFFERING NEXT WEEK -

Sunday, September 20 Our noisy offering will go to support the ministry of the two companion Synods of the CSIS in the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar The Ft. Dauphin and Ambovombe-Androy Synods.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

September 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

SNACK PACK MINISTRY HAS STARTED BACK UP FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR!



In September we will be packing on Thursdays at 8:30am.

In October we will be packing on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.

We will alternate months through this year's schedule.

Please remember that your monetary donations are always welcome. Just make your check out to First English Lutheran Church and put "Snack Packs" on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

RETIREES LUNCHEON at Chili's



Tuesday, September 29 @ 11:30am

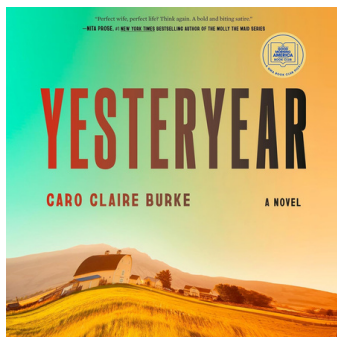
This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to join you for lunch. Come join us for food, fun, and good fellowship!

BOOK CLUB MEETING Thursday, October 1 @ 5:30pm

at Marcia Lough's house.

All are welcome to join in the discussion of "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke.

[Amazon Link HERE](#)



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME!

Your help is appreciated by all.

We still need help on

September 20 and 27.

Sign up on the clip board in Luther Hall. 😊





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Faith Formation Fall Kickoff!

2 years and up

We begin on Sunday, September 13th!

Worship at 9:30am

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

Please update your
young person's
information here:



Please update today!

LITTLES & MIDDLES

SUBS & SMORES

Sunday, September 27

4-6 pm

**Register
Here:**



**Youth &
Adult
Volunteers:
register here
too!**

#that youth group

#IMPORTANT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, September 13

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

2:00 pm Confirmation Co-op

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 pm Youth Group – Dinner,
Homework/fun time,
& Bible Study

Sunday, September 27

4:00 pm Littles & Middles Subs &
S'mores
Jr. & Sr. High youth
needed at 3:15pm

YOUTH PARENTS:

Please update your
young person's
information here:



CSIS LYO

**Carlinsville Youth Retreat
for 6th - 12th grade youth**

November 20th - 22nd

**Registration Deadline:
September 20th**

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

**PLEASE
COMPLETE
CONFIRMATION
INFO:**

A square QR code used for accessing confirmation information.

TRI-COUNTY HUNGER WALK

Looking for another way to reflect God's love and concern for the people of Central Illinois and get some steps in as well? Consider participating in the Tri-County Hunger Walk to be held in Donovan Park (north of Proctor Hospital) on September 26th. Admission is a minimum of one, healthy, shelf-stable food item per walker. Please see the poster on the bulletin board by the office for the QR code that will provide all the information you need for the day, or go to:

[Register HERE](#)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS in "The Weekly Buzz" is Tuesdays at Noon

Submissions for events may be made by filling out a Communications Request Form located on our FELC Members Facebook page and also on our website: felcpeoria.org under the "What's Happening" tab.

Submissions for announcements and general communication may be emailed to: office@felcpeoria.org



2026 Tri-County Hunger Walk

Partnership for a Healthy Community
healthyhoi.org

TRI-COUNTY HUNGER WALK
PEORIA | TAZEWELL | WOODFORD

September 26, 2026 | Check-in/Vendors 9:00 AM | Walk Begins 10:00 AM | Donovan Park, 5805 Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

FOOD FOR ALL, ALWAYS

Join the Walk!
Scan QR Code or click link below to register!

go.illinois.edu/hungerwalk2026

Visit healthyhoi.org/HungerActionMonth2026/ to learn more about 2026 Hunger Action Month events and how you can get involved!

REGISTER NOW

GRIEF SHARE®

TUESDAYS 4:00-6:00pm

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

First English Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
August 31, 2026

General Fund Activity

August 31, 2026

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	\$ 40,847	\$ 51,845	\$ 10,998
Expenses	43,623	32,944	10,679
Difference	\$ (2,776)	\$ 18,901	\$ 21,677

2026 Year to Date

Income	\$ 329,276	\$ 332,976	\$ 3,700
Expenses	357,086	329,169	27,917
Difference	\$ (27,810)	\$ 3,807	\$ 31,617

2025 Year to Date

Income	\$ 306,277	\$ 324,716	\$ 18,439
Expenses	356,817	348,669	8,148
Difference	\$ (50,540)	\$ (23,953)	\$ 26,587

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. O. Wayne Shelksohn

Deacon Kevin Eack

Lois Neptun – Organist

Sunday, September 13, 2026	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Katlyn Reimer
Lector	Stained Glass Praise Band
Communion Assistant	Jerry and Ronna James
Ushers	Sandra Beveridge & Reid Larson
Sunday, September 20, 2026	
Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Kathy Neptun
Lector	Beth Stalker
Communion Assistant	
Ushers	Sandra Beveridge & 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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