



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

October, 2020

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I've always enjoyed watching the seasons change. Especially from the heat and humidity of summer to the crisp, colorful season of autumn. It is a season of great change. The leaves fall off the trees, the fields are chopped, the daylight shortens. There is, however, much to appreciate about autumn as the leaves turn to vibrant colors before falling, the fields give us fresh and bountiful harvests, and cooler evenings bring us inside to share a warm cup of cocoa with our loved ones.

So it seems fitting that we would be in a season of change as a congregation as well. We have taken a definitive step in calling a new pastor, we are continuing to learn what it means to be a community of faith during a pandemic, and we are moving back inside our church to once again experience worship within our sanctuary. This, too, will look different and you'll see in this newsletter a page of bullet points that lay out what worship will look like. Also, you might notice we will need attendants at each service to help count people, seat people, and to help administer communion. Please let Susan or me know if you'd like to volunteer to help with any of that. Worship will look different, but it is the same God we worship and serve. The same body and blood of Christ we partake, the same love we share with one another in Jesus Christ.

Until Pastor Brenda arrives, I am in the church office to help answer any questions you may have. My schedule is posted on the office door, and also on the FELC Facebook page. We don't have an exact date for Pastor Brenda's first Sunday with us, but it will likely be in early November. That means we have some time as a congregation to think about this change of season within our congregational life. I invite you to consider in what ways our congregation can change, what ways can we improve, and what ways can we imagine new potential for forming disciples of Christ.

As we begin this season worshipping indoors again, I want to take the opportunity to extend my genuine thanksgiving for your patience and your grace as we have figured out this puzzle of church life and pandemic life together.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, until then, God's peace be with you.

Vicar Andrew

A MESSAGE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

We celebrate that Almighty God has blessed FELC with our new Senior Pastor, Pastor Brenda Crossfield.

Our Gracious God also provided us with a beautiful day on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Members who joined the gathering heard from Pastor Brenda as she shared ministerial, educational and family background information with those in attendance. Time was allowed and she welcomed the opportunity to answer questions from the members, of which there were several. The Call Committee provided refreshments which were enjoyed during a time of socializing and visiting one on one with Pastor Brenda.

Call Committee Chair, Dan Smith, called for the vote with ballots distributed to the 51 eligible voters. The vote count, monitored by Fern Nall and Pam Stark, resulted in 49 yes votes and 2 no votes.

We, your Call Committee, are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Brenda. We know as good Christians, members of FELC will likewise accept her into our parish and make her feel welcome.

Your prayers for a successful transition are greatly appreciated.

Maxine Lane

On behalf of the Call Committee

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Ingathering of LWR donations took place here at First English on the morning of September 25th. A total of twelve churches (including First English) sent quilts and kits.

First English contributed 249 quilts, 130 school kits, 124 personal care kits and 136 baby care kits. Not bad considering the year we've had!

PASTY LUNCH



Take Out or Delivery ONLY

October 18th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tickets are \$10 the day of the lunch or \$8 in advance (advance tickets are available in the church office or Mound City Bank)

We will have members in the back parking lot to bring your lunch to your vehicle or you can call the church office the week prior to the lunch to sign up for delivery.

BLOOD DRIVE



Mississippi Valley
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

3-6pm

First English Lutheran Church

To donate or volunteer contact:

Nancy Hammermeister

348-8655 / nncyhmmrmstr@centurytel.net

www.bloodcenter.org
Eat before donating • Bring photo ID

will you give?



YES! Sunday School is Up and Running!

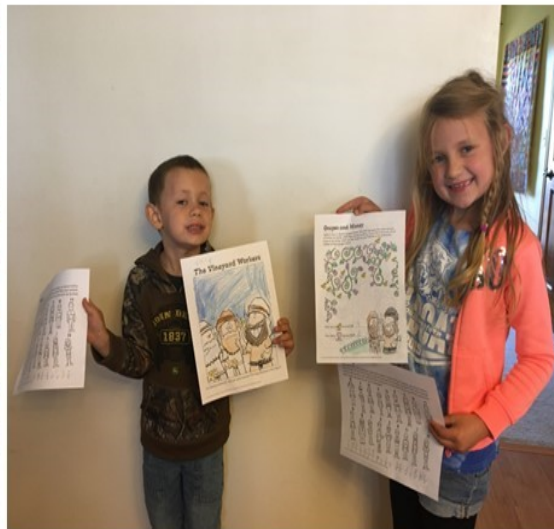
It isn't our usual Sunday School—but we are making it work! Children are singing, reading stories, and learning about the love of Jesus and the work of the Church.

On Sunday, September 20, we celebrated Rally Sunday by distributing Bibles to our 3rd graders and new pre-schoolers. In all, five 3rd graders and five 3-year-olds received Bibles.

I am sending out story videos, music videos, coloring & puzzle sheets, and family activity sheets each week. The stories correspond with the lectionary used in church, so families who are able to attend worship can make the connection between church and Sunday School lessons.

If you are not receiving the weekly email—or if you know someone who might want to be added to the list—contact:

Nancy Hammermeister—Sunday School Coordinator
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608-778-5218



October Birthdays



Wackershauser Barb	1-Oct
Popple Janice	2-Oct
Bohlken Emilia	5-Oct
Lane Maxine	5-Oct
Oftedal Jenna	5-Oct
Bausch Kelsey	6-Oct
Walter Chris	8-Oct
Ellis Terri	9-Oct
Forseth Jody	10-Oct
Schmoekel Dave	13-Oct
Flanagan Mike	15-Oct
Reed Patti	16-Oct
Bohlken Megan	19-Oct
Kronick Sam	19-Oct
Pulkrabek Anna	20-Oct
Jones Phoebe L.	22-Oct
VanNatta Diane	22-Oct
Trost Allison	24-Oct
Kieler Parker J.	26-Oct
White Lisa	29-Oct



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community and the world in the name of
Christ."*

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God's work. Our hands.

October, 2020

CHAPTER A DAY

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4 Genesis 35	5 Genesis 36	6 Genesis 37	7 Genesis 38	8 Genesis 39	9 Genesis 40	10 Genesis 41
11 Genesis 42	12 Genesis 43	13 Genesis 44	13 Genesis 45	14 Genesis 46	15 Genesis 47	16 Genesis 48
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