



# THE MESSENGER

## First English Lutheran Church

May, 2019

### A Message from Pastor Naomi

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Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humble hopeful into life.

Use us as a means of blessing:  
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful,  
give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning:  
God, encourage and renew!

ELW #603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

I love the lyrics of this hymn!!

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Recently, we sang this hymn as a response to one of the scenes of the Reader's Theatre on Palm/Passion Sunday. As we were singing, I heard words of grace. I heard words of promise. I heard words of hope. I heard words I pray, in one way or another, every day. Simply stated, at my deepest heart's desire, I pray God will use me to touch the world. Most of the time, I am unaware of how God is working through me.

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Our God is a God who creates and recreates, shapes and reshapes, forms and reforms us each and every day. Sometimes we are completely aware of what God is in action doing. Sometimes it is only when we look backward with 20-20 vision we can see where God has been at work.

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I feel very blessed to be called to Interim Ministry. I have the opportunity to meet and walk alongside so many of God's very good creation. I have the opportunity to continue to strive to be more faithful. I have the opportunity to be more true to whom God has created me to be. I have the opportunity to learn something every day. Does this happen each and every day? Of course not!! I live, as do each of you, as a recipient of God's amazing grace and mercy...and am given a new chance every day to start over again.

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I feel very blessed to be called to be Interim Pastor at First English Lutheran Church. We are together for this season of First English Lutheran Church. Together we will discover what God is calling us to be as individuals in the family of God. Together we will discover what God is calling us to be together in God's world.

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May all of our prayers be "use us as a means of blessing" in world that is waiting to be blessed by our God through us.

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CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ezekiel 46	2 Ezekiel 47	3 Ezekiel 48	4 1 Peter 1
5 1 Peter 2	6 1 Peter 3	7 1 Peter 4	8 Daniel 1	9 Daniel 2	10 Daniel 3	11 Daniel 4
12 Daniel 5	13 Daniel 6	14 Daniel 7	15 Daniel 8	16 Daniel 9	17 Daniel 10	18 Daniel 11
19 Daniel 12	20 2 Peter 1	21 2 Peter 2	22 2 Peter 3	23 Hosea 1	24 Hosea 2-3	25 Hosea 4
26 Hosea 5	27 Hosea 6-7	28 Hosea 8	29 Hosea 9	30 Hosea 10	31 Hosea 11-12	

**COUNCIL SUMMARY**

At our April meeting we had a call committee report. The committee is working on the congregational assessment and getting in the survey results. Their next step will be to develop a May survey, for asking the congregation members where they want to see the church in the future.

With that in mind the council listened to Pastor Naomi's ideas about what was brought up in the council retreat and our vision ideas. Pastor passed out her thoughts on developing several discovery committees to help prepare us for a new pastor. So, the council approved three new resource teams: we approved a Mission and Ministry Discovery Team, Lutheran Campus Ministry Discovery Team, and Congregation Live and Outreach Discovery Team. These are to be discovery teams to research their topics and make "strong" recommendation to the council.

Finally, each month the council has committee reports on our agenda. So, while we are in this transition it's important we have open communication with our committees. At the suggestion of Brian Brown, the council is looking to committee leaders to provide updates after each committee meeting.

Wayne Jentz  
Church Council President

**May 19th**



**Sunday,**

**May 26th**

**There will be only one  
service at 9:00 am**

**A MESSAGE FROM VICAR JONATHAN**

To the People of God at First English Lutheran Church and LCM UW – Platteville,

Alleluia! Christ has risen. He has risen indeed! Alleluia! Easter proclamations of grace, redemption and peace be yours in the power of the Holy Spirit from God the Father through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen!

It is with grateful sadness and humble joy I write to you all today! As many of you know, my last Sunday serving you as Vicar this year is Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>. I arrived in service to FELC and LCM UW – P on Palm Sunday 2018, which by the time I finish my last service to you will have been 14 months ago! While I didn't officially begin "pastor" work hours until May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, I was present on Wednesdays for Confirmation and Sunday worship.

So, why have I claimed, "grateful sadness and humble joy?" For starters, the many and varied ways that you welcomed me into moments of sacred space. Moments seated around a table enjoying food while speaking about the intersection of life and faith. Moments of pastoral care in hospitals, nursing homes, and houses. Those moments at the end of life, when one of your loved ones was dying or had died. Times spent with the youth on Mission Trip to Duluth or at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp.

But also of course, knowing that it may be quite awhile until I see some of you again. After all, as many of you know, I have been assigned to the South Dakota Synod and have accepted a Call to be the pastor of American Lutheran Church in De Smet. A congregation that is 7.5 hours away from here.

But even more so, because of the ways you have cared for my family. Without the many church "dads, moms, aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas" I do not know how I would have been able to function in the capacity of Vicar, on the Sunday mornings that I had to bring Anastasia with me! I cannot be more grateful for those of you who took her! This place will always hold a special piece of my heart as you all helped "raise" our daughter in the first year of her life. Maybe if our paths cross down the road you can embarrass Ana by telling her stories you recall from my time here with FELC.

Finally, let me leave you with this. I am so indebted to all the moments of learning and experience I gained from being in your presence this past year. All of which was made possible because you were willing to open your hearts, minds, and souls to molding and educating another vicar. Whether or not this congregation remains a teaching congregation is for you all to discern in the process of calling your next pastor. But you can be assured that you all take seriously this commitment to raise up leaders for OUR Church!

With immeasurable love and gratitude in humble service to the Triune God,

**Jonathan, Lisa and Anastasia Dolan**

P.S. If you are able to attend my Ordination at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, IA (just 2 hours west on US 20 or 100 miles west of Dubuque), I would be deeply humbled and honored by your presence!

***Jonathan David Dolan***

Will be Ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Christ's one holy, apostolic and catholic Church on Saturday the 25th of May at three o'clock in the afternoon at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Your prayers and presence are requested.

# Planting Seeds of Faith

**Sunday School Spring Program**  
**Sunday, May 12**  
**9:30am**

*We have planted the seeds of faith—  
 Now we can watch our children grow and blossom!*

Please join us on Sunday, May 12th as we celebrate the end of our Sunday School year. The children will present a program of favorite songs, prayers, and other memory work. Following the program, all are invited to join in a party in the lower level.



The Internship Committee would like to invite you to a farewell coffee hour for Vicar Jonathan on May 12th.

All are invited to join us as we thank Jonathan for his year with us.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a gift can leave it with Susan in the office.

**Spaghetti  
 Supper  
 Fundraiser**

Come support our Youth Mission Trip with a spaghetti supper!

**Friday, May 8**

**5:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Adult Supper: \$7      Child supper: \$3



**Cancelled**

## CAMP

Do you see what's wrong in the world? Do you want to do something to help change that? Join us for FELC's summer camp, Agents of Change! See how kindness and compassion can make this world a better place, starting with you!

**July 28- August 2, 2019** Sign up deadline is June 1st, get your registrations in now! Need more information? Contact Abbie Ramel @ 608-732-0071 or [aramel@highland.k12.wi.us](mailto:aramel@highland.k12.wi.us) or stop in the church office and pick up a registration form.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

8:00

10:30

**May 5**

Greeters	Dennis & Suzanne Neuser	John & Jan Popple
Ushers	Dale & Cindy Wills	Cheri Oftedal, Joyce Jones
Readers	Stephanie Saager-Bourret	Jeffrey Strange
Communion Assts	S Saager-Bourret, Carol Sedgwick	Curt Kettler
	Dan Sedgwick, Pam Stark	Dan & Pauline Smith
Communion Care	Dennis & Suzanne Neuser	John & Jan Popple
Coffee Hour	<i>Youth—Cinnamon Rolls</i>	
Bread Baker	Anita Carns	
Acolytes	Daniel Wells	Emilia Bohlken
Organist		

**May 12**

Greeters	Dawn Williams, John Pulkrabek	Chuck & Linda Witz
Ushers	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Lisa & Will Hartz
Readers	Mary Doeringsfeld	Jane Harrison
Communion Assts	Mary Doeringsfeld, Pam Stark	Jane Harrison,
	Fern Nall	Greg & Mary Sieckman
Communion Care	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Lisa & Will Hartz
Coffee Hour	Internship Committee	
Bread Baker	Mary Jo Kramer	
Acolytes	Clara Kilian	Volunteer
Organist	Terri Ellis	

**May 19**

Greeters	Troy & Penny Moen	Phil & Janean Wyse
Ushers	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Gary & Susan Chace
Readers	Jerry Schewe	James Swenson
Communion Assts	Chelle Calvert, Jerry Schewe	James & Daniel Swenson
	Brooke Buch, Brenda Dalecki	Amy Barraclough
Communion Care	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Gary & Susan Chace
Coffee Hour	Cindy Martens, Naomi Wells	
Bread Baker	Melissa Kilian	
Acolytes	Daniel Wells	Freddy Barraclough
Organist	Rebecca Swenson	

**May 26****9:00 (one service this week)**

Greeters	Diana Blindert, Joyce Jones
Ushers	Brooke & Joci Grinde
Readers	Dan Sedgwick
Communion Assts	Dan & Carol Sedgwick
	Chelle Calvert
Communion Care	Diana Blindert, Joyce Jones
Coffee Hour	To Be Determined
Bread Baker	Volunteer
Acolytes	Connor Popp
Organist	Mary Baehler

ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY: MARY SIECKMAN, JAN MERGEN

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR****May, 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 1:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Table Talk 5:30— Chimes 6:30 -Choir	2 10:00-Exercise  <b>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</b>	3 11:00—Church Women United Luncheon  2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	4
<b>5 SCRIP ORDERS DUE</b>  8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship	6	7  10:00—Exercise	8 1:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Table Talk 5:30— Chimes 6:30 -Choir	9 10:00—Exercise  <b>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</b>	10  2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	11
<b>Family Promise Week</b>						
12 8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School Spring Prog 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship	13  <b>4:00 - Book Club</b>	14 10:00-Exercise  6:30—LCW Board Mtg  7:00 - Boy Scouts	15 8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 1:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Table Talk 5:30— Chimes 6:30 -Choir	16 10:00—Exercise  <b>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</b>	17  2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	18
19 <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b>  8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship	20  <b>2:00— Women's Issues</b>	21 10:00—Exercise  7:00 - Boy Scouts	22 1:00 - Busy Hands 5:30— Chimes 6:30 -Choir	23 10:00—Exercise	24  <b>9:30-LCW Bible Study</b>  2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	25
26 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL	27	28 10:00—Exercise  7:00 - Boy Scouts	29	30  <b>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</b>	31	

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

LCW Bible Study from Gather Magazine May Issue

Devotional: From generation to generation: Two-way blessings

We are summarizing our Bible study series with a look at how blessings are a gift from one generation to another. We know that gift can be helpful or provide conflicts. The Bible is not shy about naming distrust between age groups. We also see good examples of ambassadors of blessings between generations. Where are each of us in this transfer of blessings from generation to generation. Where would you like to be?

Come and join us for this interesting topic. Because the Diakonia classes continue on Thursday evenings, the morning and evening Bible study groups will continue to meet in a combined session on Friday morning, May 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. If you need a ride, please call Stephanie or Jessie.

### BOOK CLUB

This month's selection is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. The story is set in 1922 Moscow where Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

The book club will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday evening, May 13th in the nursery room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### LWR Mother's Day In-Gathering

The LCW will be having an in-gathering of items needed for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits on Sunday, May 12.

You may donate in honor or in memory of your mother, grandmother, or anyone who has been a mother to you. These kits are used around the world to help new mothers care for their infants.

The need is great, please give generously.

You can cut out the form on the right so that you have a list of needed items with you while you shop or garage sale.

### TO HONOR OUR MOTHERS

To honor our mothers this Mother's Day, join us in honoring mothers all around the world. Every year, Lutheran World Relief sends thousands (64,445 in 2018) of Baby Care Kits to places like Angola, Peru, DR Congo, Burkina Faso, and Nicaragua to help new mothers care for their newborns. YOU CAN HELP. Please donate one or more of the following items to help FELC and LWR provide these basic supplies to mothers all around the world. THANK YOU.

Gowns/sleepers (no feet): Size 3-24 mos.

Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt, with hood

Shirts: Size 0-24 mos.

Baby hats Baby socks: size 3-24 mos.

Dark colored hand towel

Receiving blankets

Bars of Ivory Soap

If you wish to give this gift in honor/memory of someone special, please include this form.

Given in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Look for the baskets to put your gifts in as you enter church on Mother's Day, May 12. THANK YOU.

**Women's Issues**  
**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**

This month's lesson will be *Mary of Magdala: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells your Story?* (pgs. 169-176) in our book *Fierce Women of the Bible* by Alice Connor. The lesson will be led by Jessie Kilian and dessert will be provided by Anita Carnes. Join us at *Fern Nall's House, 1040 Oakhaven Ct*, for a great discussion and fellowship.



**In Honor of Our Mothers**

To honor all mothers on Mother's Day, the LCW will provide a microloan to a woman through the ELCA Good Gifts program. A microloan is just what a woman needs to start her own small business to create a steady source of income, and even better, to help her family escape poverty. As she repays the loan, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative and the cycle of giving continues to grow.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dear Members of First English Lutheran Church –

First and foremost, thank you on behalf of both the Vision Committee and the Call Committee for your cooperation in completing and returning the survey that was distributed in April. This information is being downloaded into a spreadsheet, allowing both committees the opportunity to better understand our membership, our strengths, and our weaknesses, where we are doing a great job and what we can improve upon.

As stated in our message in the April Messenger, the success of the Call Committee in reaching out and bringing the 'right' Pastor to First English Lutheran Church heavily depends on not only the Call Committee but the feedback we receive from our members.

We have been meeting regularly and our current task of completing a 'site profile' is well underway. The Ministry Site Profile is a multi-page document which describes our community as well as our congregation. This profile will be provided to a number of potential Senior Pastors and will share a virtual picture of what they can expect if called to join FELC.

Included with this month's newsletter is the second survey. This survey covers the strengths and abilities we desire in a Senior Pastor. We are expecting a wide range of responses, depending on your age, family makeup, age of children, etc., etc. Once again, there is no right or wrong answer. Your response and return of this upcoming survey is again critical to selecting our Senior Pastor.

Your questions are encouraged and your patience is appreciated. We remind you that we are on a journey, each with a different responsibility. "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin....we have begun!

Our journey will be completed through the Grace of God and with the support of you and your prayers.

Call Committee



Our next host week is just around the corner. If you haven't already, please help fill in all our volunteer slots for the week of May 5th-12th. There are currently two families in the program and we are blessed to have the ability to show them hospitality.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help during our host weeks. Every 11 weeks, First English opens its doors to families experiencing homelessness. Our volunteers provide meals and fellowship as well as helping with set-up and tear-down. If you would like to join our team, please contact Joci Grinde at 608-763-2060 or via email at [jocigrinde@yahoo.com](mailto:jocigrinde@yahoo.com).



## Mental Health: What Every Woman Needs to Know

Presented by  
Melissa Kilian

**May 5th**  
**9:15 in the Love Rm.**

**SCRIP ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED on May 5th.**  
**Thank you for supporting Campus Ministry.**

**Save the date for camp! July 28- Aug 2, 2019**

### May Birthdays

Leix, Britton	5/1
Schute, Roxanne	5/1
Andersen, Dave	5/2
Flynn, Pat	5/2
Cummins, Vincent	5/4
Jones, Jessamyn	5/5
Cummins, Grace	5/7
Schober, Cheryl	5/7
Schumacher, Gloria	5/7
Walter, Julie	5/8
Pelucchi, Bruna	5/9
Ramel, Sofie	5/9
Reddy, Judy	5/9
Ayres, Adriano	5/10
Hartz, Doug	5/12
Hooks, Annette	5/12
Johannesen, Mary	5/12
Schober-Lange, Jeremy	5/15
Schober-Lange, Jordan	5/15
Tracy, Darcy	5/15
Buch, Brooke	5/17
Horne, Chuck	5/17
Kilian, Kerwin	5/17
Leix, Tucker	5/17
Flynn, Candy	5/20
Kilian, Jessie	5/20
Bausch, Karen	5/22
Johannesen, Nicholas	5/22
Mergen, Jan	5/22
Schambow, Becky	5/22
Kramer, Scott	5/23
Meylor, Angie	5/24
Wagner, Brian	5/25
Ayres, Sara	5/27
Doeringsfeld, Dick	5/27
Klinger, Dick	5/27
Udelhofen, Kathy	5/28
Jones, Garrett	5/29
Kliebenstein, Carol	5/29
Kliebenstein, Michael	5/30
Pick, Jared	5/30
Grinde, Caroline	5/31



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## Mission Statement of FELC

*Called by God, we are Christians  
gathered and sent to serve our  
church, community and the world in  
the name of Christ."*

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## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

### Company's Coming

It is with sadness and joyfulness that we will say farewell to Vicar Jonathan Dolan at the end of May. Sadness because he, his wife Lisa, and their daughter Ana have been with us here at FELC for over a year, and we will truly miss them and all the ways in which they were a blessing to our congregation. Joyfulness because they are entering a new chapter in their lives when they move to De Smet, SD, where Jonathan has been called to serve as pastor for the congregation of American Lutheran Church. A recent graduate of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Vicar Jonathan has served part of his internship at FELC and the other part as the LCM pastor. Having accepted the call, he will now be ordained in his home congregation, Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Cedar Falls, IA on Saturday, May 25. Members of FELC are invited to attend the 3:00 pm service. With a very busy month of Sundays during May, the Internship Committee has chosen to honor Vicar Jonathan and his family with a reception between services on May 12. He will preach his last sermon on Sunday, May 26.

Jonathan and Lisa, who share the cooking at home, are now sharing a favorite recipe that they both enjoy. Some of you may decide to wait until the cooler days of fall to try a chili recipe, but at our house, I make chili year around and have boxes of it in the freezer to thaw for last-minute meals. Thank you, Jonathan, for the recipe, and especially for all the ways that you served and blessed us. Tastefully yours, Mary D.

### Crock Pot Sweet Potato, Quinoa, and Turkey Chili

1 lb ground turkey	1 15 oz can baked beans	1 tsp cumin
1 lg shallot or 1 sm onion, chopped	1 c uncooked quinoa, rinsed	1/2 tsp salt
3 garlic cloves, minced	1 lg sweet potato (about 1 lb), peeled and chopped small	1/4 tsp paprika
salt/pepper to taste	2 T chili powder	1/4 tsp red chili pepper flakes
3 c chicken broth, plus extra to reheat		Toppings as desired
1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes		

Cook ground turkey and shallot or onion in large skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up turkey as it cooks. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds more. Transfer mixture to crock pot and add remaining ingredients, except toppings. Cover and cook on high for 3 hours or low for 5-6 hours or until sweet potatoes are tender. Serve with toppings such as shredded Monterey Jack cheese, chopped avocado, green onions, tortilla chips. May need to add more chicken broth if reheating.