



# FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ to all people through our ministry of preaching, teaching and caring.

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Long Road to Here



Pastor Mike Coffey

My family and I are excited that we recently have a contract to sell our house in San Antonio. We all know that a deal isn't a sure thing until it's done, but we anticipate all will go well in the coming weeks. If all goes as planned, we will close on the sale by late April, and lease our house back from the buyers until June 6. Our boys will finish school June 2, and then we'll be in Austin. We

are in the process of house shopping in Austin, and hoping to find something very soon.

It has been a long road getting here (literally and figuratively). I'm glad the commuting will end, my family time will increase, my schedule will be more flexible, and my car will get a much needed rest.

As I keep thinking about this long transitional time, I have come up with this list to share with you:

*The Top Ten Things I've Learned While Waiting to Sell Our House and Commuting to Austin*

10. Patience is a virtue. Virtue is no fun.

9. I-35 makes a great place to sit still and meditate for hours on end.

8. Fado Irish pub. That's all I'm saying.

7. Going home is a time to enjoy your family, and stop worrying about everything you can't control.

6. You know that old cliché, "One day at a time"? It's true. And besides, two days at a time just gives you a headache.

5. Everyone driving on the highway is either going too fast and is a jerk, or is going too slow and is annoying.

4. When you know someone is going through a difficult time and you're pretty sure everyone has asked them a hundred times how it is going, they have. But ask anyway.

3. Religious bumper stickers. They're not helping.

2. When you're looking to buy a house, and it is perfect, it will be priced just over what you can afford. What does that tell you?

1. Exit 205 is the easiest place to stop for a soda.

Visit Pastor Coffey's Web site at [www.michaelcoffey.org](http://www.michaelcoffey.org) for sermons, blog, and more.

## Male Spirituality Half-Day Retreat

### THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 9:00 TO 2:00

All men of the church of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend a half-day men's retreat on the theme: *The Second Half of Life*. The gathering will explore the themes of the spiritual journey and how the second half of life brings significant chance and opportunities for transformation. Along with Pastor Coffey, we will have a guest leader, **Dr. Antonio Ramirez**. Antonio is a therapist, adjunct faculty in religion at University of the Incarnate Word, and leader in men's ministries. Also joining us will be **Oliver Rajamani**, who will lead us in drumming.

We will meet at First English at 9:00 A.M. and carpool to Joe Cain's loft downtown. Lunch will be purchased.

Please let Pastor Coffey know if you plan to attend by e-mail ([pastor@felcaustin.org](mailto:pastor@felcaustin.org)) or calling the church office and leaving a message.

## FELC Financial Report

Below you can see a summary of our financial report as of February 28, 2011.

	Actual	Budget
Offerings	40,244	45,697
Total Income	41,786	48,913
Expenses	47,724	52,164
Difference	(5,939)	(3,250)

We are grateful for all your support of the mission and ministry of FELC through offerings, volunteering, praying, and most of all, being present in our community of faith on Sunday and other times, as we come together to be the body of Christ.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED, MONDAY, April 25**

## From the Faith Formation Coordinator



Henri Atkinson

Wow Easter is upon us! The last Sunday of April we will again have during the Sunday School hour the annual Easter Egg Breakfast that benefits the youth going to the Heifer Project in Arkansas during June, and our annual Easter Egg Hunt following breakfast. The week before we will be delivering Easter Baskets to Micah 6.

### This month may I introduce Miss River Aguirre.

She is the daughter of Jerry Don, English teacher at Lake Travis High School, and Shannon, Latin teacher at Lake Travis High School. River attends middle school in the Lake Travis District where she is in 6th Grade. She has spent most of her life at First English except for a short time they moved away. River loves to cook, read, play with her cat as well as another cat and dog. She really loves to play the oboe, so much so that she said



with the recent budget cuts to schools across Texas that she would not know what to do with herself without her oboe. She said she felt sorry for those other oboe players and band members who might have to give up their instruments because of cuts to school music programs. We have been lucky to hear her beautiful voice during a choir anthem. River also likes to help in the nursery and babysit. A fun fact is she knows Pi to over 50 digits! She also had the opportunity to travel this past summer to Italy with her mother. Like her parents she loves living in her condo in downtown Austin where she gets to see and do many exciting things. Would that be walking the dog everyday, River? She is one smart, beautiful and happy young lady that enjoys her life and being a member of First English! She will be an awesome representative of our church when she goes to the Heifer Project this summer. I am very proud to know River!

Yours in Christ, Henri Atkinson

## From the Church Council

### SUMMARY

— Submitted by Joe Cain, COUNCIL SECRETARY

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 21 COUNCIL MEETING:

The Pastor reported that he has a contract for the sale of his house in San Antonio and hopes to move with his family to Austin in early June.

Nancy Neuse reported that as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations our former vicar Mary Seroczynski will be the visiting preacher for the service on October 2, 2011.

The council appointed the following committee chairs:

Finance	Joe Cain	Property	Terry Porter
Learning Ministry	Rene Carlson	Benevolence	Tim Atkinson
Invitation	Todd Jermstad		

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

#### PRESIDENT

Bonnie Northcutt

#### VICE-PRESIDENT

Sage Weber

#### SECRETARY

Joe Cain

#### MEMBERS

Henri Atkinson  
Alison Derick-Northcutt  
Angelo Ferrazzano  
Shelly Kronbergs  
Kristin Mondy  
Nancy Neuse  
Terry Porter  
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### FELC OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Friday 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

## FROM THE VICAR

### Midweek Lenten Worship—Journeying Together



Vicar Carolyn Albert

As we have been gathering on Wednesdays for worship in small groups at people's homes this Lent we have reflected on hospitality and on the metaphor of a journey (echoed again on Sundays in the stone and fabric pathway in the sanctuary chancel).

This has led me to begin thinking about the communal dimensions of Lent, in addition to the personal ones. Often I have seen Lent as a solitary time – as Jesus' wilderness journey was. Yet I know that, unlike Jesus, I am not strong enough to venture out into the wilderness alone and resist temptation without grace... or without you.

The closeness and intimacy of midweek worship, fostered through the sharing of stories, the washing and anointing of one another's hands, and through feeding one another has expanded my own thoughts about what this time of Lent is about.

I was at Teresa's house for our first Wednesday service. As we spoke of Abraham greeting the three strangers that met him under the oak at Mamre, we thought about his eagerness to serve, as he rushed about to ensure the guests' welcome. Then someone in the group talked about hospitality as the foundation – the source – of community.

Can there be community without hospitality? Can there be hospitality without community? What do you think about that? How central is hospitality to Christian faith, to our experience of Christ in our lives?

I am still carrying the gift of that question and the gift of many stories shared in that Wednesday evening circle of hospitality, prayer, song, and scripture – that circle of community.

And as we journey forward through Lent towards Christ's cross and towards our own death and resurrection, I have been and am being renewed by knowing that I am on this journey with all of you.

May you also be blessed and accompanied on the rest of the journey of these 40 days.

*If you have any questions about participating Wednesday evening worship services during Lent, feel free to contact Vicar Carolyn.*

Find **Vicar Carolyn's blog** for sermon manuscripts and general musings at <http://liveactionliturgy.blogspot.com>.

### Affirmation of Baptism / Rite of Confirmation

This year we have four youth who will be confirmed:

**Colin Coffey, Ashley Jensen**

**Joshua Jensen, Allison Schlandt.**

They will participate in the Holy Week services as part of their confirmation process, and make their affirmation of baptism at the Easter Vigil. On Easter Sunday we will make a public recognition of their confirmation during worship.

### Mid-week Lenten Worship

March 16–April 13

*Come Lord Jesus...*

Be Our Guest...



This year during Lent you are invited to **Wednesday worship from 6:30–8:00 P.M.** at the home of an FELC member in your area. Your choice of **3 locations** to attend are:

David and Nancy Neuse (South)

Teresa Tice-Boggs (North)

Fred and LaRu Woody (Central)

Groups will gather for worship and a meal in the manner of the ancient church.

Questions? Call or e-mail Vicar Carolyn:  
(512) 478-1933, [vicar@felcaustin.org](mailto:vicar@felcaustin.org)

### CHICKEN BARBEQUE IS COMING!!

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Because of a very late Easter this year, **Chicken Barbeque has been delayed by one week, to the first Sunday in May.** Who says we can't be flexible?

That said, you all surely understand that the Chicken Barbeque does not just happen. We all need to pitch in. The chicken and the potato salad people will be contacting you, but just in case we don't have your e-mail address ...

**don't be shy about contacting us.**

If you want to do **chickens** call Randy Baden, 447-9211 or e-mail at: [towbarcity@yahoo.com](mailto:towbarcity@yahoo.com)

If you can help with the **potato salad** (or just want more information) please call Trish Karli, 339-9203 or e-mail at: [t\\_karli@hotmail.com](mailto:t_karli@hotmail.com)

**The more the merrier!!!!**



# April 2011

Visit First English Lutheran on the Web at [www.felcaustin.org](http://www.felcaustin.org) for more information and the current activity schedule on our Google calendar.

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY



### DROP-OFF TIMES FOR STYROFOAM® MATERIALS

The next times for Styrofoam® drop-off are the weeks of **April 3 and April 10**. Look for the two large blue containers in the hallway off the North Transept.

#### APRIL 3

**8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

Worship (SY)

**9:45 A.M.**

Children's Sunday School (FH)

Adult Sunday School (PL)

#### APRIL 4

**9:00 A.M.**

Monday Ministry (SY)

**7:00 P.M.**

NUNA Development Committee (FH)

#### APRIL 5

**8:00 A.M.**

Lutheran pastors text study (LB)

**NOON**

Prayer Circle (LB)

**6:00 P.M.**

CDC Board (PL)

#### APRIL 6

**10:00 A.M.**

CDC Chapel (SY)

**10:30 A.M.**

Companions Group (SY)

**12:30 P.M.**

Prime Timers (FH)

**6:30 P.M.**

Lenten Worship (SY)

**7:00 P.M.**

Learning Ministry (SY)

**8:00 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal (SY)

#### APRIL 10

**8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

Worship (SY)

**9:45 A.M.**

Children's Sunday School (FH)

Adult Sunday School (PL)

Invitation Team (LB)

#### APRIL 11

**9:00 A.M.**

Monday Ministry (SY)

**6:30 P.M.**

Spirituality in Movies (PL)

#### APRIL 12

**8:00 A.M.**

Lutheran pastors text study (LB)

**NOON**

Prayer Circle (LB)

#### APRIL 13

**10:00 A.M.**

CDC Chapel (SY)

**10:30 A.M.**

Companions Group (SY)

**5:30 P.M.**

NUNA Membership (SY)

**6:30 P.M.**

Lenten Worship (SY)

**8:00 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal (SY)

#### APRIL 17

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

Worship (SY)

**9:30 A.M.**

Green Team Meeting (LB)

**9:45 A.M.**

Children's Sunday School (FH)

Adult Sunday School (PL)

#### APRIL 18

**9:00 A.M.**

Monday Ministry (SY)

**7:00 P.M.**

Congregation Council (PL)

#### APRIL 19

**8:00 A.M.**

Lutheran pastors text study (LB)

**NOON**

Prayer Circle (LB)

#### APRIL 20

**10:00 A.M.**

CDC Chapel (SY)

**7:00 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal (SY)

#### APRIL 24

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

Worship (SY)

**9:00 A.M.**

Easter Breakfast (FH)

**10:30 A.M.**

Easter Egg Hunt (Courtyard)

#### APRIL 25

**EASTER MONDAY**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**9:00 A.M.**

Monday Ministry (SY)

#### APRIL 26

**8:00 A.M.**

Lutheran pastors text study (LB)

**9:30 A.M.**

Women's Bible Study (PL)

**NOON**

Prayer Circle (LB)

#### APRIL 27

**10:00 A.M.**

CDC Chapel (SY)

**7:00 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal (SY)



### Prayer Circle

**TUESDAYS AT NOON  
IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY**

Take a break in your day for some very meaningful group prayer time, most Tuesdays at Noon in the church library. For information and special prayer requests, please call Barbara Schutz (328-0587) or Lois Holck (327-8501).



**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)
up (LB) ) In Homes) (PL) (SY)	<b>APRIL 7</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Male Spirituality Half-Day Retreat</b> Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)
up (LB) ip Meeting (FH) In Homes) (SY)	<b>APRIL 14</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b> CDC Spring Fundraiser (FH)	<b>APRIL 15</b> <b>SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR</b> <b>MAY ECHOES</b> <b>9:15 A.M.</b> Church Women United Board (PL) <b>6:30 P.M.</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Game & Fellowship Night (LB)	<b>APRIL 16</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH) <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Oliver Rajamani Concert (SY)
(SY)	<b>APRIL 21</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>12:15 P.M.</b> Table Communion Worship Lunch with Communion (PL) <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Worship (SY)	<b>APRIL 22</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>NOON–6 P.M.</b> Worship: Meditation (SY) <b>7:30 P.M.</b> Worship: Adoration (SY)	<b>APRIL 23</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH) <b>9:00 P.M.</b> <b>GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER</b> (SY)
(SY)	<b>APRIL 28</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Austin Central SDA (SY, PL, LB: 12:30 P.M. FH)



**SAVE THE DATE**

October 1, 2011 – FELC Anniversary Weekend  
special activities planned  
October 2, 2011 – FELC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship  
followed by meal in the Fellowship Hall

**LOCATION LEGEND**

FH = FELLOWSHIP HALL  
LB = LIBRARY  
PL = PARLOR  
SY = SANCTUARY  
TC = TRANSEPT CHAPEL

## Holy Week and Easter

### Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, April 17



#### Worship at 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Enter the great Holy Week observance with the procession with palms. Meditate on the passion of Jesus through the Gospel story, hymns, and artwork.

### Maundy Thursday, April 21



#### Worship at 12:15 P.M.

Table Communion Worship  
Lunch with Communion in the Parlor



#### Worship at 7:30 P.M.

Service of Absolution, Foot Washing,  
and Holy Communion

### Good Friday, April 22



#### Meditation on the Cross, Noon to 6:00 P.M.

The sanctuary will be open for you to come and pray and meditate on the message and mystery of the cross. Stations of the Cross will be arranged throughout. Candles and artwork will add to the meditation. Music will be played at various times throughout the afternoon.

#### Adoration of the Cross at 7:30 P.M.

A meditative service on the triumph of Christ's death on the cross. A solemn celebration of the salvation God brings to us in Jesus.

### Saturday, April 23



#### Great Vigil of Easter, 9:00 P.M.

The greatest liturgy of the church year and the time to renew our baptismal lives in Christ as we enter into the fullness of the good news of the Paschal Mystery: death and resurrection in Christ. This year, we will have four young people

affirming their baptism and confirmed in their faith. Join us for this great celebration.



### Easter Sunday, April 24

Worship at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Breakfast from 9:00–10:30 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 A.M.

## From the CDC



Teresa Kapelle  
CDC Director

Last October, we received some interesting news from our fire marshall that the city had adopted a new fire code requiring us to purchase a wired smoke detector system within 18 months. This new system would help protect not just the children in our care but the entire building from the Fellowship Hall up to the church offices. I

had quite a learning curve regarding smoke detector systems, and it turns out, it will require a little under \$20,000 to finance.

Our solution to raise the funds? We turned to what every nonprofit turns to at one time or another—the ever popular raffle! However, this is no ordinary raffle, we have amazing prizes well worth the price of one ticket. Just take a look:

**PACKAGE 1:** A 1-month tuition credit at FELCDC for 1 child

**PACKAGE 2:** 2-night stay at JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort

**PACKAGE 3:** 32 inch Panasonic LCD HDTV

**PACKAGE 4:** A pair of 3-day passes to 2011 Austin City Limits Festival

**PACKAGE 5:** 2-night stay at Horseshoe Bay Resort, includes a round of golf for two

**PACKAGE 6:** 2 tickets to Austin ballet & 24 Diner gift Card

**PACKAGE 7:** 2 tickets to ACL taping & UCHI gift card

**PACKAGE 8:** 2-night stay at the Kimber Modern Boutique Hotel & Satellite Bistro gift card

**PACKAGE 9:** 4 tickets to David Sedaris on 4/25/11 & Waterloo Ice House gift card

**PACKAGE 10:** 4 Suite tickets to UT vs TAMU Baseball Game on 5/21/11, Academy Sports Gift Card

**PACKAGE 11:** \$400 Certificate for Barton Creek Resort & Spa & 1 night babysitting by Teresa Kapelle

**PACKAGE 12:** Kids Fun Package includes Admission for 12 to Austin Children's Museum, 1 swim session at the Nora Martin Swim School, 2 Guest Passes to Chuck E. Cheese's & five "Kindergarten Prep" 30 minute tutoring sessions

**PACKAGE 13:** Adults Fun Pack includes Cocktail Party for 8 by Word of Mouth Catering, one glider ride, and Original Art work from artists Gordon Fowler & custom piece from artist Denise Fulton

We have also received \$8500 in matching donations, which means that for every dollar we raise in the raffle, the center receives two dollars. Amazing! Please consider helping us meet our matching donations by purchasing tickets in the daycare office.

Always a pleasure,  
Teresa

## From Our Synod Mission Interpreter

— Submitted by LOIS HOLCK

### HIGHLIGHTING THIS MONTH

#### New Congregations

Have you been aware that a number of congregations, in our synod and throughout the ELCA, have left the ELCA as a result of the action of the Churchwide Assembly to allow call by congregations and ordination for persons of all sexual orientations?

You may not have heard that several **new congregations** have been formed by people who wish to remain in the ELCA and in our synod.

- Lutheran Mission in Seguin. This Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community (SWAC) has about 120 members.
- Grace Lutheran, Giddings. This congregation has doubled its membership in one year.
- New Hope, Blanco. Emphasizes informal worship and open welcome to all. Has its own facility.
- Worshiping Community, Boerne. This group is largely comprised of former members of the Lutheran church in Boerne that withdrew from the ELCA.

God's mission *will* be carried out. We are a vital part of that mission through our prayers and our benevolence offerings.

#### God's Work, Our Hands

## CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR

**Sandy Meier**, mother of Greg Meier  
**Veronika S.**, friend of Greg Meier  
**Paul Jensen**  
**Henry Greathouse**, grandson of Merle and Ginna Franke  
**Family of Sussanne Albers**  
**Jerry Zunker**  
**Owen Ringness**, father of Teresa Tice-Boggs  
**Family of Marie Easley**  
**Mary Molina**, friend of Barbara Wiederaenders  
**Bill Martin**, father of Barbara Wiederaenders' classmate  
**Danny Austin**, cousin of David Austin  
**OraNell Hassebrock**, grandmother of Katherine Ortiz  
**Felix, Kristen & Lauren Bargas**, friends of Monica Lund  
**Debbie Martin Fox**, mother of Angela, a friend of the Atkinson family  
**Don Larson & Family**, cousin of Monica Lund  
**Dennis Burroughs**, friend of Gratia Winship  
**Princetta MacLaren**, step-mother of Andy MacLaren  
**Michaelie Wiebe**, niece of Anne Wiebe  
**Gene Steinmeyer**, uncle of Jill Essbaum  
**James Steinmeyer**, uncle of Jill Essbaum  
**Greg & Renee Heins & Family**, friends of Emily Atkinson  
**Mindy, Charlotte & James**, friends of Monica Lund  
**Mallie Coker**, friend of Katherine Houston  
**Jarett Werley**, friend of Chris Billig  
**Ki Norman**, friend of Monica Lund

## Calling All Ushers

**H**ave you ever thought about ushering at one of the Sunday services but been unsure about what was expected of you?

FELC is seeking men, women, lads and lasses of all ages to assist in this important task. Why not volunteer and be paired with an experienced usher who will happily show you the ropes? Don't be bashful, sign up now!

I am scheduling ushers for both Sunday morning services between now and the end of May when FELC goes to our summer schedule.

Once we have a list of prospective ushers a sign-up schedule will be e-mailed to you. The earlier the response the more likely it is you will get the date you prefer. I will make additional calls as necessary to fill in the blanks and will also send reminders to everyone the week they are scheduled. Feel free to e-mail me at [njn1@austin.rr.com](mailto:njn1@austin.rr.com) or call me at 474-9097 (work) 906-1552 (evenings) with any questions.

Thanks, Nancy Neuse

## Texas Impact

People of Faith Working for Justice

— Contributed by RITA CARLSON

Texas Impact was established by Texas religious leaders in 1973 to be a voice in the Texas legislative process for the shared religious social concerns of Texas faith communities. It is supported by more than two-dozen Christian, Jewish and Muslim denominational bodies, as well as hundreds of local congregations, ministerial alliances and interfaith networks, and thousands of people of faith throughout Texas. Board members representing the SWT Synod are Rita Carlson, member of First English Lutheran Church in Austin and Dorothy Kraemer, member of Immanuel Lutheran in Pflugerville.

Texas Impact staff members follow legislation closely during the legislative session to work with legislators. For the 2011 session, actions are focused on the areas of health and human services, energy and environment, state budget, criminal justice, food and nutrition, faith and community-based initiative, immigration, family financial stability. For a more complete discussion of the ongoing legislative efforts, go to [www.texasimpact.org](http://www.texasimpact.org). Individuals and congregations may also join the organization through the Web site.

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Michael Coffey

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Carolyn Albert



### WORSHIP Schedule

8:30 A.M. Worship Service

9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at both worship services.

## SPIRITUALITY IN MOVIES

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

At 6:30 P.M. In the Parlor



### *The Apostle*

*The Apostle* is a 1997 film written, directed by, and starring Robert Duvall as a charismatic preacher from Texas who experiences his own fall from grace and the long, slow road to redemption. Join Pastor Coffey for this powerful movie and the discussion to follow. Bring a dinner to enjoy if you wish, and invite a friend. Popcorn is free!



## Can You Remember the last FELC Women’s Retreat?

Then perhaps it’s time for another one!

# First English Women’s Retreat



at the beautiful  
**Cedarbrake Retreat Center**

in Belton

## June 24–26, 2011

Fellowship + Relaxation + Rest + Renewal

Reflections on God and Self  
and FELC as Community

Watch Echoes and Sunday bulletins for  
more information and registration deadlines.

**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!**



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## Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to donate an Easter lily to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter morning, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Easter lilies **cost \$11.50 each** this year.

**WE WILL NEED YOUR ORDER NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY APRIL 13.**

All proceeds benefit  
Down Home Ranch in Elgin  
for the mentally handicapped  
(www.downhomeranch.org)

**PREPAYMENT  
IS REQUIRED!**

YOUR NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_



EASTER 2011

**PAID BY:**

CHECK AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CASH AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for providing **YOUR PHONE NUMBER**  
so we may contact you if we have questions.

CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Fastnacht Photo Album



## Thank You TO FASTNACHT SUPPORT CREWS

- ★ **DAVID AUSTIN** who helped with set up
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