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# First English

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## News

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

### Worship matters

Some have asked about the few changes that have been made in our worship since my arrival in February, so I want to explain the reason for them. Essentially, it is to make our worship more in line with the classic Lutheran service. That means:

- Enlarging the participation of lay people in worship leadership.
  - Increasing the opportunities for congregational participation through spoken and sung responses.
  - Distinguishing between the liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Meal, so they are emphasized equally.
  - Learning the great hymns of our Lutheran tradition.
  - Employing an “economic” approach to liturgy, so ministers and others have good reasons for moving about.
  - Emphasizing worship as the gathering of the community of the Risen Lord.
- Moving the clergy benches to face the congregation makes presiding downtown much simpler. The ministers do not need to move from their places to indicate when to sit or

stand, or to lead the Prayer of the Day. It also enhances the communal aspect of worship. I need to see you in order to preside at worship.

Worship leaders walk to the altar only at the beginning of the communion part of the service to make it clear that the liturgy of the Word is not an altar service and has its own integrity. One can make a case that Lutherans do not have altars as a focus of prayer because we do not accept the notions of sacrifice that the term “altar” connotes.

In a sermon downtown, I explained that the sharing of the peace is not a greeting, such as “Hi, how are you?” Instead, these are the words of the Risen Christ. They came into the Church’s liturgy from the gospel of John. It is the peace of the Risen Christ that we are sharing, the gift of new life, the greatest gift we have.

An economic approach to liturgy is the reason we don’t hand out empty offering plates. There is no symbolic or liturgical purpose for it. It is a vestige of the days before every-Sunday communion when

we turned little things, like lighting the altar candles, into liturgies.

I use a prayer of thanksgiving before communion because that is what Jesus did and what He tells us to do. He “took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying ‘Do this for the remembrance of me.’” “This” includes giving thanks. If all we do is say the words of institution, we end up with the kind of magic formula that Luther railed against in the Reformation. Repeating that formula is not “giving thanks,” as the people of Jesus’ time understood that.

Since we believe that Jesus is present “in, with, and under the bread and the wine,” these elements need to be on the table for thanksgiving and treated carefully afterward.

I hope this provides some orientation to the direction our worship is taking. If you want to learn more, come to the sessions, “How We Worship,” on June 12, 19, and 26 in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

In Christ,

*Pastor Detweiler*

## Congregational Growth

### First English welcomes new members on May 7

On May 7, the following new members were welcomed to First English:

- Paul Barth
- Michael and Sharon Brosnan, Kieran, Dylan and Sean
- Paul and Nancy Hoffman
- Ruth Huttenburg
- Wade and Jennifer Landsverk, Nicholas, Alexander and Madison
- Deb Linsmeier
- Deni Lundwall
- Lorian and Alivia Meyer
- Dottie Meyer
- Phyllis Potratz
- Leah Rogers
- Todd Rusch and Sherry Meyers
- Sam Shackelford and Kasie Schroeder
- Joe and Diana Sepe Mark and Nicole
- LaKisha Jackson-Kasper and Kaliyah Stewart
- Tom and Karen Swoboda
- Scott Strand and Cindy Thorson
- Kelli Bruch and Eric Vanderwielen
- Adam Palm and Laurie Wendt

### New task force seeks members

Consider joining the Downtown Welcome Host Review. This new task force will be working with current downtown welcome hosts to recruit interested members and explore ideas about welcoming guests and visitors. For more information, contact Jean Monson at [jean\\_monson@tds.net](mailto:jean_monson@tds.net).

## First English installs Pastor Detweiler in May

May 7 was a historic day at First English Lutheran Church as the congregation celebrated the installation of Pastor George Detweiler as lead pastor.

Thank you to volunteers and staff who worked hard to make the entire weekend a success, including:

- First English members who let Pastor Detweiler, his family and friends know how special this day was to First English by attending his service and reception.
- The multitude of musicians who surrounded the Sanctuary with beautiful music.
- Worship volunteers who assisted Pastor Detweiler during his installation service.
- Decorators and set-up volunteers who transformed Fellowship Hall into a spring garden.

- Cooks and bakers who created delightful refreshments.
- Volunteer hosts who welcomed family, friends and pastoral leaders.
- Sunday School artists for creating colorful tissue flowers.
- Servers and clean-up volunteers who were ready and willing to do what was needed — with a smile!
- Technical crew who captured special moments for the Detweilers.
- Adopt-a-flower bed volunteers for having both sites looking wonderful in early spring.

The Welcome Committee thanks you all!

— Sue Swanson, Jean Monson, Milly and Walt Rugland and Kathy and Doug Freeman

### Town Meeting to address future of First English

Pastor Detweiler has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on “The Role of the Lead Pastor” that reflects the directions that he sees for the future of First English.

Its purpose is to start a conversation about our future as one congregation worshipping at multiple sites. Everyone is invited to see and discuss it at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, at the North Site.

### ‘Getting Married, Getting Started’

The next “Getting Married, Getting Started” session will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16 in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site.

Couples planning to get married

## Congregational Life

in January through June of 2007 should plan to attend this session.

The sessions are geared toward helping couples plan their ceremony and learn more about the wedding coordinator ministry.

For couples getting married in July through December of 2007, the session is set for Feb. 10, 2007.

### Large plastic trays needed for kitchens at both sites

The kitchens at both sites must be restocked with plastic trays.

Your donations of clear or black trays about 18 inches wide would be appreciated to accommodate upcoming fellowship events.

**Congregational Life**

**New task force forming to support new mothers**

A new task force is being formed to work with the Congregational Life and Learning ministry teams to explore ways to bring new moms together to talk and support each other.

Consider joining this short-term task force. For more information, contact Jean Monson at jean\_monson@tds.net.

**Learning**

**Scholarship opportunities for youth at First English**

Applications for the following three scholarships are available at the church office, 326 E. North St., Appleton, and must be submitted by June 30:

- Young adults from First English who will be attending a college or university next year and will not be receiving the Church College Covenant Scholarship can apply for a Gail Elizabeth Evans Scholarship.
- First English members enrolled at a school in the UW system can apply to the Al and Mary Golz University of Wisconsin Scholarship Fund.
- High school seniors attending a Lutheran college next year can apply for a \$1,000 Covenant Scholarship from First English. Call Brenda Smongeski at the church office for information.

**Sunday School teachers create faith connections**

Please help to create faith connections with your youth by serving as a teacher, team teacher, shepherd or music leader this fall.

There are ways you can help weekly, every-other week or monthly. Your help is needed, so please volunteer in June or July for the following fall Sunday School teaching positions:

**Teachers** receive complete lesson plans, including Bible background and step-by-step directions. Staff positions are open for 3 year-old through Grade 12 classes.

**Shepherds** for grades one through three build one-on-one

relationships with the children. No lesson planning is required. You will talk to the class and take them to worship. The week's lesson is taught by a rotation teacher.

**Substitute teachers** can request to teach their favorite grade. All lesson plans are provided.

**Music leaders** are needed for the first 10 to 15 minutes of the class to teach songs, help celebrate birthdays, share prayers and welcome visitors.

We invite you to pray about becoming part of the teaching team at First English.

To volunteer, call Anita Damon at the church office.

**Church picnic set for June 25 at the North Site**

Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic on June 25 at the North Site.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship that will include food, music, games and a dunk tank.

A barbeque lunch buffet will be served from 12:15-1:45 p.m.

The cost is \$4 per person or \$10 per family.

Tickets for the picnic can be purchased in the Gathering Areas at church on June 11, 14, 18, 21 and 25.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – CHURCH PICNIC**

Fun, food, activities and games!

Volunteers Needed:

- Ticket sales (June 11, 14, 18, 21 & 25)
- Kitchen help/servers       Baking       Set-up
- Take-down Games/Activities       Participate in booth or activity

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Place in offering plate or return to the church office.

## Learning

### Getting Ready for Sunday looks at upcoming texts

Getting Ready for Sunday will gather from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Monday, June 5, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site. On June 12, 19 and 26, the group will attend the "How We Worship" sessions at 7 p.m.

Go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and click on "Daily Discipleship" for individual study.

The texts this month are:

#### June 4

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

#### June 11

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

#### June 18

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) and 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

#### June 25

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

### Friday Bible Study Group meets at North Site

The North Site Friday Bible Study Group meets at 9:45 a.m. every Friday in the office at the North Site. *Celebrating Friendship* links women together in friendship, joy, faith and prayer. Everyone is welcome to gather for fellowship, conversation and coffee. Register for child care in advance by calling the church office.

## Great summer reading material at First English

The following books are available at the First English libraries:

### Downtown Site library

#### Kids:

- "The Quiltmaker's Gift," by Jeff Brumbeau (C F Bru). Fable for our times celebrates the joy of giving.
- "Love Your Neighbor," by Melody Carlson (C 241.4 Car). Treat others as you want to be treated.
- "On Noah's Ark," by Jan Brett (C 222.11 Bre). How did all those animals on the ark stay alive?
- "David and Goliath," by Jean Marzolla (C 222.43 Mar). Retelling David's story.
- "The Miracles of Jesus," by Tomie De Paola (C226.7 Dep).
- "A Wing and a Prayer," by Franklin Graham (C F Gra). An American boy becomes a friend with a boy in a jungle village.

#### Youth:

- "Sports Heroes, Soccer," by Mark Littleton (Y 796.3 Lit). Stories of soccer players.
- "Chronicles of Narnia," by C. S. Lewis. Books 1, 2, and 3 (YF Lew).
- "I Believe, The Nicene Creed," (Y238.14 Ibe). Beautiful illustrations of the Nicene Creed.
- "Perfectly Chelsea," by Claudia Mills (Y F Mil).

#### Adult fiction:

- "A Skeleton In God's Closet," by Paul L. Maier (Cassettes F Mai). An archaeological mystery.
- "More Than A Skeleton," by Paul L. Maier (F Mai). Same characters as on the cassettes above, but a different mystery.
- "The Shunning," by Beverly Lewis (F Lew). A glimpse at the Amish.

- "The Presence of Angels," by Michael Sherer (F She). Fictional beginning of a Minneapolis church.



- "They Called Her Mrs. Doc," by Janette Oke (F Oke). The story of a new marriage on the western frontier. (There are more books in the library by Janette Oke.)
- "The Red Badge of Courage," by Stephen Crane (F Cra).

#### Adult nonfiction:

- "Exploring The DaVinci Code," by Lee Strobel.
- "The DaVinci Code Breaker," by James Garlow.
- "The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?" by Hank Hanegraaff. Read what biblical experts say about the popular book and movie.
- "Three Cups of Tea," by Greg Mortenson (371.8 Mor). An American's experiences in Pakistan.
- "Mary in a Martha's World," by Rita Schweitz (242.6413 Sch). Quiet times for busy mothers.
- "Once Upon A Time," by Gordon Bubolz (921 Bub). The life and vision of Gordon Bubolz.
- "Godspell," First English Lutheran Church performance. (DVD 783 God).
- "As For Me And My House," by Walter Wangerin Jr. (248.8 Wan). Crafting your marriage to last.
- "Boundaries," by Dr. Henry Cloud (248.4 Clo). Biblically appropriate ways to set limits.
- "How Much Is Enough?" by Arthur Simon (241.68 Sim).

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## Learning

### Join an open discussion of 'The Da Vinci Code'

Join Pastor Dave to discuss the book, "The Da Vinci Code," on Tuesday, June 13. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the North Site Sanctuary. Pastor Dave will provide information on the historical material Dan Brown uses in his novel. This book has raised many questions. Join us as we look for the answers!

### Tuesday bag lunch topic focuses on God's work

Bring a bag lunch, take time for conversation and study the Old Testament from noon to 1 p.m. on June 6 in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site. Pastor Vicki will facilitate the study, which will reflect on God's work in our life.

### Grief support group meets at the Downtown Site

The Grief Support Group is open to everyone — First English members and nonmembers — who is experiencing grief resulting from any type of loss, especially the death of a loved one. Our summer meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16 in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

### Women's Early Risers Bible Study meets in June

The Women's Early Risers Bible Study will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. June 15, 22 and 28 in the Lounge at the Downtown Site. More details will be provided in upcoming announcements.

### North Site library

#### Kids:

- "The Parable of the Lily," by Liz Curtis Higgs (C 242.62 Hig). The power of grace and forgiveness.
- "The Rainbow Fish," by Marcus Pfister (C F Pfi). How a fish learns to make friends.
- "Can I Pray with My Eyes Open?" by Susan Taylor Borwn (C 248.32 Bro). Is there a wrong time or place to pray?"
- "Naming the Animals," by Gardner McFall (C 222.11 Mcf). What should Adam name all the animals?
- "Water, Come Down," by Walter Wangerin Jr. (C 265.1 Wan).
- "Annie Ashcraft Looks Into the Dark," by Ruth Senter (C Sen).

#### Adults

- "Exploring the DaVinci Code," by Lee Strobel.
- "The DaVinci Code Breaker," by James Garlow.

- "The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?" by Hank Hanegraaff. Read what biblical experts say about the book and movie.

- "At Home in Mitford," by Jan Karon. (F Kar). Story of everyday life of an Episcopalian priest. (Books 2-6 also are available.)
- "Incredible Moments with the Savior," by Ken Gire (242 Gir).
- "Angels," by Billy Graham (235.3 Gra).
- "Amazing Grace," by Kathleen Norris (230.03 Nor).
- "A Man After God's Own Heart," by Jim George (248.842 Geo). Devoting your life to what really matters.
- "Woman After God's Own Heart," by Elizabeth George (248.843 Geo).



### 'Act Boldly for Health' Bible Study meets in June

The summer women's Bible Study, "Act Boldly for Health," explores how women can take care of their health and well-being and reach out to others. A healthy, more peaceful world starts within us, but we are called to make a difference beyond our boundaries. The study is from the "Lutheran Woman Today" magazine. Copies are in the library. Study groups meet at the following times:

**Miriam Study Group** meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the home of Joyce Burghardt, 3328 W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Appleton. For information, call 920-734-8281.

**Judith Study Group** meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

### Registration now open for Lay School of Ministry

Enrollment is open for the Lay School of Ministry. This monthly Friday and Saturday two-year program is sponsored by the synod to equip lay people for ministry in their church and community.

Classes are held from September through May at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Combined Locks. Assistance is available for part of the tuition. For information, call Anita Damon at the church office.

## Learning

### 'How We Worship' sessions set in June

To learn more about the changes that have been made in our worship, plan to attend three "How We Worship" sessions at 7 p.m. on June 12, 19 and 26 in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

Pastor Detweiler will facilitate the sessions.

### 'Let's Talk Toddlers' scheduled for July

A three-week session, "Let's Talk Toddlers," addresses the challenging issues parents face when raising toddlers.

**When:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, July 13, 20 and 27

**Where:** Room 110 at the Downtown Site.

**Cost:** \$20 per person and \$35 per couple

**Register:** Call ThedaCare at 920-830-6877 or visit [www.thedacare.org/classes](http://www.thedacare.org/classes). Free child care is available for parents who register in advance.

### Scrapbooking, stamping sessions set in July

Free scrapbooking and stamping sessions will be held Friday, June 9, July 14-15 and Aug. 11.

Friday sessions are from 6 to 11 p.m. In July, a two-day event is planned, so you can participate Friday night and return on Saturday to continue your projects. All sessions will be held in Room 110 at the Downtown Site. Call Cindy at 920-836-3008 to reserve a spot. Please bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to a local charity.

### Next baptismal workshop set for July 10

Baptism is God's gift of love and hope. All families seeking to have their child baptized at either site should plan to attend a baptismal workshop.

The next workshop is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site. Please RSVP by calling the church

office and indicating if child care is needed.

Whether or not you already had a child baptized at First English, plan to attend a workshop before scheduling a baptism. Workshops are held quarterly, so you are welcome to attend one before your baby is born.

### New Member sessions begin in September

The next New Member sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 18 in Room 110 at the Downtown Site and Sept. 25 at the North Site Sanctuary.

These two evenings provide a way to learn, review the basics of faith and help you to find out where you fit in with the ministries

of First English. If you have been worshipping at the Downtown Site or the North Site and are interested in joining First English, we look forward to seeing you at both of these classes.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend and to RSVP for child care.

### Summer camps offer fun for kids of all ages

Youth entering grades 6, 7 and 8 this fall can register for No Limits Adventure Camp. Learn more about your faith through exciting adventures, like spelunking and geocaching.

The camp meets from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 12-15 at Plamann Park.

Youth entering grades 1-6 this fall can explore Kid's Travel Guide to the Armor of God Day Camp, which meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10-13 at Plamann Park.

Register for these camps in the summer activities brochure on the youth bulletin boards at both sites.

### Women's retreat scheduled for Pine Lake Camp

"Boundless Love" is the theme of a women's retreat at Pine Lake Camp Aug. 18-20.

Pastor Jo Ann Faboe, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, is the guest pastor.

Enjoy a weekend of study, prayer, reflection and fellowship.

The weekend begins with registration at 4 p.m. Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday.

The cost is \$80. Registration deadline is July 20. Register to Kathy Holat, 625 N. 104th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

**Outreach & Social Ministry**

**‘A Day of Fun’ carnival to benefit Jack Lichosik**

A benefit will be held for Jack Lichosik from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at the North Site.

Jack is the 1-year-old son of Jake and Vicki Lichosik, members of First English. At 5 months, Jack was diagnosed with a rare degenerative eye disease that leads to retinal detachments and blindness.

The event will feature a carnival, giant inflatables, midway games; raffle, silent auction; cake walk, face painting, music and food.

All proceeds will fund Jack’s ongoing medical expenses. First English volunteers are working with Project Bridges, Geckler companies and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in sponsoring this benefit.

First English summer interns also will be assisting the benefit’s organizing committee.

**Adoptive Parents Support Group meets June 28**

The Adoptive Parents Support Group will meet at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on June 28 at the North Site Gathering Area.

The casual, friendly group supports those considering adoption, those already in the adoption process and parents with adopted children. Free childcare will be provided.

For information, call Sarah Miles at 920-993-0525.

**ECHOES seeks volunteers to pick up donations**

ECHOES is seeking people who are willing to pick up donations one Saturday morning a month. If you would like to foster this outreach ministry at 1320 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, call ECHOES manager Kathy Hoffman at 920-882-8172. A trailer is available. This service

is offered to a limited demographic area.

Are you spring cleaning? Is your rummage sale ending?

Remember ECHOES for your donations and tell your neighbors, family and friends about the outreach ministry at First English. Donations are accepted during regular store hours, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**THRIVENT BUILDS 2006**

Wayne Luck’s testimonial:

*“I have been working on Habitat for Humanity homes for the last couple of years. I find each day that I volunteer to be both a learning experience, great exercise and a lot of fun. The typical crew at a worksite consists of many volunteers with a wide range of God-given talents, ranging from people who have never touched a hammer to experienced carpenters. The new homeowners are typically there working with you, and you can’t help but share in their excitement as their new home is being built. Their excitement is particularly high, as they know that such a home would not be possible without Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, through their work, many of the new homeowners are learning important home maintenance skills. Whether you are an experienced carpenter or a novice who would like to learn, Habitat for Humanity has an opportunity for you. I personally have found volunteering for Habitat to be extremely rewarding.”*

— Wayne Luck

**THRIVENT BUILDS 2006**  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thrivent chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Check all boxes that apply:

- I will pray for those involved with Thrivent Builds.
- I will volunteer to work for a day with my church.
- I will arrange a lunch for one day for our church volunteers.
- I will e-mail (or call) with three to five names of volunteers
- I will be a “champion” at a worksite for a day (duties: registration, prayer, lunch setup, pictures).
- I will mail post cards to church members to ask for volunteers.
- I will do a fundraiser to support Thrivent Builds in our chapter.

**Return to Dennis McGinley, 701 E. Lindbergh St., Appleton, WI 54911; dennis.mcginley@thrivent.com or to Jean Monson, 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI 54911; jean\_monson@tds.net**

## Outreach & Social Ministry

### Lutheran World Relief Coffee available June 4

Lutheran World Relief coffee, tea, hot cocoa, baking cocoa and candy bars will be on sale at both sites on Sunday, June 4.

Through the LWR Coffee Project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit and gain a long-term trading partner, the Equal Exchange, which is part of the Fair Trade Organization. For each pound of coffee, tea or cocoa purchased by Lutheran churches, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the LWR Small Farmer Fund for projects supporting small farmers.

Regular coffee is \$6 per 12 oz. bag and decaf is \$7 per 12 oz. bag. Tea is \$3 per box of 25 bags. Hot cocoa is \$5 per 12-oz. can. Baking cocoa is \$5 per 8oz. can.

## First English honors Amy Henderson

First English will honor Amy Henderson as she retires as office administrator, at the 8 a.m. worship service and coffee hour on Sunday, May 28, at the Downtown Site.

Since Amy joined the staff at First English 16 years ago, she has given the church the gifts of organization, dependability, commitment, intelligence, common sense, faith, humor, wisdom and countless unpaid hours.

Amy was the unsung hero during many important milestones at First English, including the Blessed to be a Blessing Campaign, the formation of the North Site and subsequent building projects at both sites. No one will ever know just how much she did!

With her uncanny ability to “think of everything,” she has been the behind-the-scenes glue that has kept First English thriving during several years of transition.

## Support

While the church council, ministry teams and task forces were developing ideas and events to move First English forward, Amy Henderson made it happen in the office, carrying out these plans with her usual foresight and eye for detail.

Although Amy’s expertise and talents as an employee will be greatly missed, First English is blessed to have her remain in the role she had before becoming an employee — that of a member. (She will be the only member, however, that the office staff will have on their speed-dial.)

God bless you, Amy Henderson, as you celebrate this new chapter in your life. There’s a Time & Talent form waiting for you in the office with your name on it!

## Don’t wait until you win the lottery to be a good steward of God’s gifts

I loved Bruce. Until his dying day, he was a man of energy and passion. He often would come to my office and wave a handful of lottery tickets in the air.

“This is going to be the time, pastor,” Bruce said. “This is going to be the time. And when I hit it big, when I win the lottery, I’m going to give almost all of it to the church. You can pay off the mortgage and do anything else you’d like to do. Just wait.”

I loved Bruce, but I was still waiting when he died. His day never came. He never hit the

lottery. He could never make that big gift he wanted to give.

Many church members are waiting for that winning lottery number, that stock market miracle, that inheritance, that day when they can afford to be generous. For most of those people, that day will never come.

But the mission of the church goes on, for Christian stewardship is not about the wealthy and generous, but about the grateful and faithful. You don’t have to be wealthy to give faithfully. You only have to make the decision that

you are going to do it. You are going to do it not with that magical money you hope to have one day, but with the very real money you have right now. Stewardship is not a matter for “someday” but a matter for “today.”

Remember, it’s all God’s. How you will use it today is your decision. Stewardship is not just something for tomorrow with the great wealth you hope to have someday. It is something for today, with the genuine wealth you have right now.

— Pastor Steve McKinley

## Worship

### Worship in the park begins June 4 at City Park

Worship in the park is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4 at City Park in Appleton. Worship in the park also will be held on June 11 and 25; July 2, 9 and 23; and August 6, 20 and 27.

On Sundays when 9:30 a.m. worship is in City Park, coffee hour will be held indoors after the 8 a.m. worship service.

### North Site sets schedule for summer worship

Summer worship begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 28, at the North Site. Wednesday worship begins at 7 p.m. on June 14.

A fellowship BBQ meal will be served before worship from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday.

Interns will be grilling hot dogs and brats or serving up homemade Spanish hamburger. Peanut butter and jelly also will be available. All money raised will go to our sister congregation in New Orleans for hurricane relief.

If you would like to make a cash donation toward purchasing the food that will be served, or would like to donate products, contact Julie Doerfler at the church office.

Items needed are large bags of chips, pickles, ketchup, mustard, cookies, paper plates, napkins and plastic silverware.

Please bring the donations to either site and mark them "Wednesday Fellowship Meals."

## Lunchtime Organ Recital Series begins June 7

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series announces the following performances at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For information on the free events, call 920-734 3762.

**June 7: Zion Lutheran Church**, 912 North Oneida Street, Appleton. Dr. Daniel Steinert.

**June 14: First English Lutheran Church**, 326 E. North Street, Appleton. Dr. Sarah Mahler Hughes.

**June 21: St. Joseph Catholic Church**, 404 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton. Joanne West Peterson at 12:45 p.m.

**June 28: First United Methodist Church**, 200 N. Drew Street, Appleton. Dr. Naomi Rowley.

**July 5: First Congregational Church UCC**, 724 E. South River Street, Appleton. Mary Kay Easty.

**July 12: Holy Cross Catholic Church**, 309 Desnoyer Street, Kaukauna. Jared Stellmacher.

**July 19: Faith Lutheran Church**, 601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton. Robert Unger.



**July 26: First Presbyterian Church of Neenah**, 200 Church Street, Neenah. Jeffrey Verkuilen, AAGO.

**Tuesday Special August 1: Lawrence Memorial Chapel**, 500 E. College Ave., Appleton. Kathrine Handford.

**August 2: Memorial Presbyterian Church**, 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton. John Skidmore.

**August 9: St. Bernard's Catholic Church**, 1617 W. Pine Street, Appleton. Mark Sikkila.

**August 16: First Presbyterian Church of Neenah**, 200 Church Street, Neenah. Nancy Siebecker.

**August 23: First English Lutheran Church**, 326 E. North Street, Appleton. Daniel Schwandt.

**August 30: St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 200 N. Commercial St., Neenah. Marillyn Freeman, AAGO.

## First English welcomes summer interns in June

First English again is blessed with a talented group of gifted interns.

We will welcome the interns at all services on June 4. In addition to summer activities, the interns also will represent First English in many service projects throughout the community.

This year's summer interns are Ashley Behrent, Tammy Eagles, Emily Fink, Jack Gamble,



## Youth

Jordan Gross, Kelsey Gross, Kate Hagen, Ellen Hilger, Erin Kaufman, Nik Jackson, Katie Krasin, Krista Maves, Sarah Larson, Greg Monson, Stephanie Nimis, Alysson Orsted, David Shudy, Laurie Smith, Lisa Tegtmeier, Sara Woldt and Jimmy Zweig.

## Youth

### Canticum choir to perform in concert at First English

Canticum, a 55-voice choir from Sweden, will appear in concert at the First English Lutheran Church North Site at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

Canticum is a gospel choir comprised of high school and young adults from the southern Swedish province of Skane.

The concert, sung mostly in English, will include traditional and contemporary sacred music, gospel and folk tunes. The choir is directed by Thomas Suki, who was born in Ethiopia and adopted as a child by a Swedish couple. The public is invited. A free-will offering will be taken. If you would like to house two or more of these students on June 29, sign up in the Gathering Areas of either site or contact Julie Doerfler at the church office.

### Youth hope to raise \$800 during Habitat shed build

Participants in the junior high Adventure Camp are building a storage shed for a family in a Habitat home from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at the Downtown Site.

A car wash with a free-will donation will be held during that time to raise \$800 for the materials to build the shed.

If you are unable to get your car washed, but would like to make a donation, send it to the church office. Thank you for supporting First English youth!

## Ecumenical worship to share hope and peace

First English youth and friends are invited to enjoy fellowship and dialog with Ramallah folk dancers at a special ecumenical event this summer.

The dancers are members of the Al Raja Palestinian Folkloric Dance Troupe. Al Raja means hope.

The dancers are Christian and Muslim teens from the Evangelical Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah. The school is a ministry

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The students are eager to share their culture and help Americans understand the Palestinian culture. They also are eager to meet the people of northeastern Wisconsin.

Plan to attend a teen reception with games and a picnic at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, at the North Site. A 7 p.m. ecumenical worship will be held for all ages.

## Meghan Cieslik to join Youth Ministry staff

Meghan Cieslik will join the First English Staff on June 8 as Youth Ministry Associate.

Meghan will be installed at the 7 p.m. worship service on Wednesday, June 28, at the North Site. A reception will follow in the Gathering Area. Plan to attend this very important service.

Meghan Joy Cieslik was born on Sept. 9, 1983, to Jeff and Cindy Cieslik. She was baptized by Pastor Bloedow on Nov. 13, 1983, which was Pastor Quello's first Sunday at First English.

Meghan began Sunday School at age 3 and was taught by Anita Damon. Meghan attended Huntley Elementary and Einstein Middle School. She was interested in performing in plays, participating in Odyssey of the Mind, tumbling and dancing. From the time she was in third grade, summer was never complete for Meghan unless it included a week at Imago Dei.

Meghan loved music and took piano lessons from Karen Reeck (Grades 1-12) and participated in the choir at Huntley Elementary School, directed by Anita Lyle; Lawrence Arts Academy Choir; Cherub Choir; Angelus Choir; and the Seraphim Choir, directed by Meri Hujet and Julie Doerfler.

She attended Appleton North High School, where she was a member of the student council, performance team (stunting) and Varsity Women's and North Choirs.

She graduated from Appleton North in 2002 and attended St. Olaf college in September of 1998.

She will graduate with an English major on May 28.

If you would like to help plan Meghan's upcoming installation with the Youth Ministry Team, contact Julie Doerfler at [julie\\_doerfler@tds.net](mailto:julie_doerfler@tds.net).

## Youth

### National Youth Gathering Sunday set for June 25

On July 4, 46 youth and adults will travel to San Antonio for the National Youth Gathering, where 50,000 youth will gather to make a difference in the world.

If you would like to donate a \$10 bill for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, you will have the opportunity at all worship services on June 25.

For the next month, there will be boxes in the Gathering Areas where you can drop off \$10 gift cards to Wal-mart, Target, Toys-R-Us, Babies-R-Us and Payless Shoes.

### The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art

This summer's programs at The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art include a service project in art.

Join Laura Corcoran on Tuesday, June 13, for "Our Father's World." Youth and parents are invited to participate in this program designed to benefit families in other parts of the world through Heifer International. Students who have completed grades 3-6 are invited to the morning session, from 9 a.m. to noon. An afternoon session, from 1 to 2 p.m., is for students K-2. To sign up, complete the registration form on the youth bulletin board in the Gathering Areas at both sites.

### 90+ Birthday

Thomas McKenny,  
2125 N. Mason St., Appleton,  
54914 - June 8

## Council Minutes

### Congregational Council

May 16, 2006

At the May 16 meeting, the Congregational Council:

- Approved the minutes of the April 18 meeting.
- Recognized 16 years of dedicated work that Amy Henderson has devoted to First English.
- Accepted the Pastors' reports and approved official acts.

Among the reports:

- Austin Boncher will be the interim Director of Music until the beginning of the year.
- A national search for the Director of Music is ongoing.
- Pastor Vicki and Pastor Dave are covering senior visitations.
- Accepted the Treasurer's reports:
  - Income and expenses are tracking with budgeted amounts.

- Reviewed Ministry Team reports and approved the following action requests:

– Support: Discontinue the Private Investment Member Loan Program on June 30, 2006.

– Youth: Proceeds from the Solas suppers to be designated for the sister churches in New Orleans.

- Accepted Call Committee reports:

– The committee is beginning the process of extending a permanent call to Pastor Dave and will ask the council to consider Pastor Dave's call at the June meeting.

– A search for a third pastor will begin.

- Accepted Executive Committee report:

– Dave Eggert will be asked to continue to chair the 2007 Capital Campaign Committee.

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

- Audrey Lynn and Hailey Mae Ziegler, baptized on May 7.
- Remington Grace Kemp, baptized on May 14.
- Alivia Jae Meyer, baptized on May 14.
- Brody Gideon Beck, baptized on May 21.
- Eilyanna Faith Mueller, baptized on May 21.
- Carleigh Ann Johnson-Islinger, baptized on May 28.
- Mary Elizabeth Zimmer, baptized on May 28.

- Chase Fredrick Fairchild, baptized on May 28.
- Quinn David Elson, baptized on May 28.
- Kristine Kay Dhein, baptized on May 28.

### Weddings

- Rene Clark and Jeff Landvatter, married on May 13.
- Anne Bird and Jamie Benter, married on May 13.

### Funerals

- Harold Prausa
- Russ Diehl
- Emma Blom

### Anniversaries

- Roger and Phyllis Anderson celebrate 58 years together on June 5.
- Keith and Vicki Rudd celebrate 30 years together on June 5.
- David and Ann Steele celebrate 30 years together on June 5.
- Milt and Helen Drier celebrate 55 years together on June 9.
- Raymond and Muriel Tiedt celebrate 58 years together on June 12.

- Willis and Gloria Johnson celebrate 50 years together on June 16.
- Wayne and Vonda Batley celebrate 45 years together on June 17.
- Edwin and Evelyn Weber celebrate 56 years together on June 17.
- Lee and Gertrude Klauk celebrate 40 years together on June 18.
- Jack and Cleo Thompson celebrate 57 years together on June 25.