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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

### On Worship: *Listening for the Word, Part 1*



Pastor Mike Coffey

I have been writing on worship for two months, and covered the Gathering section of the liturgy. Now I'm shifting to the Word section. After gathering before God in humility and praise, we are now prepared to listen. We may have

processed in during the Gathering carrying a processional Bible or lectionary book. It is lifted up as one of the central elements of worship (along with water, bread and wine, the cross, and the gathered assembly). We sit, find a moment of stillness, refocus ourselves, and strive to put aside all distractions in our minds so we can listen.

The first way we listen for God's Word is in Scripture. We read an Old Testament lesson, which typically connects thematically to the Gospel reading in our Lutheran lectionary. We respond by singing a psalm. There are many wonderful ways to sing the psalms, and we have used a number of them: responsively with cantor and assembly; unison; cantor singing the verses and the assembly singing a repeated refrain.

Singing the psalms puts the Word of God in our own mouths and in our own breath. The psalms are evocative, poetic, inspiring, and challenging. Sometimes the psalm speaks directly to our souls, other times it seems unrelated to our current realities.

Then we listen to a New Testament reading from one of the non-Gospel books. These often are read in series from week to week from the same letter, like First Corinthians. They might not be closely connected to the Gospel reading, but sometimes they connect well. Then we stand to welcome the Gospel reading, giving it emphasis, joy, and power. We sing "Alleluia" the great biblical word meaning "Praise the Lord," or during Lent we sing a different verse. A Gospel procession puts the reading of the Word right in the heart of the assembly, causing us to turn and focus on the center, showing this Word is the center of our lives and our community. It represents the incarnational character of God's Word: It is always present in the midst of us, and in listening to it in faith, we will embody it in our lives.

The public reading of ancient texts may seem an odd thing to do on a weekly basis in our social context. Ancient texts are often thought to be irrelevant, or are viewed with suspicion. The church reads these particular ancient texts and listens closely and faithfully to them as our first encounter with God's Word, that whisper and nudge, and occasionally that jarring clang and shout, that speaks to us anew after all these years. What happens after we read Scripture in worship is the topic for next month.

How does reading Scripture in worship help you worship God? How hard or easy is it for you to truly listen while the texts are read? What do you struggle with in Scripture? What do you love about it?

## FROM THE VICAR

### Seasons



Vicar Carolyn Albert

If I were in Illinois, it would be getting cold now. And like every autumn, I would be really digging into my extensive sweater collection (and probably expanding it a bit). And though it is still warm in Texas, the seasons are changing here, too. What marks the change of seasons in your life? It is the extra edge in the air? A certain holiday? The abundance of decorative gourds on display

at the grocery store?

The seasons are changing soon in the church, too. In fact, a new church year will soon be upon us. As this year of the

church's life draws to a close, we observe some important festivals. We honor the changes and losses of the past year as we remember those who have died. On All Saints Day, we commemorate all the saints of God, and the transition from life on earth into life eternal. We end the year by celebrating Christ the King—a very unusual sort of monarch, who reigns from a cross and whose crown is made from twisted thorns. We think about the changes between the kingdom of the world and the coming kingdom of God.

And even as we stop on Thanksgiving to remember and celebrate the abundance of blessings for which we are grateful, we soon enter the time of waiting and hoping for what is yet to come in Advent.

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## From the Faith Formation Coordinator



Henri Atkinson

**Children's Sunday School**  
**9:45 A.M.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

The month of Thanksgiving is upon us. We have much to be thankful for and we want to take this time to help others who mean so much to us. **On November 14 we will be visiting our home-bound with a gift from the children of the church and their families.** So you young at heart be looking to see a First English family that afternoon who will drop off a small token of our appreciation.

Next, it is the **Advent workshop on December 5.** At this time I do not know how we will be helping Safeplace but we will be helping with something on their wish list. We will have notices in the Sunday bulletin and I will be making announcements about it. Put December 5 on your calendar so you can join us for fun and to help make a wish come true for Safeplace.

The young families of First English will be decorating the church in December too! **Saturday, December 11 we will be babysitting from 1-6 P.M. so that families can have some personal time to shop.** Again we will have posters and announcements coming up soon.

If you feel you want to help with any of these events please let me know.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,  
 Henri Atkinson

## From the Church Council

### SUMMARY

— Submitted by Nancy Neuse, COUNCIL SECRETARY

#### ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 18 COUNCIL MEETING:

- Approved the proposal from BSA Pack 28 to charter Boy Scout Troop 1936, with FELC as the charter organization
- Appointed Lee Baker as chair of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Council term. Four positions will be open for election at the December 12 Annual Meeting.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

At the September meeting the Council voted to open a congregation-wide conversation about consolidating year round Sunday worship as a single morning service and to invite the congregation to meet with Council to discuss the proposal. The first meeting followed the Council meeting and was well attended. **The second meeting will take place during the Adult Education hour on Sunday, November 7, 2010.**

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

## From the Congregation

### Happy Birthday, Second Readings

—Contributed by Judy Moltz

**2<sup>nd</sup> Readings** We didn't mark the calendar, but we know that *around* this time last year our book exchange project, dubbed "Second Readings," had its inconspicuous but hopeful beginning. Since then any number of FELC members have taken advantage of having not only a "sharing" way to recycle books and other media they no longer need, but also a source for inexpensive (that is, FREE!) material that is new to them.

Have you visited the shelves, in the hallway between the North Transept and Fellowship Hall? If so, would you share your thoughts on what you like, what changes would make it better, etc.?

If you've regularly walked by *without* taking a look, why not celebrate the Second Readings "birthday" by stopping long enough to do some browsing, and possibly "borrowing?" Who knows—you may find your best read in months!

Contact Penny Baker, Cynthia Cain or Judy Moltz.

*Vicar: Seasons continued from Page 1*

I am not sure I'm ready for the seasons to change. Just as soon as I'm comfortable in a certain wardrobe, a certain worship pattern, a certain set of relationships, a certain place to live, a certain job description – all of a sudden, it seems to change.

Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall.

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time.

These cycles of time are ever spiraling outward, yet returning us to the central things. They don't let us get too comfortable, and they don't wait for our permission. Given the choice to grow and change or stay the same throughout my life, I often might choose what feels safe and familiar.

But life in God is like a tree, like a river... it is alive. As long as we are living we are growing and changing, flowing and journeying. And whatever the change – painful or joyful, expected or surprising – our source of life is God.

May you be blessed by the source of all life and light in the seasons to come.

First English Lutheran Church has been a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation since 1989. We affirm God's love for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We openly encourage all of our members to participate fully.



### MALE SPIRITUALITY MEETING

Sunday, November 21

12:30 to 2:00 in the Library



All men are invited to join the group for lunch, brotherhood, and discussion. The group will continue discussing themes of masculine spirituality, using the book *The Hidden Spirituality of Men* by Matthew Fox. Sandwiches will be provided.

### Care for Creation

#### ADULT SUNDAY DISCUSSION

#### PLEASE NOTE SHIFT IN SCHEDULE



On November 14, 21 and 28, Vicar Carolyn will guide discussion as we watch the new DVD series "Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation." Watching, we will hear from

farmers and pastors, scientists and theologians about what it means to be people of faith in an age of ecological crisis. Join us for this time of reflection, as we consider our calling and find hope in the promises of God.

#### November 14 – "Created/Called"

Our care for creation is a vocation, a calling, from God for which we are freed by God's justifying mercy and love. We know that God's creation is good, and that we are to love our neighbor—including our non-human neighbor.

#### November 21 – "Here/There"

The Bible is profoundly earth-affirming and does not teach us of a heavenly home, far from this world. Rather, we see that God's redeeming work is for all of this earth, and takes place right here.

#### November 28 – "Domination/Dominion"

We have often exploited creation with a dominating power. We have justified such behavior with the language of dominion from Genesis. But if we look at the kind of Lord, *Dominus*, that Jesus is, we see that the dominion we are to exercise is one of great care and self-giving love.



# November 2010 CALENDAR

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 A.M.  
Monday Ministry (Sanctuary)

7:00 P.M.  
Heritage Association (Fellowship Hall)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Travis County Uniform Election  
(Fellowship Hall)

8:00 A.M.  
Lutheran Pastors Text Study (Library)

NOON  
Prayer Circle (Library)

6:00 P.M.  
CDC Board (Parlor)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 A.M.  
CDC Chapel (Sanctuary)

10:30 A.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

12:30 P.M.  
Prime Timers Potluck Luncheon &  
Program (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 P.M.  
NUNA Development Committee  
(Library)

7:00 P.M.  
Learning Ministry Team (Parlor)

7:00 P.M.  
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 P.M.  
Cub Scout Pack 28 (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 P.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

8:30 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 A.M.  
Children's Sunday School  
(Fellowship Hall)

9:45 A.M.  
Congregation Conversation with  
Church Council (Parlor)

11:00 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

12:45 A.M.  
Micah 6 Speaker Training (Parlor)

4:00 P.M.  
Netzer Co-op/FELC Meeting and  
Dinner (Parlor)

8:00 P.M.  
Netzer Co-op Worship (Sanctuary)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 A.M.  
Monday Ministry (Sanctuary)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (CONT'D)

6:30 P.M.  
Spirituality in Movies (Parlor)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 A.M.  
Lutheran pastors text study (Library)

NOON  
Prayer Circle (Library)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00 A.M.  
CDC Chapel (Sanctuary)

10:30 A.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

7:00 P.M.  
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 P.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 A.M.  
Children's Sunday School  
(Fellowship Hall)

9:45 A.M.  
Adult Sunday School (Parlor)

11:00 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)



## All Saints Sunday — November 7

On Sunday, November 7, we will observe All Saints Sunday, a time to remember and give thanks for saints near and far, famous and familiar only to us, those who died long ago and those we have lost recently. As part of the observance we will read the names of those from FELC who have died during the past year. We invite members to bring pictures and mementos to place on our sacred space of remembrance, and to write the names of those who have died in the past year in the Book of the Dead. This service can be a touching and helpful part of our ongoing grief and mourning, and a chance to remember with thanksgiving those with whom God has blessed us to share life.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (CONT'D)**

3:30 P.M.  
Troop #1936 Planning Meeting  
(Library)

8:00 P.M.  
Netzer Co-op Worship (Sanctuary)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER  
ECHOES

9:00 A.M.  
Monday Ministry (Sanctuary)

7:00 P.M.  
Congregation Council (Parlor)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

8:00 A.M.  
Lutheran pastors text study (Library)

**NOON**

Prayer Circle (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

10:00 A.M.  
CDC Chapel (Sanctuary)

10:30 A.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

7:00 P.M.  
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

6:30 P.M.  
Cub Scout Pack 28 Leaders (Library)

7:00 P.M.  
Companions Group (Parlor)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

9:15 A.M.  
Church Women United Board (Parlor)

6:30 P.M.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Game and Fellowship Night  
(Library)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:30 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 A.M.  
Green Team Meeting (Library)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (CONT'D)**

9:45 A.M.  
Children's Sunday School  
(Fellowship Hall)

9:45 A.M.  
Adult Sunday School (Parlor)

11:00 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30 P.M.  
Male Spirituality Group  
(Library and Transept Chapel)

12:45 A.M.  
Micah 6 Speaker Training (Parlor)

8:00 P.M.  
Netzer Co-op Worship (Sanctuary)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

9:00 A.M.  
Monday Ministry (Sanctuary)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
8:00 A.M.  
Lutheran pastors text study (Library)

9:30 A.M.  
Women's Bible Study (Parlor)

NOON  
Prayer Circle (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
CDC CLOSED FOR STUDENT HOLIDAY

10:30 A.M.  
Companions Group (Library)

7:00 P.M.  
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**



CDC AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
CDC CLOSED

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
8:30 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 A.M.  
Children's Sunday School  
(Fellowship Hall)

9:45 A.M.  
Adult Sunday School (Parlor)

11:00 A.M.  
Worship (Sanctuary)

3:30 P.M.  
Troop #1936 Planning Meeting  
(Library)

8:00 P.M.  
Netzer Co-op Worship (Sanctuary)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

9:00 A.M.  
Monday Ministry (Sanctuary)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

8:00 A.M.  
Lutheran pastors text study (Library)

NOON  
Prayer Circle (Library)

**Spirituality in Movies: Where the Wild Things Are**

**Monday, November 8**

**6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR**

This month's film is a rich and fascinating exploration of emotion, the psyche, and relationships. Based on the children's book of the same name, the Spike Jonze film goes well beyond it into a more mature exploration of hurt, pain, and how we work through them.

Join Pastor Coffey for the film and discussion afterwards. As always, bring your own dinner if you wish, invite a friend, enjoy the popcorn.



## Pastor's Post

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21



### Watch. Wait. Prepare. Hope.

Advent begins the church year by drawing us into a more contemplative season, preparing us for the coming of God in Christ, teaching us to count to four very, very slowly. Not merely a “get ready for Christmas” season, Advent begins first on the

contemplation of the coming of Christ in the future, fulfilling all of God’s promises of healing and redemption.

Advent also has us consider the coming of Christ into our lives now, and the ways we can open ourselves to this presence in the present. Finally, Advent draws us toward the coming of Christ in the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God’s Word among us. In the crazy busy time of December, Advent calls us to slow down, contemplate, prepare, wait, and always have hope.

Join us for worship on Sundays in Advent.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST GROUP TO RENT SPACE AT FELC

The Austin Central Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) group has been looking for a place to meet on Saturday for worship, education, and fellowship. They are a mission start that is staying in central Austin while their home church moves north to Pflugerville where they have built a new facility.

After several months of conversation, the Church Council has agreed to rent space at FELC to the group. Because SDA churches worship on Saturday, it will fit well with most of our current facility needs. The group will soon begin renting and using the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and classrooms from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays. The additional income from renting the building will allow FELC to support our own mission and ministries.

## Member News

### DEATHS

Helen Elsass  
Winona Boysen

### MARRIAGE

Kristopher Overholt  
and Kathryn Schettler

**The University of Texas Art Department Faculty Exhibition** opens **November 5** in the Department’s new Visual Art Center located in the Art Building (which sits between San Jacinto, Trinity, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, immediately north of the football stadium.)

**Fred Woody has three recent works in the exhibition.**

## From the CDC



Teresa Kapelle  
CDC Director

**M**y mama had oh-so-many labels for one of the toughest childhood activities: “Throwing a fit. Having a tantrum.” I like to call it, “Taking a Moment to Express Myself.” ALL kids have moments when they are sad, angry, frustrated, you name it. What they don’t always have is the sophisticated

communication skills or patience to wade through feelings, think about a perfect means to express them and invite you to hear them out. Instead what you see is a direct line from feelings to expressions. It’s nearly impossible to eradicate such moments when no consequence, reward, bribe, works. And so, with my son, I embrace them even as I apply boundaries and processes that I learned straight from the classroom.

**1. Use words.** My mom used to say, “Don’t talk back to me!” I prefer to say, “Please, talk to me! Tell me you are angry. I’ll understand. I know it won’t always be perfect. Sometimes you may raise your voice.

However, I am giving you a gift: encouragement to express your feelings and validation that your feelings count. In the end, you will still need to do what I ask, and that’s going to still make you angry.”

**2. Hitting, throwing, and other not-so-endearing acts show that you need a moment to prove that the old cliché of “counting to ten” is sound.** If my son is using his body to tell me how angry he is, then he and I both need a moment to calm ourselves. I calmly carry him (really, he wouldn’t get there any other way) to his room and tell him, “When you’re feeling ready to talk to me without hurting my body, come on out and let’s chat.” He controls when he is ready to chat—not me.

**3. Time is limited.** I am always pretty clear that time is short. My son may be spending lots of his time expressing himself, and I gently let him know that he can express his frustration for as long he needs, but we might not have time to do the activity that he wants.

**4. Patience.** I try to maintain a calm demeanor. Admittedly, I am sure that at times that’s contrived and inauthentic, but I confess it is better than the shouts of frustration I would prefer to express. I count on the fact that eventually, my son will be ready to chat with me. It won’t last forever (although sometimes, I am convinced it might).

Always a pleasure,  
Teresa

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## From Our Mission Interpreter

— Submitted by LOIS HOLCK

**November Quiz:** What is ONE Lutheran?

Sounds like a trick question, doesn't it?

**Answer:** ONE Lutheran is a campaign which the ELCA is involved in, along with other advocates for the world's poor, to rally Americans, one by one, to the cause of ending poverty in the world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

Debt cancellation for the world's poorest countries is central to the fight against poverty and key to ensure the achievement of the MDG. Many poor countries spend more to repay decades-old debt to the world's wealthiest countries, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund than they do on the fight against poverty, HIV/AIDS, putting children in school, and ensuring access to clean water.

Through the ELCA, we at First English are a part of this important effort, achieving the Millenium Development Goals.

To learn more (much more), go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and type "ONE Lutheran" in the search space.



**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2010**

## CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR

**Andy & Dana MacLaren and family**

**The family of Winona Boysen**

**The family of Helen Elsass**

**Evelyn Butler**

**Danny Austin**, cousin of David Austin

**Austin "Beau" Sierra**, FELC CDC assistant teacher

**Jarek Zborowski**, cousin of Nancy Neuse

**Don Larson & Family**, cousin of Monica Lund

**Jim Stockbridge**, husband of Andy MacLaren's step-sister Leigh

**Dennis Burroughs**, friend of Gratia Winship

**Princetta MacLaren**, step-mother of Andy MacLaren

**Jennifer Paschall**, co-worker of Monica Lund

**Michaelie Wiebe**, niece of Anne Wiebe

**Gene Steinmeyer**, uncle of Jill Essbaum

**Doug MacLaren**, father of Andy MacLaren

**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



**Prayer Circle**

**TUESDAYS AT NOON**

In the church library

Dear First English,

This is your former vicar, Rick Fry. I just wanted to thank you for your gift at the end of my tenure as your intern. It was very kind and totally unexpected. I was blown away and I appreciated it very much. Thank you!

And since I'm writing, I thought I'd give you a little update too. After I left Austin, I went on an electrifying road trip. I covered more than 3,400 miles! I made my way up to Amarillo, through Albuquerque, up to Moab, Utah, then to Salt Lake City and Riverton, Wyoming where I stayed with my first pastor and his wife for a long weekend. Then I made my way back east and saw my brother in Des Moines and then back to Ohio. No pretty French girls this time around! (Although strangely enough, there were lots of French people in Moab, Utah). Go figure.

August was the busiest month ever. I preached an epic three sermons in three different states in August. My first

of the month was the last sermon I preached at First English, of course, and then I preached in Riverton a week later, and then at the end of the month in my home congregation. People from my home congregation told me I really improved since the last time they saw me. I said I have you folks to thank for that.

Now I'm back in Chicago finishing up my course work. It's cold up here! My car doesn't have air conditioning, but at least it has a heater—that is, if it holds up through the winter. The entire exhaust system is hanging on a wing and a prayer.

Thanks again for all your support—spiritual, emotional and financial. I hope you're doing well and may God keep you in peace and love.

Blessings,  
Rick



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**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.

THE NETZER CO-OP  
GATHERS FOR WEEKLY LITURGY  
SUNDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP OF BREAD



First English Lutheran Church is beginning our stewardship ministry for Fall 2010. Your stewardship team has developed an inspiring theme: **Stewardship of Bread.**

We are sure you will be uplifted by it as we are in thinking about your faith and life of generosity.

Bread is the great symbol for our basic human need, and Jesus understands this. To our deepest longings Jesus responds, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry." With just a handful of the ordinary things of life, Jesus changes everything. Stewardship recognizes that life is a cycle where faith leads naturally and urgently to the receiving and sharing of the abundant bread Jesus offers.

October 31 marked the beginning of an emphasis in worship on the themes of *Growing, Making, and Sharing.*

Our **Commitment Sunday will be November 21**, when we celebrate and offer the gifts God has given us in time, abilities, and finances. Look for more information in the mail in the coming weeks.