

June Birthdays

Louise Jacob	6/02	Kathleen Sproles	6/20
Alton Johnston Jr.	6/03	Peggy Koenig	6/20
Amy Hartman	6/04	Porfirio Arguellez	6/21
Gil Riedesel	6/04	Jeri Alvarez	6/23
Kelly Lorance	6/05	Darden Jacob	6/23
Lorena Barjenbruch	6/06	Ricky DeLaGarza Sr.	6/24
Marilyn Riesterer	6/07	Mike Mercer	6/24
Mason Petry	6/09	David Henry	6/24
Carley Migura	6/09	Carol Rangnow	6/26
Jacob Dentler	6/10	Harlo Fields	6/27
Betty Taylor	6/10	Dawn Stumfoll	6/27
Haleigh Johnson	6/12	Mallory Depine	6/27
John Barjenbruch	6/12	Tristyn Schmidt	6/28
Aimsley Arguellez	6/13	Madaline McBrayer	6/28
Lindsey Koenig	6/14	Jessica McBrayer	6/28
Deborah Ellsworth	6/16	Kyle Motal	6/28
Brian Tomanec	6/16	James Fait	6/29
Donna Reed	6/19	Adilynn Arguellez	6/29
Shiyla Schmidt	6/20	Charles Reynolds	6/30
Sharon Glover	6/20		

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish our Graduates best wishes on their next endeavor in life.

- Harlo Fields - West H. S.
- Olivia Reynolds - ISchool Virtual Academy
- Kyle Shedd - Futures Academy
- Blake Thigpen - West H. S.
- Hagen Swoboda - TSTC Rosenberg—Lineman Certification
- Devery Koehl - Lamar University—Bachelors in Mgmt. Accounting



OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed
Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

July deadline is
Wednesday, June 19, 2024

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

June 2024

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KXTS-TV Channel 41 – Optimum Cable Ch. 9

10:30 Sundays live streaming at “[Facebook.com/FELCvictoria](https://www.facebook.com/FELCvictoria)”

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Members received May 12, 2024

Tom & Jamey Gillespie
27 Ybarra Rd.
Victoria, TX 77905
361-935-5773

Ronnie & Laura Malina
23 Sheryl Dr.
Victoria, TX 77905
361-571-9188

Will & Caiti Durham
Isaac
110 Laguna Dr.
Victoria, TX 77904
361-220-0777

Adam Rickman & Donna Reed
Layla, John and Abby
510 Angus
Victoria, TX 77904
361-463-8737

Linda Johnston
1726 Crouch Rd.
Victoria, TX 77905
361-649-3490



5TH SUNDAY AND FELLOWSHIP – June has 5 Sundays, Join us in the Activity Center **Sunday, June 30** for *ONE WORSHIP SERVICE* at 10:00 a.m. Following the worship service, we will enjoy some fellowship, food and fun. Board of Congregational Life will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with the fixings. We ask the congregation to bring a dessert or your favorite ice cream. This is a great time to worship together and see people you know and meet people you don't.

I need to cut my grass. It's not horrible, but if I let it go much longer, it definitely could get there. The edging is starting to look a little ragged. I have some trees that need to be trimmed and two large ones that need to come down. I know that the work needs to be done, but when I think I have time, it is so blasted hot that I don't want to get outside.

Sounds like a "me" problem, right?

It is. I know it, but that doesn't fix my yard. I know that I have to overcome the excuses and do the work. It is easier to turn a blind eye to them and hope that they go away, but I know that they won't. If anything, they will just get worse.

I think I do that in my personal life as well. Maybe if I ignore the problem, it will resolve itself. That is not the most likely solution. Occasionally, it may happen that way, but not the majority of the time. Almost always, it requires us to buckle down and do the necessary things that must be done: making time, following the right plans, and following through with the necessary things.

Our spiritual lives are no different. We know when our spiritual yards are getting too long because we have neglected them, letting them get out of shape. It is exactly the same with our spiritual lives. We have necessary work to do to get them back to where they should be: prayer, study, worship, and service. We know they are musts in our lives of faith and yet, we tend to float through our spiritual lives without tending to these areas: leaving dusty Bibles, unbended knees and plenty of work left undone.

Summer has always been one of those times to more easily neglect the spiritual work that needs to happen in our lives. And so, therein lies a bit of a challenge. Be diligent this season. Find the pathway that helps you be committed to your spiritual health just as you would any other aspect of your life. Be strong and committed to the disciplines of faith and see the beauty that unfolds because of that work. If we put forth the spiritual effort in this season, it will be blessed. That is the promise.

So, go and do the good work.

In His arms.
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Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Assistant	Lay Readers	Communion Assistant	Deacons
6/2 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Tracie Depine	Tracie Depine	James Janak
6/2 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Gary Childress	Gary Childress Doris Childress	Jeff Sproles
6/9 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Emily Koenig	Emily Koenig	Aaron Muegge
6/9 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	Carrie Hendrix	Carrie Hendrix Marie Plemons	Jim Hartman
6/16 8:00a	Ginger McGill	Katherine Schuelke	Katherine Schuelke	Alton Johnston
6/16 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Jennifer Hartman	Jennifer Hartman Sandra Heldt	Marty Foss
6/23 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Kathryn Reynolds	Kathryn Reynolds	Jeff Sproles
6/23 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	David Henry	David Henry Tracie Hermes	James Janak
6/30 10:00a 5th Sunday	Mary Gail Moody	Mary Gail Moody	Mary Gail Moody	Aaron Muegge

THANK YOU

- On Sunday, April 28, First English celebrated its 20th Annual Heritage Day Celebration. It was one the biggest and successful Celebrations we have had. I just wanted to thank everyone who volunteered and helped at this year's event. To put on an event of this size, it takes many, many people's time & talents. You did an AMAZING job First English!! Through your donations, First English was able to provide over 230 BBQ plates to the local area First Responders. A great deal of thanks goes out to the Board of Congregational Life & the FELC BBQ Cook Team in helping prepare all the delicious BBQ Plates. Many thanks goes out to the Heritage Day Steering Committee in planning the celebration and organizing the Live & Silent Auctions, Cake Walk, Country Store, & Kid's Games. Thank you to all the donors who gave auction items, cakes/cookies, & Country Store donations. Thank you to all the members and friends of First English for helping make this year's event such a great success. Please mark your calendars as the 2024 Heritage Day Celebration recipients receive their funds at the 10:30am Worship Service on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Thanks again for your continued support First English! Know that your sharing is greatly helping & assisting others in our community. **Aaron Muegge**
- A special thank you for the brisket barbeque crew, slicing crew and the crew that supplied the plate line with meat. Hope to have you'll back next year! **Clarence Heinold**
- The March Diaper Drive was a huge success. Mid-Coast Family Services, VCAM and Perpetual Help Home were the proud recipients of a large sack full of various sizes of diapers and wipes. They all were so grateful for the donation. Thank you FELC for your support! **BO Social Concerns**
- We want to say a huge THANK YOU to our 60 plus volunteers who assisted us in "Assembling all plates for Heritage Day. We truly appreciate you giving your time, energy, and patience in assisting the Board of Congregational Life. We love working with wonderful, Christian people who enjoy helping others!
Sandy Muegge, Bryan Serold, and Gerrold Belk

First English Lutheran Church 2024 Heritage Day Celebration Final Record

- **1286 BBQ Plates Sold**
- **229 BBQ Plates Donated to Local Area First Responders**
- **BBQ Ticket + T-shirt Sales = \$20,441.25**
- **Live Auction = \$52,883.90**
- **Silent Auction = \$5,157.00**
- **Country Store = \$1,685.50**
- **Cake Walk = \$1,270.00**
- **50/50 Raffle = \$436.00**
- **Beer 'Tip Jar' = \$53.00**
- **Program Ad Sales = \$3,875.00**



• **Net Total Proceeds for Recipients = \$90,000.00**
(with ticket sales, First Responder donations, cash donations)

Portion for each recipient = \$18,000.00

• Heritage Day is a celebration remembering our heritage as the first English-speaking Lutheran church in the Victoria area. First English Evangelical Lutheran Church gives back to our community every year with our Heritage Day Celebration. The Celebration is a way for members of the congregation to reach outside our church walls and spread God's Message and Word. 100% of all proceeds generated at the Heritage Day Celebration are given back to the community. Each year individuals, groups, or non-profit organizations are selected by the Heritage Day Steering Committee and are honored as the Celebration recipients. **The 2024 recipients are: Christ's Kitchen, Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation, Kairos Prison Ministry (Cuero Stevenson Unit), South Texas Children's Home Ministries, and the FELC Heritage Day Community Assistance Fund.** First English is blessed to be a blessing to others, and that is certainly true this year as all the funds generated will be given to others.

• Job well done First English Lutheran! Your support and generosity made the 2024 Heritage Day Celebration the greatest & most productive one yet! It takes a lot of people and time to plan & produce Heritage Day. Months and months of planning, along with peoples' time & talents makes Heritage Day what it is. Thanks goes out to all people who helped at this year's Heritage Day Celebration. Heritage Day is a total team effort here at FELC. Thank you to the Board of Congregational Life, the Heritage Day Steering Committee, and all the Boards at FELC for all your support and hard work. Again, thank you and fantastic job!

Mark your calendars for next year's Heritage Day Celebration!
2025 FELC Heritage Day Celebration - Sunday, April 27, 2025

FIFTY AND FUN – Fifty and Fun will meet **Thursday, June 13**, in Felger Hall at 6:00p.
Please join us for fellowship and games.
Please bring a meat, side dish or dessert to share.
Hope to see you there!!!

Sunday Services Attendance and Offerings

Date	8:00a Attendance & Offering	10:30a Attendance & Offering
4/28 H. Day	—	208
5/5	67	212
5/12	91	254
5/19	63	204



Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:



- Jim Richman (brother-in-law of Jennifer Hartman)
- Joyce Randall (mother of Darrell Smith)
- Elton Touch
- Bill Kelly

SPECIAL PRAYERS



Melvin Koenig, Ronnie Stock, Rachel, Jean Tuch, Pat Trapp, Charlene Balfanz, Jay Thigpen, Cole Ohrt, Sandy Muegge, Steve, Dan, Jerry, Kamryn McDavid, Trinity Runge, Connie Castellow, Bud Pearson, Marci Myers, Chad Conrey, Craig Boyd, David Ozuna, David Maroney, Missy Sappington, Aaron Muegge, Bryon Simmons, Natalie Thamm, Lyndsey Naekel

June Tellers

3 - Malina/Kelly
10 - Elles/Westbrook
17 - Kucera/Elles
24 - Muegge/Hiller

June



5/25 - 6/7 — Kathleen Sproles
6/8 - 6/21 — Vickie Spann
6/22 - 7/5 — Jackie Schlinger

SUMMER CAMP - FELC will be attending Camp Eagle **JUNE 9 - 13** for youth that have **COMPLETED 6th - 12th Grade** **We have ONLY 30 beds reserved;** so, if you are interested in going to Camp Eagle, please contact Julie Thigpen at 361-935-0235.



There is a deposit of \$100.00 for camp. Sign up will be available until all spots are filled.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - If you have completed 6th grade through 12th grade you are eligible to attend the Mission Trip **June 23 - 28** to Slumber Fall Camp and Retreat Center in New Braunfels. You will have the opportunity to serve and enjoy the beautiful grounds of this camp and retreat center. While there our group will be fixing up areas as well as enjoying swimming and Worship. **To register go to:**
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/FELCYouthFamilyMinistry/MissionTripSlumberFalls2024>

Price is \$250.00 per camper.
For questions contact Julie Thigpen 361-935-0235



LETS GO TO CAMP! If you have completed grades 2nd -5th We will be going to Slumber Fall Camp and Retreat Center **July 7-11.** You will have the opportunity to

Grow in Faith, explore the river and outdoors, worship and enjoy fellowship.

To Register: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/FELCYouthFamilyMinistry/CampRegistration2nd5thGrades>
Cost per camper is \$300.00. Scholarships available
For questions, please contact Julie Thigpen at 361-935-0235

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - To all Fathers, New Fathers, Older Fathers, Soon-to-be Fathers, Step-Fathers, Foster Fathers, Fathers who have lost, Grandpas, Great-Grandpas, Father figures and those who have a Father.



Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Day!