

First English Lutheran Church-ELCA

PO Box 156

245 East Hughes St

Tyler, MN 56178

Phone: 507-247-3480

Email: fenglishtyler@gmail.com

Pastor Lisa Meshke

April Youth Minute

Upcoming Events:

April 2nd and 9th: First Communion Classes from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

April 17th: 6 pm to bake communion bread - First Communion Class

April 18th: Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm - Students take First Communion

April 28th: Confirmation Sunday

May 19th: High School Senior Recognition Sunday

July 27th to August 3rd - Mission Trip to Denver

April 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	2 <i>Food shelf 2-4</i> <i>6:30 pm First Communion Class</i>	3 <i>5:45 pm Confirmation</i> <i>5:45 Lent Supper</i> <i>6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer</i> <i>7:30 pm Gift Committee Meeting</i>	4 <i>Food shelf 4-6</i>	5 <i>2:00 pm Tyler Alliance World Day of prayer</i>	6 <i>8:30 am Spring Prairie Conference Grace First Parish Russell</i>
7 <i>9:30 Worship with Holy Communion</i> <i>10:30 Coffee Fellowship/S. School</i>	8 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	9 <i>Food Shelf 2-4</i> <i>6:30 pm First Communion Class</i>	10 <i>1:30 pm WELCA Exec board meeting</i> <i>2:00 WELCA</i> <i>5:45 pm Confirmation</i> <i>5:45 Lent Supper</i> <i>6:30 Holden Evening Prayer</i>	11 <i>Food Shelf 4-6</i> <i>6:30 pm Church Council</i>	12	13
14 <i>9:30 Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion</i> <i>10:30 PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH</i>	15 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	16 <i>Food Shelf 2-4</i>	17 <i>8:00 am Quilting</i> <i>5:45 pm Confirmation</i> <i>6:00 Bake communion bread</i>	18 <i>Food Shelf 4-6</i> <i>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday</i> <i>First Communion during Maundy Thursday Worship</i>	19 <i>1:30 pm Community Good Friday Service at First English</i> <i>7 pm Good Friday</i>	20
21 <i>9:30 Easter Worship with Holy Communion</i> <i>No Coffee Fellowship</i> <i>No Sunday School</i>	22 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> <i>3:00 pm Afternoon Circle</i>	23 <i>Food shelf 2-4</i> <i>9:30 am Morning circle</i>	24 <i>5:45pm Confirmation</i>	25 <i>Food shelf 4-6</i>	26	27
28 <i>9:30 Worship/Confirmation</i> <i>10:30 Coffee fellowship/S. School</i> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	29 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	30 <i>Food Shelf 2-4</i>				

FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
April 2019



245 E. Hughes, Tyler, MN 56178-0156 PO Box 156 fenglishtyler@gmail.com 507-247-3480

Greetings First English,

I am thankful for the warmer weather, the melting snow, and the feeling of spring! It has been a long, tough winter. It's certainly possible that we may have more snow in the coming days, but it feels more manageable.

We are in the midst of the Lent season. As I write this, we have three more midweek Lent services remaining, then Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter Sunday. I want to encourage you to attend the Holy Week services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Those are two of my favorite services of the year. By attending the two Holy Week services, we get a fuller picture of the story of Jesus' last days, the betrayal, his arrest, the torture, death, and resurrection. It's the greatest story ever and I hope you can experience the whole thing. Come and see!

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. God overcomes sin and death, to bring new life and new beginnings. I pray that this Lenten season you would experience new life and new beginnings, in your relationship with God and in your daily life.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Lisa
515-451-1382
pastorlisaanne@gmail.com

March Attendance

March 3 : 68

March 10: 0

March 17: 99

March 24: 91

March 31:

Shetek Lutheran Ministries**Pre-Marriage Workshops**

Saturdays

April 13 or September 14, 2019

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to be a part of helping new marriages get off to a strong start by offering a chance to think about some key marriage issues, together with other couples also ready to get married. If interest registration forms are in the Narthex.

Thank You

First English would like to thank all those who either hand delivered or mailed in their offering between snowstorms. It made a difference. Current Financial Standing as of 3/21/19

Income: \$31,132.22

Expenses: \$36,439.79

Deficit: (\$5,307.46)

Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be at First English on April 7th to discuss their building projects and renovations. Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be receiving the Second Quarter Outreach Offerings from First English.

Church Directories

The new church directories are here. They are located on a table in the narthex. Please pick yours up.

WELCA Spring Conference

WELCA Spring Prairie Conference Gathering will be held April 6 at Grace First Church in Russell. Coffee and registration is at 8:30 am. Registration fee is \$10. The speaker is Deb Kanengieter with the topic Angel Gowns. In kind offering will be items for the FOOD SHELF.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to provide an Easter Lily for our Easter service, please complete a pink form found in the Narthex and put it in the offering plate or in the box outside the church office.

If you would like to purchase a lily from Johnson's Flower Box, please call them directly and pay them directly. Lilies will be available at a cost of \$15.99 plus tax. (With tax cost is \$17.09) Please call as soon as possible to reserve your plant.

JOHNSON'S FLOWER BOX 247-5920

Palm Sunday Brunch

There will be a Brunch after worship on Sunday, April 14th. There will be egg bakes, muffins, and other breakfast items. If you are willing to bring an egg bake or other items, please sign up in the Nar-

Pie Auction

A Pie Auction will be held after worship on Sunday, May 19th. This is also High School Senior Recognition Sunday. All proceeds from the Pie Auction will go towards the Mission Trip in Denver.

Church Council Minutes – Unapproved**Thursday, March 21, 2019****MISSION STATEMENT:** “We build God’s Kingdom by Sharing the Love and Compassion of Jesus Christ.”**COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:** Ann Svendsen, Dan Houselog, Carroll Friedrichs, Carol Peterson, Jeff Stenerson, Sandy Enemark, Treasurer Marcy Roelofs, and Pastor Lisa Meshke**ABSENT:** Ruth Rupp, Craig Norgaard, and Rob Etrheim**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Ann Svendsen at 6:30 p.m.**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Lisa opened with devotions and a prayer.**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Sandy Enemark, seconded by Dan Houselog, to approve the additions to the agenda, Secretary’s Report, and Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried. Additions to agenda included Tithely app for giving, housing allowance for Pastor, Lenten Meal ran by Council, and Correspondence.**PASTOR’S REPORT:** Pastor Lisa presented a written report.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Stewardship** – \$165 donated to the Denver trip from the Lenten Meal. The mission trip students will be helping run the Palm Sunday Egg Brunch and the Pie Auction, in which all the proceeds will go towards the mission trip.**Gift** – Pastor Lisa will send out an email to the group to set up a meeting time to discuss options for upcoming memorials.**Property** – Discussed finishing parsonage railing. Also removed snow overload from the parsonage roof with the help of volunteers.**Worship and Music** – no report**Staff Support** – no report**Youth** – no report**OLD BUSINESS:****Correspondence:** Thank you received from RTR Junior Class for \$50 donation to After Prom. Thank you received from the SWMN Synod for our 2018 Mission Support of \$12,000.**Staff Support/Executive Committee/Personnel:** Decision made by Church Council that the Executive Committee, consisting of the Church Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Pastor, will be in charge of hiring and firing all non-ordained employees. The Staff Support Committee will continue to conduct annual reviews and provide general support to our staff people.**Sabbatical Policy:** Motion made by Carroll Friedrichs, seconded by Dan Houselog, to table the Sabbatical Policy discussion for six months. Motion carried.**All Committee Meetings:** These will be reinstated to 2 times per year. They are scheduled for May 1, 2019 and October 2, 2019. Motion made by Dan Houselog, seconded by Jeff Stenerson, Motion carried.**NEW BUSINESS:****Tithely App:** In order to increase our giving opportunities, the ELCA recommends offering the Tithely App for people to donate to their church. Some people no longer carry checkbooks and this would be a way that those with a smart phone could donate to church. Motion made to sign up for the Tithely App. Pastor to work with Marcy on this.**Housing Allowance:** Pastor Lisa would like to designate \$2000 from her salary toward her housing allowance for income tax purposes. Motion made by Carroll Friedrichs, seconded by Sandy Enemark. Motion carried.

Lenten Meal Served by Council: Duties have been assigned and emailed out by Ann for the April 10th meal.

MEMBERSHIP: none

Council Responsibilities: Offering counters

Sunday, April 7, 2019	Jeff Stenerson, Ann Svendsen
Sunday, April 14, 2019	Dan Houselog, Sandy Enemark
Sunday, April 21, 2019	Dan Houselog, Rob Etrheim
Sunday, April 28, 2019	Carol Peterson, Carroll Friedrichs

Ann Svendsen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Pastor Lisa closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Enemark

Pastor Lisa Meshke (written report); March 21, 2019**Baptisms:** none **Funerals:** none (Mel Stuefen's service will be at a later date)**Hospital Visits:** 0 **Visits:** 13 **Synod Assembly Planning Committee:** Feb 21st, March 19th**Nursing Home Visits:** 8**Nursing Home Worship:** February 21st, February 24th, March 17th, March 21st**Upcoming Vacation:** May 20-27**Continuing Education:** May 13-17 (Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis); Holy Land Trip July 1-12**First Call Education:** Attended First Call Group on February 28th. Final First Call Retreat is March 24th to 26th.**Administration:**

- Lifetouch church photo directories have arrived. Each family at First English can pick theirs up on the table in the Narthex.
- Ministry duties added to the website.
- Updates made to the website.

Worship:

- Average attendance in February: 73
- Holden Evening Prayer will be on Wednesdays during Lent (March 27, April 3, April 10), 6:30 pm.
- There will also be an evening soup supper each of the Wednesdays in Lent at 5:45 pm.

Community/Missions:

- The 1st Quarter outreach offerings for 2019 will go to Lutheran Campus Ministries at Southwest Minnesota State in Marshall. Food and hygiene items were collected for the students of Southwest Minnesota State and delivered to Pastor Jeff Greathouse on February 19th and March 3rd. Pastor Jeff was grateful for First English's donations.
- 2nd Quarter Outreach will go to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Shetek will be in worship on April 7th to talk about their new building project and renovation.
- First English packaged the Backpacks for the RTR Backpack Program in February. We do not have another month in this school year.

Youth:

- First Communion instruction will take place for any student in grades 2nd through 5th grade (who hasn't previously received instruction). There will be two class dates (April 2nd and April 9th at 6:30 pm) and one day to bake communion bread (April 17th at 6 pm). All classes are required. Students will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service, April 18th at 7 pm. 13 students are signed up for the First Communion classes.
- Mission Trip in Denver July 28th to August 2nd. Fundraisers include Lenten suppers, Palm Sunday Brunch on April 14th, noisy offerings, and Pie Auction on May 19th.
- Adult chaperones for the mission trip will be Pastor Lisa, Angie Lovre, Jeff Hansen, and Bobbi Werkman. There are 10 students committed to go on the mission trip.
- Six students will be confirmed on April 28th. The students are Dalton Muecke, Camden Hansen, Chase Christensen, Ella Hesse, Ainsley Novak, and Rylie Serreyn. The students will be leading parts of the confirmation service.



APRIL 2019 WELCA NEWS

Wed. April 10-1:30 P.M. Exec. Board Meeting

2:00 P.M. WELCA Meeting

Program: Kathy Serie

Hostesses: Carol Peterson and Shirley Brosz

Wed. April 17-8:00 A.M. Quilting- Hostess Marcy Roelofs

Sat. April 6- 8:30 A.M. Spring Prairie Conference Meeting at Grace Church-Russell

Mon. April 22- 3:00 P.M. Afternoon Circle at the church- Hostess- Shirley Brosz

Tues. April 23- 9:30 A.M. Morning Circle

WELCA SPRING PRAIRIE CONFERENCE GATHERING

This is being held Saturday, April 6th at Grace First Church in Russell. Coffee and registration at 8:30 A.M. Registration fee is \$10.00. The speaker will be Deb Kanengieter with the topic “Angel Gowns.” The in-kind-offering will be items for the food shelf. Lunch will be served at noon.

MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL

We will be gathering personal care kits during the month of April for Lutheran World Relief. Please pick up a bag in the narthex. The bag has the listed items that are needed. Please return by the end of April. The kit includes: 1 bath size towel approx. 52”x72” (dark color recommended), 2 bath size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in the original wrapper, 1 sturdy comb, 1 toothbrush in its original wrapper and 1 nail clipper with file.

“May God Bless you at Easter and keep you all year through. May God give you all the faith it takes to make your dreams come true. May his love and wisdom always help, to guide you on your way. May his light shine down upon you now, to bless your Easter day.

Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless.

May your Easter basket be full of Joy, Happiness and Peace- Today and Always.

HE IS RISEN!



April Baptisms

Kason Dybdahl	4/1
Luke Johnson	4/1
Melva Koenig	4/1
Al Taylor	4/4
Mary Taylor	4/7
Kent Mikkelsen	4/8
Esther Jensen	4/9
Shaun Thomas	4/9
Jenna Lovre	4/10
Jonah Lovre	4/10
Bethany Blegen	4/12
Lizabeth Marr	4/13
Troy Houselog	4/16
Alan Newborg	4/17
Jayden Schreurs	4/19
Caroll Friedrichs	4/21
Corbin Hatton	4/21
Josh Jackson	4/22
Liam Thooft	4/23
Alyssa Newborg	4/24
Ron Ries	4/24
Eric Rieder	4/25
Everett Erb	4/25
Gavin Wieme	4/26
Makayla Hesse	4/25
Makenna Hesse	4/25
Hadley Blegen	4/27
Robin Knudsen	4/27
Abby Moat	4/29
Pam Norgaard	4/30
Sara Thooft	4/30



April Anniversaries

Alan & Marcy Roelofs	4/3
Shaun & Sara Thomas	4/9
Larry & Brenda Olsen	4/15



April Birthdays

Corbin Hatton	4/2
Sara Thooft	4/2
Susan Fischer	4/4
Donna Marr	4/5
Ellie Dybdahl	4/8
Alva Enemark	4/10
Al Taylor	4/11
Donna Landsman	4/11
Arlene Friedrichs	4/13
Sara Thomas	4/13
Susan Norgaard	4/13
Kurt Larsen	4/14
Randy VanderPoel	4/14
Josh Moat	4/16
Tenley Thooft	4/16
Dennis Koenig	4/19
Carter Hansen	4/20
Cooper Hansen	4/20
Jackson Serreyn	4/21
Jeff Peters	4/21
Melissa Maranell	4/23
Tiffany Kelley	4/23
Sarah Clarke	4/26
Brennen Rupp	4/27
Brady Olson	4/29
Mason Williams	4/29
David Lange	4/30

Ministry Duties for April 2019**April 7**

Ushers: *Matt, Henry and Gwen Serreyn, Mark Schwanebeck
 Greeters: Arnie Nelsen, Jack Johnson
 Lector: Adrianna Serreyn
 Altar Guild: Sandy Enemark (Full Communion)
 Comm. Asst. Bobbi Werkman, Drew Werkman, Mark Enemark
 Coffee: Marlene Johnson, Joyce Larsen
 Acolyte: Anthony Lovre

April 14

Ushers: *Mic VanDeVere, Larry Myers, Erick Rieder, Alan Newborg
 Greeters: Sherm & Jane DeZeeuw, Susan Fischer
 Lector: Faye Johnson
 Altar Guild: Kelly Erb (Intinction)
 Comm. Asst: Rylie Serreyn, Kathy Serie, Carol Kopel
 Coffee: Merv and Lois Peterson, Alvina Welgraven
 Acolyte: Camry Swanson

Maundy Thursday April 18

Ushers: *Confirmands
 Greeters: First Communion Youth
 Lector: Carol Kopel or Betty Jo Solberg
 Altar Guild: Lori Etrheim (Full Communion)
 Comm. Asst: Betty Jo Solberg

Easter April 21

Ushers: *Mark Enemark, Brandon Enemark, Nathan Blegen, Craig Norgaard
 Greeters: Paul and Alva Enemark
 Lector: Alva Enemark
 Altar Guild: Marlene Johnson or Robin Knudsen (Intinction)
 Comm. Asst: Jeff Hansen, Carter Hansen, Craig Norgaard
 Coffee: NO COFFEE
 Acolyte: Isaac Norgaard

Confirmation April 28

Ushers: *Bob Larsen, Rick Peterson, Paul Enemark, Brent Thoof
 Greeters: Confirmands
 Lector: Confirmands
 Altar Guild: Barb Enderson (Intinction)
 Comm. Asst: Confirmands
 Coffee: Paul and Alva Enemark, Larry Myers
 Acolyte: Abby Carr