

First English Lutheran Church † Appleton, Wisconsin

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Announcements for Sept. 10, 2006

We are People of God who Gather to Worship, Grow in Faith, and Give to Others.

Gather

WELCOME. This community of faith extends the welcome of Christ to all who have come here today. **Information and Comment Cards** are available for visitors and members. Please indicate any needs or interests and place the card in the offering basket. First English worships at multiple locations. At the Downtown Site, yellow cards are available in the pews. At the North Site, green cards are on the Welcome Table. **Staffed Nursery Care** for children ages 3 and under is provided during all worship services. Please find out more about First English at the **Welcome Table** in the Gathering Area.

WELCOME EACH OTHER TO FIRST ENGLISH
The Congregational Growth Ministry Team is promoting the importance of welcoming each other before and after worship services and asks that we extend greetings to not only visitors, but to everyone we meet at church. To make it easier to greet one another, the team suggests that everyone wear name tags that are on tables in the Gathering Areas.

THESE FIRST ENGLISH MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

† Palmer Monsen † Donna Barnum † Margie Lato
† Jim Veum † Krista Maves † Marie Young
† Debbie Anderson (Debra Detweiler's sister-in-law)
† Mary Catterton † Mary Beth Kovanen

MANY THANKS TO JOHN RIEHLE for playing the organ at the 8 and 10:45 a.m. services today at the Downtown Site. Phil Barnett, our new Director of Music, has begun his work at First English and will be playing next Sunday.

PARENT-CHILD PLAY GROUP

The nursery will be full of giggles and fun as moms and kids gather to play and chat each week from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 11, in the Nursery at the Downtown Site. Join us as often as you can!

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY

After communion today at the Downtown Site (8:50 a.m.), the Angelus Choir (Grades three through six) will meet in the Choir Room. The Cherub Choir (Kindergarten through Grade two) will meet in Room 220.

THE SERAPHIM CHOIR begins rehearsing from 8 to 8:45 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Choir Room at the Downtown Site. Seraphim is the First English choir for all youth in Grades 7-12. Seraphim offers fun, fellowship, weekly devotions and a unique opportunity for faith growth. The music of the choir and the presence of its members in worship bring energy and joy to the congregation. No experience is necessary. A choir trip to New York City is being planned for next summer.

BUCKET BAND RECRUITING MEMBERS

If you are in Grades 6-12 and would like to be in the Bucket Band, sign up on the youth bulletin board at either site or call Julie Doerfler at the church office to register. Rehearsals are held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, beginning Sept. 11, in Room 218 at the Downtown Site.

JUNIOR HIGH KICKOFF

All seventh- and eighth-graders are invited to meet Meghan Cieslik, our Youth Ministry Associate, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today, Sunday, Sept. 10, in the Youth Room at the Downtown Site. We'll play games and eat pizza.

SENIOR HIGH COFFEEHOUSE AND WORSHIP

All youth in Grades 10-12 are invited to a spiritual midweek pick-me-up from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Youth Room at the Downtown Site. Check out the awesome opportunities, including hang-out time, Bible study with Meghan Cieslik, coffee, cappuccino, snacks and worship.

A SCRAPBOOKING AND STAMPING SESSION will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, in Room 110 at the Downtown Site.

BOOK CLUB SELECTS 'GILEAD'

September's Book Club selection is "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. All adults who enjoy reading and good conversation are welcome to meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, in the Gathering Area at the North Site.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is open to anyone in the community who is experiencing grief resulting from some type of loss, especially the death of a loved one. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

QUILTERS will meet at 9 a.m. this Monday, Sept. 11, in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site.

FIRST ENGLISH WANTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH with college students, so please contact Meghan Cieslik or Julie Doerfler at the church office with postal and e-mail addresses of college students.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at noon on Sunday, Sept. 24, at the North Site to act on the call to Pastor Dave and to change the process of electing council members.

SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER

First English members are needed to welcome and sponsor new members joining First English this month. Sponsors of a new family in our congregation attend the New Member Session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, at the North Site. Previous sponsors have found it rewarding to meet new members as they enjoy hors d'oeuvres and share stories in class. Sponsors also have the option of welcoming the new member by attending the Oct. 1 service where the new member will be received, and contacting the new member at least once within the next six months. Please call the church office to help build this faith community as a New Member Sponsor.

BECOME A MEMBER OF FIRST ENGLISH

Anyone interested in becoming a member of First English should plan to attend the next New Member Sessions. The program for the New Member Sessions is divided into two parts. The first part will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, in Room 110 at the Downtown Site. The second part will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, in the North Site Sanctuary. These two evenings provide a way to review the basics of faith. If you have been worshipping at the Downtown Site or the North Site and are interested in joining First English, contact the church office to RSVP. Child care is available. Other sessions are Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 2007.

ATTENTION: NEW MEMBERS OF FIRST ENGLISH

Have you joined First English within the last two years? The Congregational Growth Ministry Team would like to hear from you: What has made it easier or more difficult for you to become involved in activities and programs at First English? Please contact Diane Luxhoj by e-mail at dluxhoj@new.rr.com and include "First English" in the subject line of your e-mail or drop off a note for Diane at the church office.

JOIN THE FOX CITIES CROP HUNGER WALK

The motto of the 2006 Fox Cities CROP Hunger Walk, "We walk because they walk," refers to 840 million people who go to bed hungry every night. Please join members of the First English team to walk in this event. Sign up in the Gathering Area at either site. This 3-mile walk will take place at 1 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 803 E. College Ave., Appleton, on Oct. 8. Meet in the Gathering Area at the First English Downtown Site at 12:15 p.m.

Grow

REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN MUSIKGARTEN

Musikgarten is a music and movement program that helps to nurture children's inborn musical abilities. The program is sponsored by The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art. New parent orientation is at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, in Room 220 at the Downtown Site. The semester begins Oct. 3. Information and registration forms are in the Gathering Areas at both sites and at the church office. For information, call Traci Diehl, at 920-757-6176.

WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Welcome to the first day of Sunday School. Information tables, marked with balloons, are in the entryway at both sites and are staffed by volunteers who can answer any questions you may have. Sixty volunteer Sunday School teachers are being installed at worship services this morning. Thank you for blessing our congregation by accepting the call to teach this year. Please pray for God's guidance as we share his word with the youth of our congregation. Our key Bible verse today is from Psalm 37:3: "Trust in the Lord and do good." Our church community becomes even closer when we worship together and learn together, so please join us for Sunday School and worship as often as possible. Beginning next week, a children's sermon will be included at the 8 a.m. worship at the Downtown Site and during the 8:30 worship at the North Site. We look forward to a great year of learning! Sunday schedule:

Downtown Site:

Worship at 8, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Children's Choirs at 8:50 a.m. (Kindergarten-Grade 6)

Learning Time at 9:30 a.m. (Ages 3 through adult)

North Site:

Worship at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m.

Children's Choirs during Learning Time

Learning Time at 9:45 a.m. for ages 2 through adult

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

A Parent and Student Orientation meeting will be held for students in Grades 7 through 9 at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Downtown Site. Seventh-graders and their parents will meet in the Choir Room and eighth- and ninth-graders and their parents will meet in the Sanctuary. You will receive a Confirmation Handbook and the schedule for the year.

HOLY COMMUNION PARENT ORIENTATION

A Parent Orientation meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Room 110 at the Downtown Site for the parents of children ages 8 and older who will be attending the Holy Communion Class. The class is a two-day session that prepares them for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sessions will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, and Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Downtown Site. Students should meet in Room 012.

THIRD-GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES TODAY

Third-graders, please meet in the Gathering Area today before the 8 or 10:45 a.m. worship service at the Downtown Site and before the 8:30 a.m. worship service at the North Site to receive details about receiving your Bible.

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP TEAM

If you are in Grades 10-12 and would like to be on the team that leads worship for confirmation students on Wednesday nights, contact Meghan Cieslik at the church office. We also are looking for high school students interested in doing an opening worship for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade Sunday School students on Sunday mornings. Contact Meghan or Julie Doerfler if you want to be on this team.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- **“Adult Learning Hour”** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 221 at the Downtown Site and at 9:45 a.m. in the Office at the North Site, beginning today, through Sunday, May 20.
Downtown Site: Peter Peregrine will facilitate the study, “On the Job Training,” from the “No Experience Necessary” study series.
North Site: Rick Sather will facilitate the discussion of the Sunday texts and sermon.
- **“Bethel Bible Study”** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, in Room 114 at the Downtown Site with Mary Vandenberg; and at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Room 221 at the Downtown Site with Mary Catterton.
- **“Getting Ready for Sunday”** meets at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.
- **“Tuesday Bag Lunch”** meets at noon on Sept. 12 and Sept. 26, in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site. Bring a lunch and study the Old Testament with Pastor Detweiler.
- **“Sarah Circle”** meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Annette Ford’s home. Call regrets to 920-749-0757.
- **“Miriam Circle”** meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Mary Vandenberg’s home at 1185 E. Apple Creek Road, Appleton. 920-739-0777.
- **“Women’s Thursday Early Riser Study”** will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.
- **“My Secret Loss: Finding Life After Abortion”** is being offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site. Please stop by the church office to purchase the \$10 book and read the introductory materials before the first meeting.
- **“Wednesday Study”** will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site to discuss “Traveling Light,” by Max Lucado. Lucado reflects on the promise of Psalm 23. Donna Bub is the facilitator.
- **“Thursday Morning Bible Study”** will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site to discuss Isaiah and Timothy 1 and 2. The study, which is facilitated by Barb Mattheis, is open to men and women.

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP SET FOR SEPT. 11

Baptism is God’s gift of love and hope. All families seeking to have their child baptized should plan to attend a baptismal workshop. The next workshop is at 6:30 p.m. this Monday, Sept. 11, in Room 110 at the Downtown Site. Please RSVP by calling the church office and indicating if child care is needed. Additional workshops will be held on Nov. 13 and Jan. 15, 2007. Whether or not you already have had a child baptized at First English, please plan to attend a workshop before scheduling a baptism. We welcome you to attend a quarterly workshop before your baby is born.

THE PRAYER MINISTRY TASK FORCE has been looking for ways to actively encourage and promote prayer within the lives of First English members. By being open and responsive to the working of the Holy Spirit, we pray that God’s love, guidance and healing power would be released for the benefit of all members and the community. Do you have prayers of healing, grief, support or thanksgiving?

- Submit prayer requests to First English prayer chain members Annette Ford (920-749-0757), Lorraine Moore (920-749-0058) or Esther Pask (920-739-6978).
- Members can be included in the Prayers of the Church during worship services and in the bulletin announcements by calling Jan Sommerfeld at the church office.

A “GETTING MARRIED, GETTING STARTED”

session will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site. Lunch will be provided. Couples planning to get married in January through June of 2007 should plan to attend this session. The sessions help couples plan their ceremony and learn more about the wedding coordinator ministry. Couples getting married in July through December of 2007 can attend the September 2006 session or the session that will be held on Feb. 10, 2007.

NEW AT FIRST ENGLISH LIBRARIES

“Grow with Bingo” is a new way to play bingo that uses Bible passages to describe numbers, pictures and words. The game, which is great for Sunday School classes and for people who want to learn more about the Bible, is on the tables in the library at both sites.

Give

YOUR DAY ON THE MISSION FIELD

- Sept. 12 is sponsored by Marlene and Warren Schultz in honor of the Marlene’s birthday.
- Sept. 14 is sponsored by Steve and Dana Olson in memory of Dana’s father, Bert Larson.
- Sept. 15 is sponsored by Lois Derber in memory of Helen Meyer.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE is being sold today in the Gathering Areas at both sites. As consumers, we have a direct impact on the lives of farming families by buying fairly-traded coffee. Fair Trade helps communities to help themselves. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEER FAIR NEXT SUNDAY

Updated Faith in Action catalogs and Time & Talent forms will be available at the Volunteer Fair that will be held between worship services at both sites next Sunday, Sept. 17. Every year, First English members are asked to recommit to their current volunteer activities and/or sign up for a new activity on a Time & Talent form.

FIRST ENGLISH COLLECTING LAYETTES

The goal at First English is to collect 250 layettes for Lutheran World Relief. The following items can be new or gently used: two shirts or Onesies, size newborn to 24 months; two gowns or sleepers; two receiving blankets; four cloth diapers; one sweater or sweatshirt; two wash cloths; one bath-size bar of gentle soap in original wrapper; and two diaper pins

- **Do you knit or crochet?** Consider knitting one of the 250 sweaters for the Lutheran World Relief kits. Although there are a number of knitters making sweaters, more are needed. Patterns are available in the Gathering Area at both sites, where you can sign up to make at least one sweater. Knitters are available to help you. We also would be grateful for gently-used sweaters. For information, call Elaine Herr at 731-4759.
- **Would you like to go to a rummage sale?** To help meet the goal of 250 layettes for LWR, volunteers are needed to go to rummage sales near their home on Fridays or Saturdays in September to purchase baby sweaters. Sign up at the layette display in the Gathering Area at either site and you will be contacted and given the address of a sale near your home.

YOUTH BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

The Senior High Youth Board will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, Sunday, Sept. 10, in the Youth Room at the Downtown Site, for those who have committed to being a member and for anyone interested in being on the board.

CROSSWAYS BIBLE CAMP FUNDRAISER

So far, \$110.89 has been received for the Crossways Bible Camp fundraiser. If you have film canisters at home, please bring them to the canister display in the Gathering Area at the Downtown Site.

YOUTH ROOM WISH LIST

Fall is almost here and First English youth will be hanging out in the Youth Room at the Downtown Site again. If you would like to donate soda (2-liter bottles or 12-packs), large containers of orange juice, frozen pizzas or snacks, please drop them off in the Youth Room at any time. Thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM SEEKS MEMBERS

The First English Communications Team is looking for about four people with skills relating to advertising, marketing, writing or graphic design to join our team as we look at how to get the word out at First English. The team meets once a month to brainstorm ideas relating to internal and external publications. Anyone who would like to contribute their creativity should contact Jan Sommerfeld at jan_sommerfeld@tds.net.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NEEDED

Check out these new task forces that are seeking members. Posters are in the Gathering Areas at either site.

- Teacher Appreciation
- 2007 Winter Camping
- Chili Cook-off and Auction Task Force
- Summer Musical 2008

THE WEEK OF SEPT. 10 AT A GLANCE

DS - Downtown Site NS - North Site

RALLY SUNDAY

SUNDAY at the Downtown Site

8, 9:30
& 10:45 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary
8:50 a.m. Angelus Choir Practice (Grades 3-6) – 212
8:50 a.m. Cherub Choir Practice (K-Grade 2) – 220
9:30 a.m. “Adult Learning Hour” – 221
9:30 a.m. Children’s Learning Hour
4 p.m. Jr. Hi Kickoff – Youth Room
7 p.m. Youth Board – Youth Room

SUNDAY at the North Site

8:30
& 9:45 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary *
9:45 a.m. “Adult Learning Hour” – Office
9:45 a.m. Children’s Learning Hour and Choir

MONDAY

9 a.m. Quilting – DS Fellowship Hall
9 a.m. Parent-Child Play Group – DS Nursery
5:30 p.m. Bucket Band Rehearsal – DS 218
6:30 p.m. Baptismal Workshop – DS 110 *
6:30 p.m. “Bethel Bible Study” Unit 3 OT – DS 114
7 p.m. “Getting Ready for Sunday” Study – DS Lounge

TUESDAY

6:15 a.m. Senior High Breakfast Devotions – Galvan’s
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Lounge
Noon “Tuesday Bag Lunch” – DS Fellowship Hall
1 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – DS Lounge
6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Parent Orientation – DS 110
7 p.m. Library Committee Meeting – DS Library
8:30 p.m. North Site Music Team Rehearsal – NS Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. “Bethel Bible Study” Unit 4 NT – DS 221
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Orientation – DS
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Coffeehouse and Worship – DS Youth Room
7 p.m. “Miriam Circle”
7 p.m. “Sarah Circle”
8 p.m. Seraphim Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

THURSDAY

6 a.m. “Women’s Thursday Early Riser Study” – DS Lounge
7 p.m. “My Secret Loss” Study – DS Lounge
7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – DS Choir Room *

FRIDAY

6 P.M. Scrapbooking – DS 110

SATURDAY

10 a.m. “Getting Married, Getting Started” – DS Fellowship Hall
1 p.m. Volunteer Fair setup – DS
3 p.m. Volunteer Fair setup – NS

* Child care provided