

*First English Lutheran Church is  
a congregation of the*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

*“Sharing the Light of Christ”*

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**Your comments, questions and concerns are  
important to us. Feel free to talk to any  
member of our staff or Church Council.**

**Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace...**

*“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and  
harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day  
and night, shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22,  
NRSV).*

As autumn begins, we watch the world  
transform before our eyes. Leaves change color,  
the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in.  
In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of  
God’s faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of  
nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and  
winter—are part of God’s ongoing promise. Each  
season speaks of His order, care, and presence.  
Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as  
the trees release their leaves, we are called to let  
go of what no longer serves us and make space  
for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—  
school schedules, church programs, and  
community events. As we step into new  
responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we  
do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only  
present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God’s  
steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in  
God’s faithful promises that never cease—even  
as the world around us shifts.



**First English Mission Statement**

***Our mission is to grow in faith,  
serve our neighbors, and  
support one another.***



## Regular Church

### Office Hours...

resume on Tuesday,  
September 2 (closed  
for lunch: Noon – 1:00  
p.m.)



#### **Deadlines:**

Bulletin: Wednesday afternoon  
Lantern: 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

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## September Worship Schedule...

### **September 7: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

### **September 14: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunda after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

### **September 21: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

### **September 28: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Thursday Night Worship:**

September 4, 11, 18, 25  
in the sanctuary – 6:00 p.m.

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## FALL INTO FELLOWSHIP: CHURCH LIFE IS BACK!

As summer winds down, we're gearing up for an exciting season of ministry and connection. Sunday School, small groups, youth nights, and more are all starting back up in September. There's a place for everyone—come grow, serve, and belong!

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## HANDBELL CHOIR

Rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:00 p.m. and will continue on Tuesday evenings. For more info, contact Dan Larson. Larson.



## COMMITTEE Night



To all members who

serve on a committee:

Mark your calendars as we begin a new season of ministry together. **Our next committee night will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m. We'll gather in Fellowship Hal.**

**“SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!  
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING!”**

- Psalm 100:2

The Worship and Music Ministry Team (a.k.a. Worship and Music Committee) is looking forward to the new year and the many ways we can support and enhance our services of worship. Meetings will be held on Committee Night which is scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30p.m. If you love all things worship: the music, the worship space environment, making paraments/banners, baking bread for communion, and any other of the many things that make worship meaningful – then this ministry team is for you! Let Lette Becker or Pastor Mary know that you would love to serve in this ministry!

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## PERSONAL CARE KITS...

Hello all –

The assembly of all Personal Care Kits for this year is complete. With your generous donations and support, I have been able to exceed my goal from last year! 188 kits have been made this year. A HUGE thank you to everyone for your contributions and support in my mission!

-- Lori Heyne

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE FELC YOUTH



Youth Greenery Sale

Wait... WHAT???  
Christmas now?  
The youth will again be selling "greens" for the holidays. You will be able to place your order **until October 12<sup>th</sup>**. The order sheet will be in the narthex. Payment will be

due upon pickup. Pick-up will be mid-November. As always, thank you for your continued support of FELC Youth!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

for all children, who turn age 3 by August 31 thru confirmation!

This will be a fun day with games, stories, and to meet Pastor Mary!



Each family will receive a Sunday School information form in the mail. Please complete a separate form for each child that will be enrolled. Forms can be returned to me or the church office. If you have any

questions, feel free to give me a call. Thank you, VerJean Detert, Sunday School Superintendent

## PARISH RECORDS... August 2025

**Funerals:** *"...in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God..."*

August 9: Natalie Streveler  
(Graveside Service)

**Baptism:** *"...child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."*

August 10: Cameron Anthony Oberbeck  
son of Brad and Anne

## CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS...

We are pleased to announce that the Pastor Jay Kamrath Scholarship Fund has awarded five college scholarships this year. Jack Beliunas, Allison Kramer, Karli Kramer, Clarissa Krueger and Kate Schumitsch will each receive \$500.00 for this upcoming school year. We are very proud of them and wish them the very best! May God bless them in their studies and future endeavors.



## AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE HOURS

Check out the new sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to provide after-worship treats on Sundays.

We extend our worship experience by staying after worship to share some fellowship with each other, especially with a treat! You don't have to provide fancy treats are just fine, and there is always someone around to help with making coffee! Thanks!



*"To the Pastor Jay Kamrath Scholarship Committee, I wanted to thank every one of you for selecting me for this scholarship. As stated in my application, after my semester abroad, financials are harder than ever to come up with for this coming school year. Aid through scholarships, especially this one, brings a large relief to me and my education. I am so thankful and blessed to have been selected, so thank you! If anyone would like to talk more, my offer still stands to reach out through my email at [katestersch@gmail.com](mailto:katestersch@gmail.com) or in person on Sundays. See you soon!*

*Sincerely, Kate Schumitsch*

## LET US REMEMBER...

those in our congregation who are confined to their homes or are in nursing home or assisted living facilities due to illness, rehab/therapy, or are just unable to attend worship or fellowship activities. They would love and appreciate hearing from their church family with a card, visit, note or phone call.



### Cady Home

**1805 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wausau WI 54401**

- Michelle Detert Room 4

### Crossroads Care Center

**717 E. Alfred St., Weyauwega, WI 54983**

- Rick Petzke

### Mountain Terrace Senior Living

**3402 Terrace Ct. Wausau WI 54401**

- Diane Zuelke Room 133

### Primrose Retirement Community

**2100 Townline Rd. Wausau WI 54403**

- Kathie Peterson Room 228

### Rennes Health and Rehab

**4810 Barbican Ave. Weston WI 54476**

- Joyce Utecht Room 606-2

- Bill Wachholz

### Sylvan Crossings on Evergreen

**1605 Evergreen Rd., Wausau WI 54403**

- Dolores Hintz Room 13

### Wausau Manor

**3001 Westhill Driver, Wausau 54401**

- Alan Sexter (for rehab and therapy)

### Wood Aven Living Community

**1821 N.4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wausau 54401**

- Gary Klingbeil Room 110

### At Home...

**- Ila Barttelt 4602 Barbican Ave. #206  
Weston 54476**

### **- Geraldine Hopperdietzel**

2505 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wausau 54401

### **- Delphine Saeger 151700 Fern Ln.**

Wausau 54401 715-298-3210

### **- Eleanor Thorpe 2901 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. W102**

Wausau 54403 715-298-1865

## THE QUILTERS

will resume on

Tuesday, Sept. 2,

9:00 a.m. in

Fellowship Hall. If

you would like to be

part of this fun

group of ladies,

please come and

join us! We would love to have you. No quilting experience is required.



## FOLLOW FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH – WAUSAU ON FACEBOOK!

It's a great way to get some interesting links and notes, thoughts and ideas during the week, and some very nice photos, too!



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## SHARE YOUR PICTURES FOR OUR FELC FACEBOOK PAGE

We love to share news and photos on our social media channels of our members doing God's work together and having fun. Here are a few ways you can share, too:

- Take a picture of First English members or groups doing things together.
- Email the photo and a sentence or two about the picture to Sue Juedes at [sue.juedes@gmail.com](mailto:sue.juedes@gmail.com) or Kalynn Pempek at [kmpempek@gmail.com](mailto:kmpempek@gmail.com) and ask to have them posted on Facebook.

- Follow our First English Lutheran Church – Wausau page on Facebook, and share our posts and YouTube videos to your personal pages to spread the good news of our church.
  - “Like” and comment on FELC posts.
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## **Worship Servants...**

**Acolytes – Greeters – Lectors**  
**Worship Assistants - Ushers**  
**Communion Set-up / Assistants**  
**Communionware Washers**

**To all worship servants:** if you are unable to serve on the Sunday you are scheduled, please try to switch with someone or find a sub and give Deb a call in the office of the change.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

September 7: Pat Seivert  
 September 14: Lynne Santangelo  
 September 21: Nickolas Schumacher  
 September 28: Connie Vaningan

October 5: Pat Seivert  
 October 12: Lynne Santangelo  
 October 19: Nickolas Schumacher  
 October 26: Connie Vaningan

## **ALTAR GUILD:**

September: VerJean Detert  
 October

## **ACOLYTES:**

September 7: Brooklynn Detert  
 September 14: Kynslei Koehler-Dalquist  
 September 21: Kaedyn Hadley  
 September 28: Brooklynn Detert

October 5: Kynslei  
 October 12: Kaedyn  
 October 19: Brooklynn  
 October 26: Kynslei

## **LECTORS:**

September 7: Connie Vaningan  
 September 14: Lette Becker  
 September 21: Sheri Fochs  
 September 28: Karen Briggs

October 5: Sharon Hunter  
 October 12: Sue Juedes  
 October 19: Dawn Kramer  
 October 26: Barry Levine

## **LECTORS: (Thursday Evening Worship)**

September 4: Barry Levine  
 September 11: Maralee Moellendorf  
 September 18: Cheri Breneman  
 September 25: Barry Levine

October 2: Maralee  
 October 9: Cheri  
 October 16: Bobbie  
 October 23: Barry  
 October 30: Maralee

## **GREETERS:**

September 7: Amy Abitz/Eli Akey/Steve Wendorf  
 September 14: Linda Kittel  
 September 21: Dilynn Koehler / Deb Kufahl  
 September 28: Lowanne Brokaw / VerJean Detert

October 5: Lonnie & LeAnn Lewis  
 October 12: Ben & Mia Lodahl  
 October 19: John & Karen Otto  
 October 26: Erin and Spencer Radke

## **COMMUNION SET-UP:**

September 7: Deb Kluetz  
 September 14: Dawn Kramer  
 September 21: Marla Zumann  
 September 28: VerJean Detert

October 5: Deb  
 October 12: Dawn  
 October 19: Marla  
 October 26: VerJean



### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**

September 7: Dawn Kramer  
September 14: Deb Kufahl  
September 21: Scott Kufahl  
September 28: Sharon Hunter

October 5: Lynne Santangelo  
October 12: Emma Schumitsch  
October 19: Sheri Bagby  
October 26: Jenny Blaschka

### **COMMUNIONWARE WASHERS:**

September 7: Lynne Santangelo  
September 14: Neil & Sue Juedes  
September 21: Lonnie & LeAnn Lewis  
September 28: Deb Kluetz / Dawn Kramer

October 5: Bob & Pat Seivert  
October 12: Lynne Santangelo  
October 19: Neil & Sue Juedes  
October 26: Lonnie & LeAnn Lewis

### **USHERS:**

September 7: G & L Schulz / D Kluetz / L Brokaw  
September 14: L & M Heyne / M Schumitsch  
September 21: M & C Vaningan / S Hunter  
September 28: S & D Kufahl / S Wendorf

October 5: Earl Zabel/Duane Chapman/Bob Lampe  
October 12: Neil & Sue Juedes / Jenny Blaschka  
October 19: Gene & Lynn Schulz/Deb Kluetz/  
Lowanne Brokaw  
October 26: Matt & Lori Heyne / Matt Schumitsch

**Subs:** Shawn & Jenny Blaschka, Lowanne Brokaw, Matt & Lori Heyne, Sharon Hunter, Sue & Neil Juedes, Deb Kluetz, Deb Kufahl, Mike Vaningan, Earl Zabel

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## **THANK YOU**

*"First English Congregation, Thank you for once again giving us the leftover items from your church sale. They will help refill our store in late winter. -- Dime & Dollar Thrift Store"*



### ***Volunteers don't necessarily have the time – they have the heart.***

We appreciate ALL First English volunteers in whatever capacity they serve, indoors and outdoors. We are grateful for each and every one of you!



## **FELC Food Outreach**

Last month, we shared a Temple Talk update about our community food outreach efforts. We've transitioned from a traditional food pantry to providing food care packages with a day's worth of groceries to people who come to the church seeking help with food. So far, we've provide emergency food care bags to six families. Some of you mentioned interest in donating toward these food bags. The cost is \$20 per bag, and feel free to use your FELC giving envelopes earmarked for the food pantry. For those who prefer to bring food items to church for the emergency bags, the following are in the bags: peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, 2 boxes

macaroni & cheese, beef stew, canned vegetables, 2 cans of tuna, instant mashed potatoes, and a box of protein bars. We're also partnering with The Neighbor's Place, a nonprofit organization that helps people in our community with food and basic needs, as well as other organizations throughout the year with monetary donations, drives for needed items, and volunteering. We will soon be making a \$200 donation to The Neighbor's Place and know that we'll be reaching and empowering many families with this gift.

We're also exploring the concept of an outside micro-food pantry, similar to a free book library where people can take or leave nonperishable, temperature-resistant foods. We're still looking into the details and will share more when we have an update.

Feel free to contact any of us with questions or input: Cindy Hermel, Deb Thumstedter, Deb Kluetz, Pastor Mary, Mike Vanignan, Scott Kufahl, Kalynn Pempek, Angela Greenfield, and Dina Santangelo.

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping people in our community.

## FE LADIES

You are invited to join us for **Charity Circle** on Tues., Sept. 9 in the Bethany Room for the start of a new Fall year. We gather from 9:00-9:30 a.m. followed by a very casual Bible study. Nancy Kohorn Henricks leads our study. We use the ELCA women's magazine, The Gathering. We have a short business meeting with coffee and treats and we wrap things up by 11:00. It is a fun group and we would love to have you join us!

If you prefer an evening circle meeting, you are invited to join the ladies in **Shalom Circle** which will resume on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



## AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS,

Wisconsin River Valley Chapter, will hold a presentation here at First English on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. in the church balcony. There will be a demonstration of the Peterson recording unit on our pipe organ. Organ Guild members will be shown the process of recording pieces, playback, and various ways to store recordings.

Members of First English are welcome to attend. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you wish to stay for the meal following the presentation.

***"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."***

***- Sandy Dahl, wife of pilot of Flight 93, Jason Dahl.***



**May we never forget.**

## GREETING CARDS

First English Lutheran has its own supply of hand drawn cards for sale. They are made by Gary Pagel of FE and sell for \$1.00 each. There are many to choose from...Scripture verse, Martin Luther quotes, and many more. The cards are blank inside so you are able to send your own thoughts and greetings. They are located in the narthex coatroom with a container for your donations. Gary does not receive any monetary compensation for these cards. It is his gift to FE and per his request, the proceeds are given to First English. Many of our shut-ins enjoy getting "snail mail."



## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

**John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

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## A BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, we pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.

## WAUSAU LABOR DAY PARADE

The North Central Wisconsin Labor Council will host the annual Wausau Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 1. The parade will not go down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue this year.

Following a new route, the parade will begin at Marathon Park and end at the Wausau Labor Temple. The parade kicks off at 4 p.m. A family-friendly celebration will follow the Labor Temple.

### WHAT TO KNOW

- Wausau Labor Day Parade
  - Starts at 4 p.m.
  - Participants should line up at Marathon Park starting at 3 p.m.
  - Parade route goes from Marathon Park, down Stewart Ave to 2nd Ave to Callon St to 3rd Ave
  - Ends at the Wausau Labor Temple
  - Celebration at the Wausau Labor Temple following the parade
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## All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten – *Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things* – by Robert Fulghum

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned...

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.