

May Birthdays

Dorothy Stock	5/02	Linda Tewes	5/19
William McBrayer	5/02	Tammy Hartman	5/19
Arlen Buchhorn	5/03	Tanner Amsler	5/19
Troy Koenig	5/03	Marc Foester	5/20
Abby Karl	5/04	Clayton Shedd	5/23
Mildred Butler	5/04	Heather Arguellez	5/23
Dwane Bruns	5/05	Jake Thormahlen	5/23
LeeAnn Bowen	5/06	Larry Lassmann	5/23
Craig Bowen	5/07	Blaine Koopman	5/23
Skandy Schmidt	5/08	Lynleigh Logan	5/24
Mary Michael Koenig	5/08	Leighton Logan	5/24
Mark Hamilton	5/09	Jackson Slaughter	5/24
Jason Thigpen	5/09	Maisyn Jeffers	5/25
Parker Bowen	5/11	Steven Jones	5/25
Cody Bauman	5/11	Karen Webb	5/25
Janet Hutson	5/12	Louella Redding	5/26
Audriana Garza	5/12	Nolan Lorance	5/26
Kaelen Schram	5/12	Kevin Staples	5/27
Amber DeBord	5/12	Dickie Koopman	5/27
Byron Cumberland	5/12	Spencer Shilinga	5/28
Mason Carroll	5/13	Brady Koopman	5/29
Debbie Moncrief	5/14	Dawson Carroll	5/30
Barbara Thedin	5/14	Lenwood Krause Jr.	5/31
Renaë Murray	5/17	David Gisler	5/31
Amanda DeLaGarza	5/18		
Joyce Teinert	5/18		
Bryan Serold	5/18		



June deadline is
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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NEW MEMBERS “FOUNDATION CLASS” – If you are



interested in joining First English Lutheran Church, please call the Church office at 361-575-3623 to register. Pastor Chip will hold a New Members “*Foundations Class*” **Sunday, May 5**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m. in the Activity Center (gym.) Then, **Sunday, May 12**, the new members will be received at 8:00a or 10:30a service. New

Member classes are held quarterly.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY - To all Moms, Older Moms,

New Moms, Soon-to-be-Moms, Step-Moms,

Foster Moms, Moms who have lost, Grannies,

Great-Grannies, and those who have a Mom.

YOU are priceless! Have a blessed day!



FIFTY AND FUN – Fifty and Fun will meet **Thursday,**

May 9, 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!!!

There are moments that we get reminders about our God and who He is in our lives. The problem, usually, is that we are going so fast that we fail to see or be aware that God is there.

This past week has been very trying. Everyone knows Cleo, our new puppy, and the situation with her bad front leg. So, we made a trip to the vet this week to get it looked at again and get a plan together for what was next.

Long story short, we sat in the vet for a long time in a very busy waiting room. After several other patients went back, we were called. It was a little odd because there were still people there that had been there before me. We got into the room and the Vet came in and let us know that the puppy right next to us in the waiting room had tested positive for Parvo.

Cleo had taken two Parvo shots already but that is not perfect, so we are waiting and watching. Then the Vet looked at the leg. After an extensive examination and determining there is no feeling in the paw at all, she suggested that we schedule an amputation. Even though I knew it might be coming, my heart sank a little.

Now, she has seemed to navigate the Parvo part so far. She has been good for almost a week, and we are watching her closely, but she has been eating and drinking well and has been as much a puppy as can be. I'm down two pair of shoes this week. And I sat in the floor yesterday and she crawled up in my lap and started "cleaning" me.

I took a moment to be thankful. Cleo needed someone to love her. And it is easy to see God in how we came to be together. I can also see God when I think that I really needed a Cleo after losing our other pup. I am reminded of God's love for us in our brokenness when I think of how much I love this dog in her brokenness.

Every moment little things happen in our lives that seem insignificant but, in my heart, I know that if I slow down and look I can see God. He watches over, loves, guides, and protects us in so many ways. Just as He said in the Gospel this week: I am the good Shepherd. He knows His own and if we slow down and look, we can know Him as well. Slow down. Know God. And be thankful that He loves you like He does. We need those moments, so just take them every once in a while.

In His arms.
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Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Assistant	Lay Readers	Communion Assistant	Deacons
5/5 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Louis Boldt	Sue Boldt	Alton Johnston
5/5 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Edna McDonald	Edna McDonald Barb McDonald	Marty Foss
5/12 8:00a	James Reinhardt	James Reinhardt	Rachel Sizemore	Jeff Sproles
5/12 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	Merle Thompson	Merle Thompson Sharon Church	James Janak
5/19 8:00a	Ginger McGill	Ginger McGill	Kathleen Sproles	Aaron Muegge
5/19 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Mary Gail Moody	Bryan Serold Sandy Serold	Jim Hartman
5/26 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Tracy Depine	Tracie Depine	Alton Johnston
5/26 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	Olivia Reynolds	Olivia Reynolds Dee Harper	Marty Foss

THANK YOU

- Thank you to Ronnie Koliba for purchasing some landscaping plants for the Stayton St. side of the church. We appreciate your generosity very much....**Board of Trustees.**
- Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time and talents to help at the FELC spring cleaning event April 13. Thanks to those that participated, the day was very successful and please know that you are appreciated. Thank you again!
Board of Trustees Committee.
- Thank you to all of you for your generous donations to the Cookies for our Heritage Day BBQ plates. What an awesome congregation all of you are. God bless each of you and our congregation. **Donna Heinold, Bd of Cong. Life.**

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.



ADDRESS CHANGE

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PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE - As you have noticed, the Parking Lot is complete! Thank you to everyone who was part of this project planning so it was able to be completed on time and ***under budget!***

In the beginning, payments were made directly out of the general fund and growth fund so our final amount for the loan is \$197,601.93

We appreciate everyone that has donated to the Growth Fund and ask that you prayerfully consider to continue to donate towards “FELC Growth Fund” or “Parking Lot.” Thank you again, for your support on this project.



Thursday, May 2, is National Day of Prayer

GRADUATES HONORED – Board of Youth will be recognizing all FELC members graduating from High School, Technical, Vocational, College, University and Doctoral program, **Sunday, May 19.**

If you are among those who will be honored as a graduate, please call the Church Office by **Thursday, May 9** and, let us know where you will be attending college and/or career plans.



With Honor and Gratitude, we remember our Men and Women in Uniform who have given their lives while serving. Commemoration at Worship Services

May 26, 2024

OFFICE CLOSED - *The office will be closed*

Monday, May 27, 2024,

in observance of Memorial Day.



SPECIAL PRAYERS



Nyle Ruth Rowland, Bud Pearson, Pat Trapp, Charlene Balfanz, Jay Thigpen, Sandy Muegge, Bill Klesel, Caitlyn Lassmann, Patricia Morris, Janice Fait, Craig Boyd, Chad Conrey, Alan Campbell, Jim Richmon, Kim James, Audra Garvel, Brian, Cullen Walker, Dan, Gilbert Hernandez, James Jackson, Kathy Ahlstrom, Steve, Trinity Runge, Cole Ohrt, Marci Myers, Richard Bludau

Sunday Services Attendance and Offerings

Date	8:00a Attendance	10:30a Attendance
3/24	78	210
3/31	124	354
4/7	59	194
4/14	85	217
4/21	59	196

Holy Week Attendance

Date	7:00p Attendance & Offering
3/28 Thursday	188
3/29 Friday	152

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:



- Al Johnston (father of Dawn Stumfoll)

May Tellers

6 - Malina/Kelly
 13 - Elles/Westbrook
 20 - Kucera/Elles
 28 - Muegge/Hiller (Tues)

May



4/27 - 5/10 — Steve Nelson
 5/11 - 5/24 — Jackie Schlinger
 5/25 - 6/7 — Kathleen Sproles

Memorial Day Word Search

R E M S A L U T E S F L A G P
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BLUE	HONOR	RESPECT
CEMETERY	MAY	SACRIFICE
FALLEN	MEMORIAL	SALUTE
FLAG	MILITARY	SERVICE
FREEDOM	MONDAY	SOLDIERS
HEROES	PARADE	WHITE
	RED	

