

# THE ENGLISH STEW

Monthly Newsletter of the

## FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## OCTOBER 2024

## VOLUME 100



### NEWS FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT—Hello First English Family,

As we look to fall and refreshing lower temperatures and THANKFULLY refreshing rains; we can continue to thank God for everything he is doing in and through us at First English. We have so many opportunities to demonstrate and offer up our resources of time, talent and treasures and each of you take advantage in whatever way you can.

As you all know, the new doors have been installed and Blessed at our service on Sept 22; posts supporting the overhang have been sanded and painted and be sure to always LOOK UP as you leave the sanctuary to appreciate the cross and take Christ with you as you leave.

Your church council is busy preparing for more exciting things which include a Community Share Sunday that you will read more about later in the STEW, and a very exciting opportunity to practice “Radical Hospitality” next summer as we have been granted a 2nd \$2500 grant for our involvement in the E-Connect program and want to do something at an area park and hopefully have our new Bishop Elect Tim Graham with us as well. Be watching for opportunities to be involved in this very exciting opportunity.

The council has decided to not do a “formal” pledge drive this fall, I am sharing part of an e-mail from Pr. Tim Brown, Director of Congregational Stewardship Support later in the STEW. This is some food for thought as you contemplate and plan for your commitment to First English and God’s work in the next year.

Lastly, I again have to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone; I have recently reached out to various individuals about repairing a table for the Pre-School, trying to do some trimming around the church; stepping up for Fellowship hour when another person couldn’t do it or just providing more food; ALWAYS the answer is YES. To quote the soon to be Bishop Emeritus Gafjkin: ““To all that has been – THANKS For all that will be – YES”

Blessings on your month, Sharon Engstrom, Council President.



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**Assisting Minister**

Sharon Engstrom

**Ushers**

John Engstrom

**Gratitude Corner**

**Submissions**

6—Jill Schultz  
 13—Mark Kobold  
 20—Jean Whetstone  
 27—Lynn Whittaker

**Lectors**

6—Eric Petersen  
 13—Pat Teverbaugh  
 20—Barbara Dietz  
 27—Audra Hershberger

**Fellowship Hostess**

6—Kathy Coleman  
 13—Celia Walls  
 20—Barbara Dietz  
 27—Pat Teverbaugh

**Acolytes**

6—Suzanne Kjoller  
 13—Eric Petersen  
 20—Judy Nickerson  
 27—Lynn Hixenbaugh

**Altar Duty**

6—Barbara Dietz  
 13, 20, 27—Pat Teverbaugh

**Counters**

6—Sharon Engstrom, Jill Schultz  
 13—Sharon Engstrom, Eric Petersen  
 20—Lynn Whittaker, Mark Kobold  
 27—Barb Finley, Jean Whetstone

**Communion Bread Baker**

Audra Hershberger

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:**

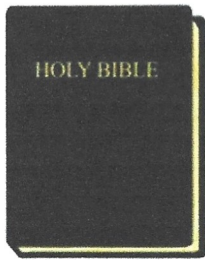
3—Emily Sagan                      4—Remington Kline  
 5—Mark Kobold                      7—Chrissa Swank  
 11—Macallister Walls              14—Marsha Vinson  
 15—Ashley Shepley



**Anniversaries:**

10-5-1996—Leo & Sherry Lambert

**BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER-**



**October 6—Pentecost 20**

Genesis 2.18-24  
 Psalm 8  
 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12  
 Mark 10.2-16

**October 13—Pent. 21**

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15  
 Psalm 90.12-17  
 Hebrews 4.12-16  
 Mark 10.17-31

**Oct. 20—Pent. 22**

Isaiah 53.4-12  
 Psalm 91.9-16  
 Hebrews 5.1-10  
 Mark 10.35-45

**October 27—Reformation Sunday**

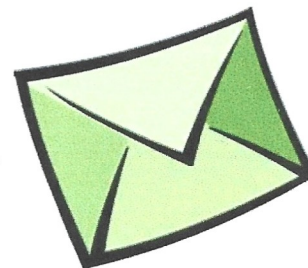
Jeremiah 31.31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3.19-28      John 8.31-36



**FELP SPONSORED FUN FAIR!** - Our preschool will start the month with their Fall Fun Fair fundraiser on Oct. 4 from 5-7pm. We will have horse rides, bounce house and of course the Lions' Club train. There will be games to play and food to eat. The sign up to help us with this event is: First English Lutheran Preschool: Fall Fun Fair volunteers ([signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)). All families and friends are invited to attend! Please come out and help support our Preschool!

**GREEN ENVELOPE COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER**—In the month of October

our green envelope collection will be for our own **FEL FOUNDATION**. The First English Lutheran Church Foundation acts as a trustee of resources designated to the Foundation through estates, memorials and donations. Formed by the congregation in the late 1970's, the objective of the Foundation is to manage its resources conservatively, using interest monies to support outreach and educational activities inside and outside First English. We have used some of these monies to send our confirmation kids to church camp, used to help create the original Prayer Garden, and mission support. Please use the green envelopes in the pew racks to make a donation and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!



**JINGLE BELL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT FIRST ENGLISH**—Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 2nd**, in Trout Hall from 9:00-3:00 p.m. We still have vendor tables available so please reach out to your friends/family who are into artsy crafts and invite them to purchase a table! Then please come out the day of the bazaar and support the vendors!



**OUR ANNUAL PORT-A-PIT FUNDRAISER EVENT WILL ALSO BE ON SATURDAY, NOV. 2nd**—Our annual Port-A-Pit event will be held on Saturday

November 2nd beginning at 10am and hopefully conclude by 3pm or until we run out..

1/2 chicken or pork chop—\$10.00/each

Pit-tatoes—\$5.00

Presale tickets are very important and will be available after church service or in the office beginning Sunday October 13th. Please spread the word with family and friends and make this fundraiser a big success.



## WELCA NEWS -

We have started to plan our Fall events.

The first is Advent. We will not be holding a brunch this year. Instead, on December 1 after service, we will have an "Enhanced Fellowship". We will be asking members to contribute a special dish to celebrate. As in the past, this is on a voluntary basis. More information to follow.



Our annual meeting will also be held at that time. We are asking anyone who is interested in filling an officer position, to let a board member know. The positions are: Coordinator, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. We would need to know by November 17.

We have chosen Our Lady of the Road as our charity for the Christmas season. This will be both monetary and physical donations. More information to follow.

We will hold the annual Christmas Eve reception, weather permitting!

We are still discussing how to use our rummage sale profits from this past summer. We have voted to purchase a hose reel, hose, and sprinkler for the prayer garden. Sharon Engstrom is researching buying additional purificators and new palls for communion.

As always, if you have any questions, you can talk to me in person or contact me at [bdietz59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdietz59@sbcglobal.net)

Respectfully, Barbara S. Dietz, Coordinator

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY-

**BERTHA KELSEY's**—brother, Glen Zellers, passed away on Sept. 12th. He was 70 years old and her last living sibling. MAY GOD COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.



**FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR** - October is always so "boo-tiful" for our preschool; the weather is getting cooler and the leaf colors will be starting to appear. It brings excitement too as children think about dressing up for trick or treat! We start the month with our Fall Fun Fair fundraiser on Oct. 4 from 5-7pm. We will have horse rides, bounce house and of course the Lions' Club train. There will be games to play and food to eat. The sign up to help us with this event is: First English Lutheran Preschool: Fall Fun Fair volunteers ([signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)). All families and friends are invited to attend!

We then enter into Fire Safety week with our Safety day talks, Oct 9 and 10. We have Penn and Mishawaka Fire Departments coming to share some safety tips with us as well as some area police officers. One family member will stay with their child for the first hour of the school day to listen and participate in activities.

Other activities this October will consist of family/teacher conferences, all school field trip to Matthy's Farm and then celebrating Fall together the last 2 days of the month with a little "costume fun" and special snacks.

Our preschool days are beginning to run smoothly but we do have a few openings in our 3/4 year old and Pre K classes. Let us know if you know of an interested family! Wishing you all well as Autumn begins!

First English Lutheran Preschool Director, Tracy Gleissner



***“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).***

**“A Change Will Do You Good**

**“A change,” Sheryl Crow sings on her self-titled 1996 album, “will do you good.” It’s a catchy song that has stuck in my brain ever since my 16-year-old ears heard it, and the jingle is a refrain when I’m met with transition moments in my life. Change is not inherently bad. It can do me good. It can do us all good.**

**September and October are seasons of change. In my pastorate, I have noticed that more births, more deaths, more job transitions and more life transitions happen in the span of these months. I looked at the record of funeral services I’ve presided at and, despite what chance might say, on balance I have done more fall funerals than in any other season.**

**My ancestors, the ancient Celtic Christians, knew this. Autumn (September was the middle month of the autumn season) was meant for harvesting and prepping for the change that was to come.**

**September was a season of change. Is a season of change.**

**Try it.**

**While hope is a good thing to have, Beloved, hope is not a strategy when it comes to fueling the mission that God has given you.**

**How can you fuel the mission? How can you better live into what God is calling you to do and be in your corner of creation?**

**If you’ve been doing the same old thing, well, September is a time of change in the world. And as we know...**

**A change will do you good, by God.**

**The Rev. Tim Brown**

**Director of Congregational Stewardship Support”**

**I wanted to share this “food for thought” as we embrace change and look for more ways to serve our God. Change is in the air!! Blessings, Stewardship Team.**

# October 2024

## Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 29	30	Oct 1	2 10 AM Bible Study at Gl 12:30 PM Mah Jongg	3	4 1 PM Handmade Ministry 5 PM FELP Fun Fair	5 1 PM Trout Hall rented for
6 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship 12 PM Trout Hall rented	7	8 6:30 PM FELP Board mtg.	9 10 AM Bible Study at Gl 12:30 PM Mah Jongg	10	11 1 PM Handmade Ministry	12 1 PM Walls to rent Trout H 2 PM Installation of Bishop
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