

November Birthdays

Tom Scott	11/01	Emily Koenig	11/15
Karen Hairrell	11/01	Linda Buzek	11/17
Carl VonDohlen	11/01	Patricia Morris	11/17
Meagan Fishbeck	11/01	Mary Helen Barrick	11/18
Lexi Martin	11/03	Eddie Singer	11/18
Bobby Bauch	11/04	Janet DeBord	11/19
Sandra Heldt	11/05	Candace Alex	11/19
Shawn Koenig	11/05	Travis Singer	11/20
Jade Demuth	11/05	Kellie Martin	11/20
Cathy O'Connor	11/06	Rachel Dentler	11/20
Joyce Knox	11/07	Margie Sims	11/21
Sally Meyer	11/07	Kinsley Martin	11/22
Gerald Johnson	11/08	Trinka Martin	11/23
Henry Alex	11/09	Connie Novosad	11/23
Allan Butler	11/09	Shirley VonDohlen	11/24
Pat Goldman	11/09	Ethan Hartman	11/25
Diana Rippstein	11/09	Ryan Hartman	11/25
Gloria Grimes	11/11	Fred Adix	11/27
Bobbie Guinn	11/12	Elvin Koehn	11/28
David Dentler	11/12	Jennifer Hartman	11/28
Juan DeLaGarza	11/12	Rocky Myers	11/28
Floyd Wuensche	11/14	Nyle Ruth Rowland	11/30



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Friends,

In recognition of the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we will offer a number of study and worship opportunities that will highlight our Lutheran Heritage. Beginning in November 2016, we will offer a twelve part DVD study on Luther's Small Catechism during the Sunday School hour. Next, we will offer the Lutheran understanding of the Means of God's Grace during our 2017 Lenten worship services. And then beginning in the summer of 2017 and going to Reformation Sunday 2017, our worship themes will center on the Lutheran understanding of the Ten Commandments, The Apostles Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Please join in these celebrations of our Reformation Heritage!

Yours,
Pastor Jim



Saturday, November 5th don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

Due to Thanksgiving Holidays, the December Newsletter deadline will be early.
Monday, November 14, 2016

Newsletter
DEADLINE

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET – Our Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, December 4th** after 2nd service in the Activity Center followed by a hamburger lunch provided by Board of Congregational Life. If you would like, bring a dessert to share.

Thank you!

- Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! How great it was to visit again at First English, to see all of the excitement there and especially to be part of your Heritage Day Celebration. I was very much impressed with all of the fine leaders you have working Heritage Day and to hear their excitement about First English and the ministries going on. Wow, what a great way to touch people's hearts and lives. It was so great to see Pastor Bud again! Having him there touched my heart deeply. He helped me so much to become a pastor. His love for God and love for people has been an inspiration for me to emulate. The cross you presented me is absolutely beautiful and very thoughtful.
God Bless, Pastor Norm Albertson
- Heritage Day 2016 was truly an amazing day! Thank each of you that participated in making the Live Auction successful with your items, monetary donations, buying, spotting, showing off the items, participating in the excitement of 'winning' your bid and overall helping us make the live auction total reach \$22,220. We are blessed at First English with such a loving and caring membership that truly witnesses within our community each day and especially through this event...Heritage Day. It truly is a celebration of faith, Christian fellowship and fun. **Blessings to all.....Jennifer Hartman**
- We want to THANK everyone that helped to make the Heritage Day Country Store another success!!! To everyone that helped set-up our "store", donated an item or purchased an item – THANK YOU!! We received numerous comments for the handcrafted items so we really appreciate everyone that took time to create an item and show off your talents!! A special THANK YOU to our helpers! This was truly a team effort and appreciate everyone's help!
Altha and Darla, Heritage Day Country Store
- I would like to thank Pastor Jim and all my other church friends for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food while I was in the hospital and during my recuperation at home. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a caring and loving church family. Thank you again and may God bless each one of you. **Geralene Schulte**

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Worship Schedule

Deacons	Acolyte	Comm. Assistant	PowerPoint
Maxey	Ushers	Kathy Svetlik	Boldt Family
Hartman	Ushers	Brenda Bridges	Butler Family
Bruchmiller	Brylie Koopman	Bobbie Guinn	Vickie Spann
Schulte	Ethan & Ryan Hartman	Sharon Church	Lisa Stacy
Sproles	Brylie Koopman	Dee Harper	Linda Tewes
Heinold	Alexis & Brittany Myers	Doris Wuensche	Doris Wuensce
Maxey	Brylie Koopman	Sue Boldt	Ginger McGill
Hartman	Melanie Zavala Juan DelaGarza	Florence Kirkland	Lassmann Family



We continue a tradition of community outreach at Christmas with The Angel Tree project. This year's recipients are children who are in Foster Care being served by CASA volunteers. Each child's name and age (with gift suggestions) will be placed on the tree in the Main St. Entrance November 12th. Each gift has a price limit of \$25.00. Distribution of the gifts will be done at the CASA Christmas Party Tuesday, December 15th in our Activity Center. More details will be available when the names are placed on the Christmas Tree.

Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Greeters	Lay Readers	Assisting Minister
11/6 8:00a	Lillian Lau Altha Maxey	Diane Boyett	James Reinhardt
11/6 10:30a	Sharon Church Mary Gleinser	Shirley Moehrig	Bonnie Pearson
11/13 8:00a	Ginger McGill Lois Elles	Jackie Schlinger	James Reinhardt
11/13 10:30a	Gail Norris Totty & Geralene Schulte	Bryan Serold	Bonnie Pearson
11/20 8:00a	Mickey & Altha Maxey Larry Bruchmiller	Dee Harper	Ginger McGill
11/20 10:30a	Aileen Lott Anthony Wilhelm	Doris Wuensche	Mary Gail Moody
11/27 8:00a	Dalton & Janie Metting Howard & Beverly Spies	James Reinhardt	James Reinhardt
11/27 10:30a	Bryan & Sandy Serold Joe & Donna Cliffe	David Gisler	Bud Pearson



WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING - FELC Women will have the Thankoffering on **November 20, 2016**. The Women of the Lutheran church have been gathering for the Thankoffering since the early 1900's. Thankoffering Sunday is a way to highlight our women's ministry and joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings. You do not have to be a member of the Women of the Church to make a Thankoffering. Last year the Thankoffering recipients were Project Comfort, The Prescription Drug Program and Victoria College/UHV Campus Ministry. This year the offering will go to the organization of choice by the FELC Women. Envelopes will be available.

Thank you for all of your visits, cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers during Franklin's recovery. We felt the power of your prayers every day. Our church family is truly a blessing. **God bless you all.**
Franklin & Esther Wehlmann and Larry & Kathy Svetlik

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS – If you would like to place a poinsettia on the Altar at Christmas in Loving Memory or in Honor of a loved one, order forms will be in the Narthex beginning November 13th and the deadline is Wednesday, December 7th. There is an order form on page 9 of this newsletter. **Please fill out one form for each poinsettia ordered.** Our poinsettias will be ordered through Midcoast Floral. The price is **\$8.00** each. *Please note the deadline is early because the poinsettias will be placed the weekend before Christmas Eve Service for everyone to enjoy their beauty even if you are not able to join us for our Christmas services.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 30th – Reformation Sunday—German Meal and Heritage. Day Funds Distributed
- Nov. 6th – All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 13th – Veterans Day Recognition
- Nov. 20th – Thankoffering
- Dec. 4th – Annual Mtg & Hamburger Lunch
- Dec. 7th – Poinsettia Orders due
- Dec. 11th – Sunday School Christmas Program during Sunday School
- Dec. 18th – Shelley O'Neal Angel Story Presentation during S. S.
- Dec. 24th – Candlelight Comm. Worship
4:30p & 7:00 p
- Dec. 25th – One Worship at 10:00 a.m.

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**





As members of First English we understand our responsibilities to collectively provide for the monetary necessities involved in the operation of the business of the Church. Now with that said, how are we doing with our decision to set a faithful and loving example for our family, our friends, and our country? In a few months we all will be offered the opportunity to complete a time and talent sheet, giving us a chance to serve the Church in a chosen capacity. Heritage Day efforts are in full swing, and assistance is necessary. You may be invited to join a prayer group. There are people hoping for comfort in nursing facilities. Some of our law enforcement officers are no doubt wondering if anyone appreciates their service. Somewhere there is a child that is hoping for a safe and comfortable end to the day. The gift of love expressed by offering to assist with these kinds of efforts is a decision to practice our faith. What decision will you make?

Respectfully offered by the Board of Stewardship

VCAM NEEDS:

- Condiments – ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard**
- Canned Vegetables – sweet peas, carrots, corn, tomato sauce**
- Assorted – pickles, olives, mushrooms, Rotel**
- Dried Noodles – vermicelli, macaroni, Ramen noodles**
- Basic Needs – detergents, toilet paper, paper towels**
- Breads – packaged, unrefrigerated**

Please remember our nursing home and assisted living residents in your prayers. They love and appreciate your visits!

Victoria Residence and Rehabilitation Center

Herb Hanselman, Amarylis Tschirhart

Twin Pines

Angel Lee Karnei, Fay Wright,
Virginia Swanson,
Allan & Mildred Butler

Retama South

Terry Jackson, Leo Westerman

The Courtyards

Eunice Lorfing

La Villa

Irene Nelson

Sodalis

Victor Swanson

BrightWater

Inez Bues
John Larson

LaBahia

Gladys Boehm

Brookdale

Sue Raaz
Roy Johnson

Elmcroft

Henry Alex

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Consider the wonderful apple pie. My OH My I love pie, especially apple pie with a crust just as flakey as a seasoned politician, not too sweet and a firm filling, warm but certainly not hot. It is hard for me to accept the fact that some people do not really care too much for my definition of the perfect piece of pie. Someone else might prefer their apple pie hot right out of the oven, another cold with ice cream on top; and maybe not sweet at all, but more like apple sauce. The next person might just prefer cherry or even apricot / pear. One could even venture to imagine that given a large group of people the subject of pie could be controversial enough to drift into argument.

With this year being an election year it is nearly impossible to not hear a rhetorical spew of political propaganda issuing from the campaign headquarters of the hopeful candidates, and then echoed by the media with a particular slant that is in compliance with a company policy and or an agenda. We witness the supposed peaceful protests of upstart groups that claim to have a mission that matters, and see the aftermath that follows in reality; that of buildings burning and broken lives. For years our country has been assaulted, not only by radical terrorists, but also by a public force driving a wedge into any potential crack, resulting in a divisive society that is straining under the weight of the applied oppression. These are hard times, both financially and socially. Ideally, our daily activities conducted during these times are exercised in a faith based lifestyle.

It is with faith that we can look through the events of these days and realize that its passing is as sure as the sun rise. The Apostle Paul wrote to us in the book of EPHESIANS 6:10 - 16, giving us knowledge of the power of the faith. We can read the several letters written to us by Paul and have hope, real hope with the power of faith backing it up (2 CORINTHIANS 1:9 -10). The faith and hope of Paul lives today in his letters and in **our** faith, giving us hope and knowledge that these things will help us in the coming day, but the greatest gift is love (1 CORINTHINANS 13:13). We really, really can love our way through the mess we have assembled as a society.

Each of us is the steward of our own faith. We do not go through our lives acting instinctively, but rather have the God given ability to decide our actions. We can decide to be faithful disciples by thoughtfully considering the events we witness in our lives and asking ourselves: "What is God saying to me? What am I going to do about it?" We can decide to have intentional spiritual growth by participating in prayer groups in our own Church, attending Bible study, and reaching out to persons that might not be aware of the opportunities presented by faith, hope and love.

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Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias will be available through the church, furnished by Midcoast Floral. The cost is \$8.00 each. Fill out the order form below and return with payment (checks made payable to FELC).

PLANTS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 7:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP OR PLEASE PICK YOUR PLANT UP BY 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH.

PLEASE PRINT

PLEASE USE ONE ORDER FORM FOR EACH POINSETTIA ORDER.

Poinsettias Plant Order Form



Giver's Name: _____

Giver's Phone#: _____

Bulletin Information

In Honor of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Other: _____

Given By: _____

The deadline to submit orders & information is

5:00pm WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

ALL ORDERS & MONEY MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY THIS DATE



SPECIAL PRAYERS

Marty Stockbauer, John Stockbauer, Mike Stolp,
Tom & Mary Scott, Dakota Lassmann,
Elizabeth Stern, Judy & Bill Argo, Carroll Crouch

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:

- Lynette Dentler (niece of Ruth Heller & Ellerine Dentler)
- Evelyn Frisbie Boothe (sister of W.W. Frisbie, Jr.)
- Dorothy Swoboda
- James Lamprecht (brother of Marie Wieschwill).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mark and Marilyn Hamilton into our church family. Their address is 271 Tower Rd., Goliad, TX 77963 Their phone number is 361-465-2013.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?



ITEMS FOUND– Are you are missing a single key on a key ring, a set of keys, a bracelet, or an insulated cup with a straw? If so..... please contact the church office to see if any of these items belong to you. We would love to find their owners!

CONGRATULATIONS - To Clinton and Casey Dentler on the birth of a daughter Charlotte Reagan, born October 4th. Proud Great Grandma is Ellerine Dentler.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Bryan & Nicole Munsch on the on the birth of a daughter, Elsie Mae, born October 14th. Proud Grandma is Donna Munsch and proud Great Grandma is Irene Nelson



CONGRATULATIONS - To Tim and Beverly Kevil on the birth of their son, George Eamon Kevil, on Friday, October 21st. Proud grandparents are Pastor Jim and Bonnie Pearson. Proud great-grandparents are Pastor Bud and Beverly Pearson.

Readings for November

Date	Psalm	Sermon Text
11/6	Psalm 9	Jonah 1: 1-17; 3: 1-10
11/13	Psalm 10	Isaiah 6: 1-8
11/20	Psalm 11	Jeremiah 36: 1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31: 31-34
11/27	Psalm 12	Daniel 6: 6-27

Sunday Services Attendance and Offerings

Date	8:00a Attend.	10:30a Attend.
10/2	89	102
10/9	76	107
10/16	75	110
10/23	67	111



Tellers for November

- 7- Malina
- 14- Schulte
- 21- Leshikar
- 28- Riesterer

November

- 10/22 - 11/4 - Kathleen Sproles
- 11/5 - 11/18 - Altha Maxey
- 11/19 - 12/2 - Sue Boldt

