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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Ten students affirmed their baptism on Sunday, October 13 and took over their promises of faith that were made by their parents and communities when they were young . The congregation helped celebrate this milestone during worship and with a cake reception following the service.

Tyler Meyers Evan Miller Rylann Miller
William Montgomery Griffin Peterson Kaeda Rezac Joel Spicer
Avery Stark Beck Swanson Katie Tipton

These students have completed their four years of confirmation classes by exploring their faith through Bible Study, Catechesis work, service, mentor discussions, community fun, and more. Posters were also presented on Confirmation Sunday which highlighted their faith statements and journeys.



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NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Thankful Hearts

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays – food and family, what more do we need? I suppose pheasant hunting and football aren't too bad either. But I would like us to focus most on giving thanks. Being intentional about gratitude, individually and as a community, has been benefits. Studies have shown that being thankful can help people feel more positive, relish good experiences, build strong relationships with others, and even improve their health. And I would add, gratitude can foster grace.

During the next month, we will begin our annual stewardship campaign and I hope as part of it we can reflect on what we are thankful for here at First English. I certainly feel blessed to be a part of this community. I am thankful for the ways we share in our grief and our joys. I am encouraged by the way we are invested in learning and developing our spiritual lives together. And I have much gratitude for how the Holy Spirit is energizing our ministries, particularly our youth and family ministries. So let this stewardship season be one of sharing thankful hearts!

With gratitude,
Pastor Luke



DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

Happy Thanksgiving

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 (NRSV)

GODS WORK, OUR HANDS DAY OF SERVICE

First English held the annual God's Work Our Hands day of service on Sunday October 6. Several service options were available for members to participate, including the Cannon Falls Cemetery Clean-up, LSS House, Cannon River Senior interviews, a sing-along at Cannon Rivers, creating fleece blankets for our senior students, clean-up and weeding around the church and projects that children can do, like painting rocks, creating thank you cards and decorations for the upcoming Christmas Parade float.



Teams were invited to return to First English for a meal and fellowship after their service project. Thank you to all who organized and participated!



NOVEMBER FAITH AND LIFE CONVERSATIONS

Our new committee, Faith and Life Conversations, has some interesting discussions coming up in the month of November. We hope you will grab a cup of coffee after worship, and join us in the Sanctuary!

- November 3** – Pastor Luke will lead a discussion about All Saints Sunday
- November 10** – Guatemala Trip Discussion
- November 17** – Guatemala Trip Discussion continued
- November 24** – Nothing scheduled


HELP ON SUNDAYS!

Help is needed in multiple areas during our services. Consider assisting as an usher, lay reader, communion assistant, or with fellowship afterwards. If you can assist in any of these areas, sign up at the welcome desk on the date you are available.

Questions? Contact the church office at 507-263-3042 or email info@firstenglishchurch.com. Thank you for your consideration!



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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATES

This month our littlest members have participated in God’s Work our Hands, had Sunday School classes, and are getting ready for the Deck the Falls Parade float!

Our middle schoolers have been busy with confirmation, learning the stories of Jesus’ birth and baptism. But that isn’t all, they have also attended Fields of Faith event on October 9, where they got to worship with their peers and hear how God has worked in the lives of older youth. That week ended with the 5th Quarter Fun Night on Friday, October 11, where youth got to watch the game and play some themselves afterwards.

They also have a service opportunity coming up to give back! Middle schoolers will participate in Feed My Starving Children in November and help pack meals for food impoverished areas.

Now it’s time to highlight our highschoolers! In October, we welcomed 10 new members to First English as the 10th graders completed the confirmation retreat and affirmed their baptisms.

Pictured below are the 2024 confirmands! Pastor Luke Hollander, Beck Swanson, Griffin Peterson, Evan Miller, Tyler Meyers, William Montgomery, Joel Spicer, Kaeda Rezac, Rylann Miller, Katie Tipton, Avery Stark and CYF Director Maddie Patterson.



Programming for youth at FELC doesn’t end with confirmation. Come to Youth Group on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm followed with Wednesday Worship.

Peace,
Maddie Patterson

DATES TO NOTE

- Nov. 3** Sunday School Classes
10:15-10:45 am
- Nov. 6** Confirmation Mentor Night,
6 pm
Wednesday Worship, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 9** Feed My Starving Children
Event
- Nov. 10** Sunday School Classes
10:15-10:45 am
- Nov. 13** Confirmation Supper and
Classes, 6 pm
Wednesday Worship, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 17** Sunday School Classes
10:15-10:45 am
- Nov. 20** Confirmation Supper and
Classes, 6 pm
Wednesday Worship, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 24** Christmas Play Practice for
Sunday Schoolers
10:15-10:45 am
- Nov. 27** No Confirmation or
Wednesday Worship
- Nov. 30** Decorating our Float (3 pm)
for Deck the Falls Parade (5 pm)

SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas will be here before we know it! Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Deck the Falls Parade Float

Mark your calendars, Sunday Schoolers and their families are invited to come decorate and ride on the parade float on Saturday, November 30.

Christmas Play

We will be starting practice for our annual Christmas Play on Sunday, November 24. The Christmas Play Program will be presented at the December 22 service. If you would like to help lead or be involved, let Maddie know!

FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT HELD OCTOBER 9



Students from the Cannon Falls area joined thousands of other youths on athletic fields across the nation in 2024, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the national Fellowship of Christian Athletes' (FCA) Fields of Faith event.

Our local Fellowship of Christian Athletes planned the area Fields of Faith event on Wednesday, October 9 at John Burch Park. This production was led by local kids involved in athletics who wanted to share how their faith impacts them. The leaders from First English Lutheran Church included Anna Ritz, Karsyn Winchell, Katie Tipton, and Jack Meyers .

All of these young people spoke about their faith journeys, especially God's faithfulness in times of struggle and injury. Telling their stories about how God has sustained them in injury and doubt.

This was the 17th Fields of Faith event for Cannon Falls.

WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAMING



The livestream of our 9 am worship service is available on YouTube via our website, www.firstenglishchurch.com And aired on the local HBC Channel 12 (check local listing for schedule) & MediaCom cable channel 12 (11 am on Tuesday, 3 pm Wednesday, and 4:30 pm on Saturday)

LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGES

In this day and age when phone numbers, mailing addresses and email addresses are frequently changing, getting ahold of our church members can be challenging, especially when unexpected and emergency situations develop.

If your address, email or phone number has changed, please call (507-263-3042) or email (firstenglishchurchcf@gmail.com) with your current information. We will do our best to keep you informed of important notices.

NEW BABY?

We want to know!

Are you expecting a child through birth or adoption? Do you have a new infant at home? In these sacred times of welcoming a baby, First English Lutheran Church is here for you. We have resources to support the whole family and look forward to connecting with you! Contact our office for more information.

For baptism requests, please fill out the Baptism Request form found on our website at

www.firstenglishchurch.com.



WOMEN OF FELC GATHERING AND BIBLE STUDY

The next gathering of the Women of FELC group will be held on **Tuesday, November 12 at 10 am** in the Family Room. Join them for fellowship and bible study!



FELC OFFICE HOURS

Our church office hours are **Monday-Friday, 9 am-Noon, 1-3:30 pm**
Closed on Holidays

ABOUT THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

The Good Samaritan Fund is a joint effort of area churches (through the CCIC) to support community members with emergency needs. Donate to help your community members today! Any community members can donate to the CCIC Good Samaritan Fund directly.

The Good Samaritan Fund is available to assist Cannon Falls community members with funds for emergencies. Each household may use these emergency funds only ONCE during the calendar year. For requests, please contact Pastor Shannon Bauer at 507-298-7719 or Lori at 507-298-7282.

All other inquiries for monies should be done through the Public Safety Building - 918 River Rd., Cannon Falls.

CONTACTING THE CHURCH?

Our email addresses have changed!

Please note the following email addresses have changed.

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This change is due to First English applying for and receiving a Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant for nonprofits that need email, Office desktop applications, cloud file-storage and sharing, simple device management and advanced security features.

SUPPORTING THE FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

Cannon Falls continues to host the ministry Feed My Starving Children. This will be our 14th Mobile Pack Event. Last year, over 500 volunteers came together to pack 101,088 meals feeding 276 children for a year in Nicaragua via a FMSC partner, LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry. This year we hope to raise \$30,000 to purchase the ingredients needed to match last year's Mobile Pack Event. Last month, First English collected monies to support this via a "noisy offering" following the Children's Time every Sunday. All are also encouraged to sign up as volunteers for the actual event as well.



Cannon Falls Community FMSC Event

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Cannon Falls High School

To volunteer and to donate, go to <https://give.fmsc.org/cannonfalls>



GO ONLINE FOR PRAYER CHAIN AND BAPTISM REQUESTS AND OTHER INFO

Have a Prayer Chain Request?

Are you looking to baptize your new baby?

Or maybe you have a big event you would like to hold at our church?

To make these types of requests and get additional information, simply go to our website at www.firstenglishchurch.com. Click on the Home and then the Contact Us tabs. On that page, you will find links to our baptism request and prayer chain requests forms. You can contact us day or night simply by filling out these forms! You can also find out information need to use our building for weddings, funerals or other events on that page.

Other ways to contact Pastor Luke and the FELC staff are also included on the Contact Us page. We look forward to hearing from you!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The First English Lutheran Church Council met on October 10, 2024. The following are the highlights of the meeting:

- Approved September 12, 2024, council minutes with one correction.
- Pastor’s Report—Reflected on giving thanks and gratitude.
- Approved Treasurer’s Report

September 2024 Income/Expense Report	
Total Income	+ \$ 33,174.42
Total Expenses	- \$ 68,627.91
2024 Year to Date Income/Expense Report	
Total Income	+ \$ 262,464.83
Total Expenses	- \$ 305,907.94
- Pr. Emily Carson from the Synod office will work with us on strategic planning that will help us determine staffing needs and identifying our main energy. The retreat will be Tuesday, November 26, from 9 am to 1 pm at church.
- Executive group met to discuss how we can be more intentional about stewardship. Will work on budget for congregational meeting.
- Property team will look into problem of lack of lighting in parking area after dark.
- First English will participate in CF Breakfast Club that meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 am at St. Ansgar's. We will serve breakfast several times during the school year. Julie Gergen will coordinate.
- The Education task force is now “Faith and Life Conversations.”
- 13 people from First English are going on the mission trip to Guatemala this month. The commissioning will be on Sunday, October 20.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7 pm



CANNON FALLS FOOD SHELF

For over 25 years, the volunteers of the Cannon Falls Food Shelf has devoted their energy to passionately advocating for the needs of our community family.

Consider donating funds or food to restock the shelves for our community today.

NEW HOURS!

Thursdays, 3-6 pm
(Closed Nov 28)

The Cannon Falls Food Shelf is run by a local volunteer board and is not under the administration of First English Lutheran Church.

Tax ID# is 30-0221349.

Contact Info: 507-819-0236, cannonfallsfoodshelf70@gmail.com



MEMORIALS & GIFTS

OCTOBER 2024

In Memory of John Althoff

Sharon Aamodt
 Jim and Babe Nelson
 Martin and Jean Benson
 Elvena Schmugge
 Lowell and Sharon Anderson
 Evelyn Strack
 Jane and Dick Peterson
 Tom and Stephanie Fox
 Rodney Nelson
 Diane Johnson
 Terry and Phil Ruud
 Dar Qualle
 Betty Woodward
 Bill and Nancy Althoff
 Dennis and Kathleen Brekken

In Memory of Kevin Ehlers

Glen and Chris Pofahl
 Linda and Greg Sobkowiak
 Jane and Dick Peterson
 Jim and Babe Nelson
 Tom and Stephanie Fox
 Deb and Lonnie Stark
 Rose Pedersen

In Memory of Bruce Kreutzian

Roland and Dort Spillman

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
 OF BOTH
Thanks & Giving

NOVEMBER 2024

NOV 3, SUN ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Daylight Saving Ends

9 am Communion Worship
New Member Sunday
10:15-10:45 am Education Hour—
Sunday School and Faith and Life
Conversations

NOV 6, WEDS

1 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Wednesday Worship

NOV 7, THU

3-6 pm CF Food Shelf

NOV 10, SUN

9 am Worship
10:15-10:45 am Education Hour—
Sunday School and Faith and Life
Conversations

NOV 12, TUE

10 am Women of FELC Meeting

NOV 13, WEDS

1 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Wednesday Worship

NOV 14, THU

3-6 pm CF Food Shelf
7 pm Church Council Meeting

NOV 17, SUN

9 am Communion Worship
10:15-10:45 am Education Hour—
Sunday School and Faith and Life
Conversations

NOV 20, WEDS

1 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Wednesday Worship

NOV 21, THU

3-6 pm CF Food Shelf

NOV 24, SUN

9 am Worship
10:15-10:45 am Sunday School
Christmas Play Practice

NOV 27, WEDS

1 pm Staff Meeting
No Confirmation or Wednesday Worship

NOV 28, THU THANKSGIVING

Church Office Closed
No CF Food Shelf

NOV 29, FRI

Church Office Closed



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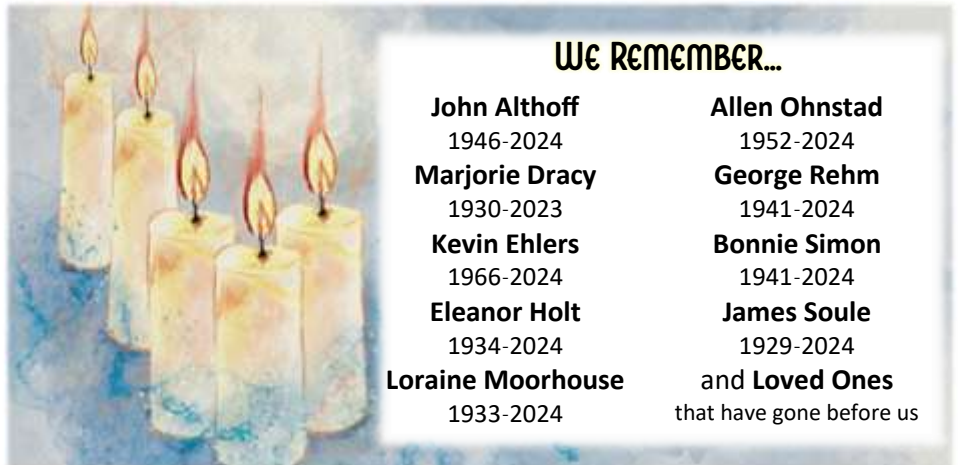
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. This is the single day each year when we remember during worship those in our number who have died since this time last year. We speak their names, ring a chime, and light a candle as we remember their gifts to us all. Most importantly, we remember that they are now part of the Church Triumphant, those who have died and now live with Christ eternally. This year we include:



WE REMEMBER...

John Althoff 1946-2024	Allen Ohnstad 1952-2024
Marjorie Dracy 1930-2023	George Rehm 1941-2024
Kevin Ehlers 1966-2024	Bonnie Simon 1941-2024
Eleanor Holt 1934-2024	James Soule 1929-2024
Loraine Moorhouse 1933-2024	and Loved Ones that have gone before us