

THE FIRST EDITION SEPTEMBER 2021

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How's your memory?

If you are as old as I am, you may remember this song that was often sung by Andy Williams, titled *Try to Remember*:

Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow
Try to remember the kind of September
When grass was green and grain was yellow

Try to remember the kind of September
When you were a tender and callow fellow
Try to remember and if you remember
Then follow, follow

I'm guessing the song is leading us to try to find encouragement

by remembering the blessings of those times when life was good, slow, and easy. That's an okay strategy as far as it goes.

When life is hectic, hard, challenging, and scary, I think an even better coping strategy is to take time to remember God. Listen to these words from Psalm 103:1-6:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!*
*2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*
*3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,*
*4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*
*5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
*6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.*



The danger of forgetting is also an important theme in the book of Deuteronomy:

“take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt...”

6:12. see also 4:9, 23, 32:18.

The third commandment instructs us to:

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

If your memory is at all like mine, you need all the reminders you can get.

As we keep coming to church again and again to hear the Good News:

You are a child of God
You are forgiven all your sins
You are loved
You are not alone.

Let's keep coming, so we don't forget all these important truths.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”

Phil Ruud
Pastor

FIRST THINGS FIRST

STEWARDSHIP 2021

Much of the news we hear these days is very grim. In the fictional world of the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy had to deal with a wicked witch, lions, tigers and bears. In our real world, we have to deal with things like COVID, cancer, drought, and forest fires. Such news can feel both scary and depressing.

In the midst of so much bad news, its even more important to hold **onto the Good News of God's power and love. This is the news which** is proclaimed in the words of the 46th Psalm:

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.* 46:1-3



Your giving helps our church proclaim the Good News of God's awesome power and love. A total of \$4,134 shared with Rooted in Faith will be used to purchase new, clearer sound equipment for future outdoor worship services.

Giving received in the month of July was a little lower than the previous couple of months, but so were church expenses. We were still able to pay all expenses and end the month of July with a positive balance of \$1,083.

Thanks for enabling the message "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" to ring out boldly and clearly here in Cannon Falls and around the world.

FAREWELL

After some reflection, I have concluded that it is time for me to resign my position as Pastor Emeritus at First English effective Saturday, August 21, 2021. Thank you to Pastor Phil, the Council and members of this congregation for giving me the opportunity to use my gifts at this congregation for the past five and half years.

Now, it is time for me to focus on my family's needs, complete my spiritual direction course through St. Kate's, and take care of my own health and wellness,

As a retired Pastor, our synod requires that I do not continue to take part in the life of a congregation where I have previously served so, although we will continue to keep you all in our prayers.

God's peace be with the staff, and all the people of FELC,
Pastor Chris Engstrom

Pastor Emeritus Christine Engstrom

**SAYING
farewell**

**There will be a special
reception on Sunday,
September 19 after service
for everyone to give well
wishes to Pastor Chris on her
next leg of her journey.**

WORSHIP SERVICES

The Livestream of our worship services are available on our website
www.firstenglishchurch.com

...on our YouTube channel & Facebook page

...aired on the local HBC Channel 12 (*check local listing for times & Days*)
& MediaCom cable channel 12
*at 11 a.m. on Tuesday,
at 3 p.m. Wednesday,
and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.*

If you'd like to have a DVD of the worship services
delivered to your home, contact the church 507- 263-3042.

*Still unable to access the weekly worship? Call the church office;
a link can be sent to your e-mail and you can click on it and watch!*



Go to Live Stream

Meeting Us Where We Are

Bible Study

for Men and Women

Led by Pastor Phil

Tuesday evenings

Starting September 7

7-8 pm in the Conference Room

Join us as we look at "glad songs, sad songs, mad songs and sorry songs"
found in the Book of Psalms.

In the middle of our Bible is the Book of Psalms, and it seems appropriate as the Psalms meet us right in the middle of our lives with the emotions we experience as human beings. Come along and join in the learning and fellowship.

** Please note that we not meet on Tuesday, September 21.*

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Boundless – God Beyond Measure

The New Testament contains several letters, known as Epistles, written by the Apostle Paul. Most of these letters were written to churches in specific communities. Through these letters Paul attempts to build and maintain relationships while encouraging people in their faith. Then, as now, there were faithful believers and staunch nonbelievers. In Ephesians 3:14-21 (CEV) we read:

¹⁴ *I kneel in prayer to the Father.* ¹⁵ *All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from him.* ^[a] ¹⁶ *God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that his Spirit will make you become strong followers¹⁷ and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in his love.* ¹⁸ ***I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep.*** ^[b] ¹⁹ ***I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.*** ²⁰⁻²¹ *I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.*

Paul is telling us God's love is too wonderful to be measured. Another way to phrase this is God's love is boundless. The ELCA Youth Gathering is scheduled to be held July 24-28, 2022, for youth completing grades 9-12. The gathering theme is Boundless, and the key verse is 3:19 (highlighted above). This is a wonderful message for the Gathering as well as the present. As we continue to respond to the pandemic, some of our ministries are bound by

Covid-19 protocols. Your choices about how to participate in First English ministries are bound by your concerns about Covid-19. Yet, whatever binds us, God still shows up. God is with us, moving in us, and praying for us to lean into our faith.

As voted on by the church council, the Children, Youth, and Family ministry will follow the Cannon Falls School district policies for Covid-19. As I write this article, masks are optional indoors and outdoors. Some parents have shared with us their concern for their younger, unvaccinated children. Thus, we are kicking off fall with outdoor ministries and Sidewalk Sunday School for grades prek-5.

Just as Paul wrote to the people of Ephesus, I write to you encourage you to build and maintain relationships within your faith community at First English, and to encourage you in your faith. One of **the most powerful things I've learned in seminary is that God creates faith in us when we hear and read God's world. As you navigate the pandemic and make choices for your family, please know the decisions which shape our ministries are grounded in caring for each other.**

We are excited to for the Fall Kick-off on Sunday, **September 12! Wear your favorite team's jersey to worship and stay afterwards for outdoor activities for Sunday School children, youth, and all ages!** See the update for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries for specifics.

Grace and Peace,
Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

Fall Kick Off Sunday Celebration Coming September 12!

9:00 am Worship with Back-to-School Blessing
10:15-11:15 am Kick Off Activities

Wear your favorite team jersey! During worship we will share a back-to-school blessing and gift for all students and educators. Sunday School teachers and Youth Ministry guides will be installed. After worship, gather to kick off Sunday School and Youth Ministries with faith, fun, and fellowship.

Who: Activities for All Ages

Where: Outside (*in case of rain, this event will be cancelled*)

- ◇ Sand Art Prayer Candle
- ◇ Find Someone Who
- ◇ Back to School Bingo
- ◇ Bible Minute to Win It Games
- ◇ Corn Hole
- ◇ Giant Jenga
- ◇ Information Stations
- ◇ Root Beer Floats

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

2021-2022 Children and Youth Registration Birth to Grade 12

Thank you for your commitment to growing faith in your home and across generations. The pandemic brings much uncertainty to our lives. We continue to pray for you and your family and look forward to **coming together in God's love in safe and caring ways.**

Please find our online registration for your household members, birth to grade 12 on the Children, Youth, and Family page of the church website, www.firstenglishchurch.com. If your children are between preschool and 9th grade, filling out this form will register your child for the 2021-2022 classes. In addition, the registration will help any communications to be specific to the age of your child. This information includes Early Childhood, Sunday School, Connections and Confirmation, and High School ministries. Some updates are needed in our church database (birthdates, grades, emails, etc.) and we appreciate your registration.

Kickoff Sunday—September 12, 2021
Wear your favorite team jersey! During worship we will share a back-to-school blessing. Following worship, connect with Sunday School teachers and our faith community with fun, faith, and food.

Sunday School

10:15-11:00 a.m. – Starting September 12
Ages 3 by September 1, 2021 through 5th Grade
Register your children online on the Children, Youth, and Family page of the church website, www.firstenglishchurch.com. We will start the year meeting outside.

Sidewalk Sunday School – September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 2021
Teachers and Sunday School children will meet for large group and the introduction to the lesson on the grassy area near the upper entrance. Following large group opening, children will rotate to sidewalk **stations for hands on learning. If it's raining, we will meet inside.**



Connections and Confirmation

Grades 6-9
Wednesdays, September 19, 2021 to May 4, 2022
Register your youth online on the Children, Youth, and Family page of the church website, www.firstenglishchurch.com.

Orientation for Parents and Youth — Wednesday September 22, 7 -8 pm
Orientation attendance is expected for youth and parent/guardian. This important night sets the **expectations for this year's ministry.**

Small Group and Worship —
Starting Wednesday September 29, 6:30-8 pm
Our 6th-9th graders will dive into topics about Faith in Life with a Lutheran lens. Our 6th graders will meet separately from 7-9th grade students. Youth often come to Wednesday ministries after a long day **of school and extracurricular activities. It's our experience that many haven't eaten yet, so we are going to provide a meal, just like Jesus did.**

NEW Each Wednesday we will start with small group discussions in the Fellowship Hall (grades 7-9) and Conference Room (grade 6). Pizza and a beverage will be provided for everyone. The evening format is:

- 6:15-6:30 - Pizza and beverages are served. Grab a slice and be seated at your small group table.
- 6:30-6:45 - Opening discussion with pizza/beverages in small groups.
- 6:45-7:25 - Large group lesson, small group response with discussion, and activities.
- 7:30-8:00 - Worship tailored to Wednesday night topics (others may join us for worship).
- 8:00 - Sending

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, Sept. 3 — Chalk the Driveway Welcome!
High School Youth, Noon to ? (We plan to be done by 3 pm)

Gather with friends for a Subway sandwich and check-in, then head out to our 6th and 7th grade households to welcome them to Wednesday night ministries! High schoolers will drive their own vehicles, so you need to approve this with your folks. Thank you.

Friday, Sept. 10 — Fifth Quarter
Youth Grades 6 and older, 9–11 pm

Youth grades six and older are welcome to gather at church after the football game. We will play fun games and enjoy a campfire. Friends are welcome. Enter the main door to sign-in.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 — HS Youth Meeting
Grades 9-12, 7 pm

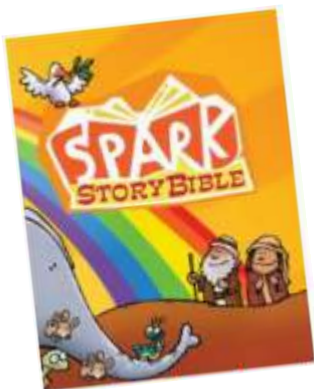
The 2022 Youth Gathering, Boundless: God Beyond Measure will be held in Minneapolis, MN on July 24-28, 2022. Thousands of ELCA youth from around the nation will worship, play and serve together. Come **to the information meeting and find out what it's all about!** Cannon Falls area ELCA churches will head to the gathering together. Talk to your friends and get registered – then experience the awe and wonder of God at this event!

Wednesday, Sept. 15 — HS Mentor Orientation
Grades 10-12, approximately 7:30 pm.

Following the Boundless information meeting, interested youth in grades 10-12 will meet to be paired with a 6th grader and learn more about being a mentor. Upcoming Mentor Nights are Wednesdays, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4.

Sunday, Sept. 19 — Spark Bible Faith Milestone for 3 Year Old Children

During Worship at 9 am, Sunday School, 10:15-11 am.



The Spark Story Bible is a wonderful gift that every three-year-old at First English receives. With colorful illustrations and simple text (that is ideal for bedtime stories!), our congregation puts the Word of God into the hands of these children and their families. This year,

children who turn three on or before September 1, 2021 will receive their Bible during worship on Sunday, September 19. Following worship, parents and children will meet with Kris Kincaid during Sunday School and begin to explore the wonderful stories within the Bible. Please RSVP to Kris at felcykris@gmail.com on or before September 13.

Thank you to the family of Larry and Shirley Van Guilder for a generous memorial which provides these Bibles.

Sunday, Sept. 19 — Confirmands Retreat
10th Grade, 2:30-5:00 pm

Information was mailed to families in August.

Sunday, Sept. 19 — Confirmands Dinner
5 pm

Parents and tenth-grade confirmands enjoy a meal and worship service planned by their youth. Ninth graders and their parents are invited to serve this meal. Please RSVP to Kris for the meal count by Sunday, September 12.

Sunday, Sept. 26 — Rite of Confirmation
10th Grade, 9 am

Rite of Confirmation during Worship followed by reception.

Friday, October 1 — Youth Fun Night
Grades 6 and older, 7-10 pm

Come for a Friday night of fun with high energy games lead by Tony Ducklow from Youth Ministry Land. Several FELC youth met Tony at Summer Festival Camp and know the night features crazy, fun, and unexpected ways to connect with friends and faith.

Sunday, October 31 — Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat, 10:15-11:15 am following Worship

What do we do when Halloween is on Sunday?

Trunk or Treat! You are invited to wear your Halloween costume to church. After church, head out to the parking lot for trick or treating. Volunteers will have car trunks decorated and be supplied with Halloween treats. Children will go trick or treating **from car to car. Bob's Crumble Sandwiches will be** here with their food truck, and we invite all ages to enjoy this event. What do we need besides trick or treaters? We need approximately 12 volunteers to decorate their vehicle and Halloween candy for the trick or treaters! Please bring candy to church prior to the event.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jill Serres, Choir Director



Postponing Choir Practices and Performances

Due to the recent update to COVID-19 protocols adopted by the Church Council, practices and performances for the choir will be on hold through September and October. We hope to be able to begin rehearsals in November. If you are interested in participating in this vital worship group, call or text Jill Serres at 507-649-0851.

- No experience is necessary
- Open to all singers (middle school-aged and older)
- Rehearse and sing the first three Sundays of each month and on special occasions. .
- **Don't worry if you can't be there every Sunday or if you'd prefer to sit with your family.** We are super flexible!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HELPING CHILDREN WITH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL KITS

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting items to make school and personal kits now through October, which will then be shipped through Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

SCHOOL KITS

Equip a child with the supplies they need to keep learning, even in a crisis.

Items Most Needed

(No patriotic or religious symbols), please!

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled **paper approximately 8½" X 11. (no loose-leaf paper)**

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other side

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE 2½ inch eraser



PERSONAL KITS

Provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools.

Items Most Needed

ONE light-weight, bath-size towel

(between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap).



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Adrienne Graaf, Secretary

August 2021

The Church Council met August 12, 2021.

- The Council voted to return to Phase 3 of previously the approved COVID-19 policy. Highlights of which include:
 - ◆ Attendees wearing masks and socially distancing during worship
 - ◆ Suspending all signing by congregation during worship
 - ◆ Suspending all congregating indoors after worship
 - ◆ Aligning Sunday School and confirmation practices (masking, social distancing, etc.) with local school practices current at the time of meeting
 - ◆ Serving only commercially prepared food at activities on church property

This decision was informed by the recommendation of Becky Brown, Parish Nurse, and Dr. Megan Johnston Flanders.

- The council approved spending \$4,134.90 from the Rooted in Faith Furnishings Fund to purchase new outdoor sound system equipment from Sim Sound & Video. This will replace current equipment that is significantly aged and no longer reliable.
- Pastor Phil and Phil Jacobson reflected with gratitude on the recent Boundary Waters youth canoe trip. The trip was a blessing for all involved **to experience God's creation, learn from one another, work together as a team, and have lots of fun.**

- **Treasurer's Report: July offerings totaled** \$25,957.49 and of that total the General Fund received \$20,411.83.

6/30 Gen Fund Balance	\$ 3,134.15
July Gen Fund Income	+ 20,411.83
July Gen Fund Expenses	- 22,462.73
7/31 GENERAL FUND BAL	\$ 1,083.25

Our general fund income during the month of July was a little lower than the last couple months, but we still were able to pay all expenses and end the month with a positive balance of \$1,083.25 in the checking account. This trend of lower income in the summer months is normal and we usually need approximately \$24,500 each month in general fund income to pay all the expenses. We did use a small amount of the CARES Grant money to pay for the Tech people who ran the service taping this month, but we may need to use this fund if we have trouble keeping in the black during the next few months. The building expense pledges and rooted in faith pledges are ahead of budget at this time, and benevolence is just a little under budget. The Youth account is still in good shape with funds available for the youth events this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Graaf

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
6:15 PM EXEC. COUNCIL &
7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL



Let Us Know if 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 or phone number has changed, please call (507-263-3042) or email (firstenglishchurchcf@gmail.com) the church with your current information. We will do the best we can to keep you informed of important notices.

INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY AND STREAMING?

Come, share your talent and join our tech team!



Streaming and recording our Worship services is an important part of getting the GOOD NEWS out to our congregation and beyond! Persons are needed to help operate the system on Sundays during worship.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise, please contact the church office at 507-263-3042 or email firstenglishchurchcf@gmail.com. You can also talk with Gary Anderson (612-986-8659 or gand263@citlink.net); Lynette Pagel (507-321-0309 or churchlady3042@gmail.com); or Matt Shoemaker (651-233-6065 or mattshoe22@gmail.com) after church!

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

September 5	Jim and Babe Nelson
September 12	Jeff and Anna Tipton
September 19	Dave and Brenda Deutsch
September 26	Aaron Winchell Family

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Thank you for your assistance during Worship!

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

After the first Sunday Worship each month, FELC attendees are invited to get their blood pressure checked after the service. For more information, contact Becky Brown, Parish Nurse, at 507-298-1176.



WOMEN OF FELC

will meet in the church fellowship hall to discuss Fall activities on Wednesday, September 1 at 10 am. Donuts, coffee, and water will be available.



VISIT THE ARK!



The Cannon Valley Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Williamstown, KY, on October 4-9, 2021. This trip is open to all ages. Cost is \$665 person. Contact the Center if interested or for more information at 507-263-2136 or email Lora Bremer at lora@cannonvalleyseniorcenter.org.



DONATE TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Community members can donate to the CCIC Good Samaritan Fund through Cannon Falls Family Fare grocery receipts. When \$150,000 is counted in receipts, the Fund will receive \$1,000. The collection box is in the church office.

Guidelines for the CCIC Good Samaritan Fund can be found on our website at www.firstenglishchurch.com. The Good Samaritan Fund is a joint effort of area churches to support community members with emergency needs.

Donate to help your community members today!



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God's work. Our hands.

AMMPARO

Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

This Month's Ministry Updates

The ELCA SE MN Synod has forwarded a request for volunteers from Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County as an extension of the ongoing AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) outreach ministry.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

WE NEED TUTORS LIKE YOU!!!

"Education is an act of love, therefore, an act of value."
- Paulo Freire -

empathetic
kind
respectful
creative
communicator
reliable
flexible
disciplined
authentic
honest
ethical
friendly

Hispanic Outreach
of Goodhue County
Servicio a los Hispanos

For questions and enrollment to call (651) 380 - 61 58
or email carla@hispanicoutreach.org.

Tutoring Opportunities in Red Wing Public Schools

Tutors for are sought for middle- and high-school Hispanic students in Red Wing public schools. There are two options for service:

Academic support Tutor: Math, Language Arts, and Science.

Mentor: comprehensive support in social, emotional, and cultural engagement. Mentor activities include: outdoor (hiking, exploring), indoor, mindfulness and Hispanic cultural activities.

The optimum time commitment is two days per week, 1-2 hours per day during school hours or after-school hour. No Spanish is necessary.

Training will be provided and a background check is required. For more information contact Brian McDonald at (401) 378-4314 or brmcdonald@frontier.com.

Volunteers Needed!

New Habitat for Humanity Home in Cannon Falls

Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity is starting a new home in Cannon Falls. The groundbreaking was held on July 26, 2021.

Volunteers are needed starting in September. They are looking for persons who would be willing to be a regular volunteer, and also larger groups who may come for a day or two over the course of the project. If interested, contact Carrie Wittenburg, volunteer and family support coordinator, at 651-280-9930 or email carriewittenburg@gchabitat.org. For more information about the Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity, go to their website at www.gchabitat.org.



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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 10 am Women of FELC 10:30 am Pastors Text Study	2	3 12 Noon Chalk the Driveway (HS Youth)	4 10 am—Noon CF Food Shelf
5 9 am Indoor Communion Worship	6 Labor Day Holiday (Church office closed)	7 Meeting Us Where We Are Bible Study 7 pm	8 10:30 am Pastors Text Study	9 10 am—Noon CF Food Shelf 6:15 pm Exec. C. 7 pm Church Council	10 9 pm Fifth Quarter (following FB game, Gr 6 and up)	11
12 9 am Indoor Worship 9-11 am Fall Kickoff	13	14 Meeting Us Where We Are Bible Study 7 pm	15 10:30 am Pastors Text Study 7 pm Gr 9-12 Info Meeting	16 4:30—6:30 pm CF Food Shelf	17	18
19 9 am Indoor Communion Worship 2:30 pm Confirma- tion Retreat	20	21	22 10:30 am Pastors Text Study 7 pm Connections and Confirmation Orientation, Gr 6-9	23 10 am—Noon CF Food Shelf	24	25
26 9 am Indoor Worship and Rite of Confirmation for 10th grade	27	28 Meeting Us Where We Are Bible Study 7 pm	29 10:30 am Pastors Text Study	30	October 1 7 pm Youth Fun Night	2 10 am—Noon CF Food Shelf

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



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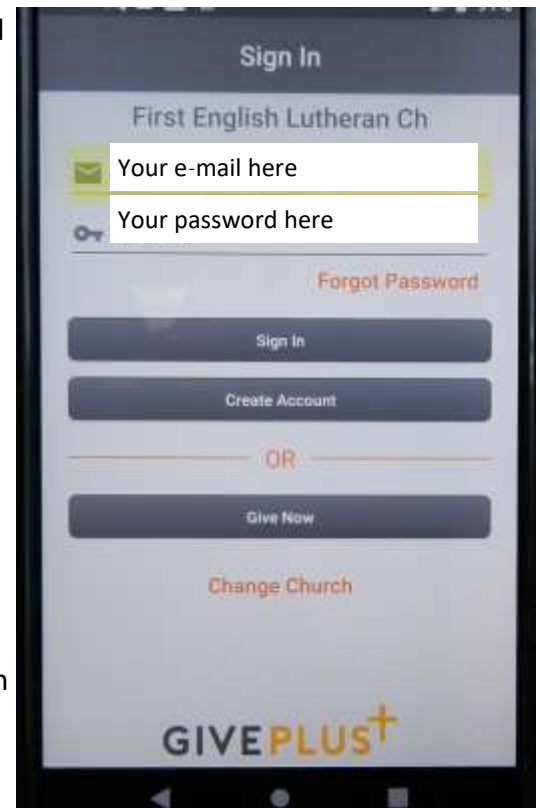




New Opportunity to
GIVE @
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For Phones

1. Install the Give+ app on your mobile device. Can be downloaded from Google Play...Give Plus app...
2. Once you've downloaded, the app will walk you through setting up a user profile....follow the instructions.
3. Once you have the Give Plus app installed just google 'give plus' and it will show up as this on the left and you only have to click open to use.
4. The app will take you to your sign-in page. Choose "Create Account" if you haven't already done so. You will be asked to add a church—scroll down the list until you see ours—First English Church 511 Belle St. W., Cannon Falls, MN;
5. To "Sign In" after you have created an account, you will be able to enter your e-mail & password then click 'Sign In' or 'Give Now' button. This will take you to the 'Fund Details' page.
6. Click 'add' will take you to the payment page. Enter the account information you wish to have your gift taken from. Then click the 'Add+' button.
7. This next page is a verification page. It will show the fund your gift is for, the amount, and the frequency of the gift. It also has a red garbage can icon which, if you touch it, will give you a message at the bottom of the page to delete. If you made a mistake click the 'Yes', if not, release the touch on the garbage can icon. To go ahead with your donation to the church, click the '+' button at the bottom.
8. To log out, toggle over the icon  on the top left hand corner of the page. Your name  will appear on the first line if you are signed in. Scroll  down the list to 'Logout', click and it will bring you back to the sign in page.
9. Under this icon menu you will be  able to change the way you sign in the 'Account Profile', options are a fingerprint,  PIN number, etc. You see your donations, etc.



Just make sure you LOGOUT each time as a security measure!

Vanco Mobile giving is EA2QJW is the church invite code

<https://vancomobile.com/events/XSgLVwXOpdHgNyMdmg7w/> is the page they go to sign up

AUTOMATIC GIVING UPDATE

We are be set up to debit gifts from your account and transfer them into the church's checking account. To save on costs we will process **one batch per month on the 10th.**

What I need from you to initiate automatic giving is:

- **Direct Debit Authorization** form enclosed in this mailing, filled out and a voided check or deposit slip attached
- **Amount of gift** you wish to have taken from your account

Which of the following **designations you wish your gift to be applied to:**

- * **Current or General Fund Expense**
- * **Benevolence**
- * **Building Expense Fund**
- * **Rooted in Faith Fund of which: 1/3 to Missions, 1/3 to Building Endowment, and 1/3 Furnishings**



The amount to be given to each gift if more than one fund is chosen.

Contact me in the church office if you would like to receive the paperwork to start automatically giving to First English or simply return the form below.

First English Lutheran Church Member Enrollment and Authorization Form

Complete this section for All Enrollments (Please print in black ink)

Check the appropriate Box:

MI

New enrollment/authorization

Change in bank account

Code

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Change in authorized amount

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Donations/payments should be taken from:

Checking (attach a voided check)

Savings (attach a voided savings deposit slip)

Routing Number _____

Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

REQUIRED:

I authorize First English Lutheran Church and Merchants Bank of Cannon Falls to automatically withdraw offerings/donations from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Account Holder Signature _____

Date _____

***ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK, DEPOSIT OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR A NEW ENROLLMENT OR CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT ONLY**

Complete this section for gifts to: First English Lutheran Church 511 W. Belle St. Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Church Fund Designations: Amount Per Donation

General Fund/Current Expenses \$ _____

Benevolence \$ _____

Building Expense \$ _____

Rooted In Faith \$ _____

(1/3 to Missions, 1/3 to Building Endowment, and 1/3 Furnishings)

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

(minimum \$5)

Note: The total amount will be transferred monthly on the 10th of the month.

Frequency of Donation:

Monthly on the 10th of the month.

This area Completed by First English Lutheran Church:

Envelope # _____

To stay current on your giving all year. Please consider our automatic giving program we have set up through Merchants bank (**You DON'T have to have a bank account at Merchants to participate**). We withdraw on the 10th of the month. Pick one up in the church office. Thank you.