

Crosswalk



Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho

You, our Savior's precious people at First Lutheran, have a new interim pastor! The congregation on Sunday, August 15, will hear a new voice, that of Pastor Richard Nelson. Council President Harlan Lerum announced Pastor Nelson's acceptance of FELC's offer on Sunday, July 18. Pastor Nelson will arrive in Idaho Falls during the week of August 8 and conduct his first service and preach his first sermon at FELC on August 15, 2021.



What a tremendous blessing for God's people at First Evangelical Lutheran Church and, I believe, the Idaho Falls community. I have no doubt the Lord will work great things for His Kingdom within and through this congregation and its new interim pastor. Karla's and my prayers will always be brought to our Lord for your continued growth in God's Word, your servanthood to each other and your Idaho Falls community, and your outreach with the Gospel to God's world.

In conclusion, please accept Karla's and my grateful thank you for bringing us to Idaho Falls and First Lutheran Church and allowing us to serve you in the Name of our Savior. Even though our time together has been relatively short, this has been such a rich blessing to us. All of you have been accepting and gracious to us. We treasure the memories your partnerships and friendships have gifted us with. Thank you very much and may God continue to pour out upon each of you His Spirit and the wealth of His forgiving love. Both of us will keep our hearts and our prayers tuned to your Lord's care for you. God keep you always. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers too. Hopefully, at some point we shall see you again and in the meantime will think of you and hold dear our time together.

In His Name for all the joy you have brought us, Pastor Fred and Karla.

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A Message from you Council President

President's Letter to the Congregation. First Principles

Proverbs 22:6, *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17, ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God^[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.



First Principles

Aristotle: An idea is connected to knowledge by defining first principles as “the first basis from which a thing is known.” The search for first principles is not unique to philosophy. All great thinkers do it.

Which of the following three statements sounds like an expression of first principles?

1. “I don’t know, but I’ve been told ...” (Belief on something an authority figure has said.)
2. “My Heart tells me that it has to be true.” (Belief based on emotions, truth is relative and subjective.)
3. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jesus said so.)

Much of what we experience in daily life is the result of a “Social Experiment”. We follow social conventions based on things we believe to be true. We believe they are true because a smart person somewhere figured it out, or we instinctively agree with it or passionately we want to agree with it. What is the one Standard by which we can measure everything in our life? The Word of God, the Holy Bible!

As Christians we believe that “the Bible is the Holy Inspired (Breathed) Word of God”. The Moody institute in their doctrinal statement affirms, “The Bible, including both the Old and New Testaments, is a divine revelation, the original autographs of which were verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit.” Is this any different from how you view the Bible?

Today our great country is divided. Smart, rich, influential, powerful, and just plain loud and foolish people are all pushing their interpretation of how you should live your life. Some of them are right, some are simply repeating something they heard. Social media cannot be trusted. Many men and women of the cloth, ordained Pastors cannot agree and some are simply false prophets leading their flock over a cliff. How do you know, unless you start with the first principles of Christianity contained in the only reliable source we have, the Bible? We place our trust in our Pastor. We acknowledge him (or her) as the spiritual leader of our house. But is your “Faith” in your Pastor, or in God’s Word? Are you content to sit in the pews on Sunday and assume your Pastor knows what he is talking about? (I’ve been told). Do you believe what your Pastor has said because it resonated in your heart, perhaps you cried a little so it must be true? Most of my life I have lived with the Motto “Trust but verify”. Right up there with it is “Pray when you face your enemy, but keep your eyes open”. Are you willing to spend some time during the week checking up on what your Pastor has said? The first principle is to know God’s Word and use it to measure everything you face. If you wake up and think you have had a vision, a revelation from God, check it against the Bible. If it is true, the Bible will confirm it.

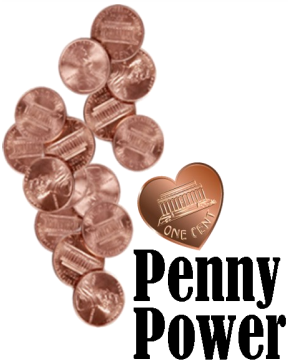
A friend of mine related a story where he was on a horse trying to get a closer look at a bear that was a fairly safe way distant. When his horse hesitated, he gave it a little encouragement with his spurs. The horse gave a little buck and turned to look at him as if to say, “That was a warning, the next time you do that you’re on your own!” About that time, a cub walked out between the horse and the momma bear. Lesson learned. That actually has nothing to do with the analogy, but I needed to lighten it up a little.

Back to the topic. The Bible is God’s revelation; however, it still must be interpreted. Revelation is a divine act. Interpretation is a human responsibility. God’s Word is divinely inspired. Our accuracy, or our Pastor’s accuracy, in interpretation is fallible. When you read and study the Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring faith and understanding. The more a Pastor checks out when I read the Word myself, (Pastor Fred has always checked out) the more I am willing to allow him to be the authority in my life. Do your homework. Let wise people instruct you. That is what advisors are for. But always go to the source yourself.

Mark your calendar. Adam’s Road will perform, teach and inspire in concert at FELC on August 24th. This is a joint venture sponsored by Providence Downtown Church and facilitated by FELC. Providence Downtown Church ministers to the abused, incarcerated, addicted, under resourced, and marginalized. Their motto is “Mercy in the margins”.

Your Council President, Harlan F. Lerum II

Missions



Penny Power for July will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Dave Sheldon said there are a few tools that they could use to assist them in building houses and he will pick out one that we can purchase. Habitat builds homes for those in need and we are happy to be able to support this work.



In August we will again focus on school supplies and will fill backpacks with those supplies for kids who cannot purchase all those notebooks, pencils, markers, etc for the start of the school year. Our kids (and adults) make a huge difference with their contributions to Penny Power. Thank YOU!!



JULY 3RD CELEBRATION AT FIRST LUTHERAN

This year we decided to welcome visitors to First Lutheran who came to watch the Fireworks display. In the past families have covered the green space in front of the church and the parking lot was full but the church was dark. SO... this year we opened up the church, handed out free popcorn and bottles of water to 150 and Harlan Lerum directed traffic in and out of the parking lot. In addition we had Raff and his talented band members playing patriotic music before the fireworks. Thank you to ALL who helped with this and to Greg and Patti Chapin for donating the water. AND to Thrivent for making this a great 4th of July celebration!



Youth

Three days of fun and adventure!

In June, the youth attended Perkins Day Camp at St. John's Lutheran Church. We learned camp songs and bible stories. We did fun crafts and played games. Everyone especially enjoyed the last day because it was a water game day. Summer is always great with a slip and slide and water balloons. A special thanks to the adults from our church who helped to make this a successful event. Carole Mason, Patti Chapin, Christine Rainbolt, Kären Bateman and Abi Lerum all helped to make this such a fun and engaging week for our youth. We would also like to thank Heide for helping with registration. We couldn't have had such a great turnout without you all. (More fun pictures on page 8)



ADAM'S ROAD

for I am **not** ashamed of the **GOSPEL**



TUESDAY, AUG 24, 2021
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

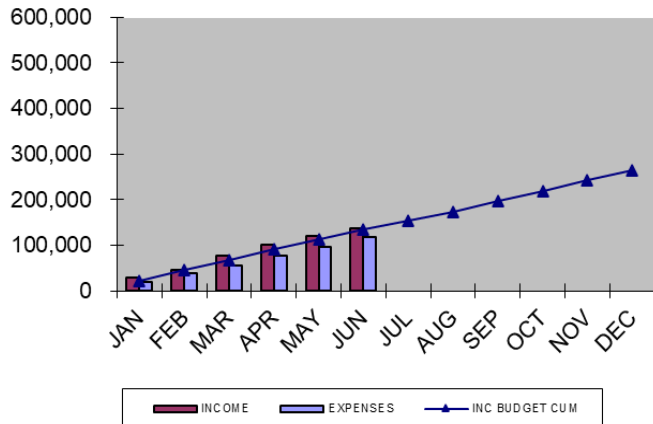
Music & Testimony at 7:00pm | 455 W Sunnyside Rd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Price: Free

Adam's Road is a Christian, non-profit ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song and testimony. Jesus unshackled four people and filled them with the knowledge of God's amazing grace. Adam's Road is made up of these four individuals, whom God rescued out of Mormonism and brought into a personal and saving relationship with Jesus. Through the transforming power of the gospel, those who once were blind, lost, and dead are now trophies of God's amazing grace. Come hear their stories.

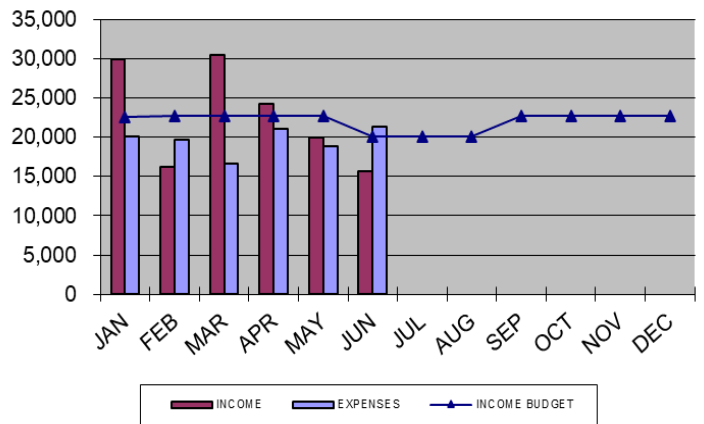
WWW.ADAMSROADMINISTRY.COM

Finance

General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2021



General Fund Monthly Summary - 2021



Current Month:	June		
Current Month Income			15,658.00
Current Month Expenses			21,368.35
	Difference		(5,710.35)

Budget Comparison 2021			
Year to Date Income			136,457.27
Year to Date Budget			133,391.00
	Difference		3,066.27


Year to Date Income			136,457.27
Year to Date Expenses			117,587.26
	Difference		18,870.01



Worship Assistant Schedule

DATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & LITURGISTS	GREETERS	USHERS & COORDINATORS # = Coordinator	COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 1 10:15 am	Judy Sahr	Anne Mitchell	Jim Sahr# Lisa Swenson, Dick Mitchell	Lisa Swenson Paul Bayless	Shawn & Michelle Cleverly
Aug 8 10:15 am	Debra Holst	Michelle Cleverly	Gary Holst# Phil Forbord, Herm Hackman	Phil & Tessa Forbord	Shawn & Michelle Cleverly
Aug 15 10:15 am	Linda Lerum	Elaine Harris	Greg Dornfeld# Greg Stultz, Cal Miller	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Shawn & Michelle Cleverly
Aug 22 10:15 am	Diane Sheldon	Jill Rehfield	Dave Sheldon# Paul Worth, Scott Berger	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Shawn & Michelle Cleverly
Aug 29 10:15 am	Cathi Bean	Bev Novak	Greg Dornfeld# Ryan Dixon	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Shawn & Michelle Cleverly

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall 11:45 AM Worship & Music Team Meeting/Lounge</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space 7:00 PM Executive Council meeting/Lounge</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers</p>	<p>4 1:00 PM Women in Prayer/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 3:45 PM TOPS - Weight Loss Group 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>6 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 AM NO Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM NO Staff Meeting/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space 6:30 PM Property Team Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting/Fellowship</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers 1:00 PM Care & Concern Meeting</p>	<p>11 1:00 PM Women in Prayer/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 3:45 PM TOPS - Weight Loss Group 6:30 PM Finance Meeting/Lounge</p>	<p>13 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 AM NO Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers 12:00 PM Happy Stitchers' Bible Study</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM Women in Prayer/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 3:45 PM TOPS - Weight Loss Group 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>20 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE (12 Noon) 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Thrivent Picnic/Chukars baseball 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p>  	<p>23 9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers 7:00 PM Adams Road/FELC Sanctuary</p> 	<p>25 1:00 PM Women in Prayer/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 3:45 PM TOPS - Weight Loss Group</p>	<p>27 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Lounge 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Baseball Practice/Green Space</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers</p>	<p>For the most up-to-date events please refer to our webpage @ www.firstlc.com</p>			



**Faith &
 Fellowship
 at FELC**
 August 2021

Thanks & Prayers

Thanks to all the people who worked at the fireworks stand!! The fireworks we purchased were perfect!
The Bateman/Rainbolt family



It was another successful event for this year's youth Fireworks stand fundraiser. They raised \$4,802.52 to be used for future youth events.

A huge thank you to this years organizers, Phil Forbord, Greg Stultz and Michelle Hanson and to all those that stepped up to help.

REACHING OUT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN FOR...

Those who are ill:

- Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's Dad)
- Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew)
- Robin Beers (Cathi Bean's sister-in-law)
- Dorothy Sowa (Bev Novak's mom)
- Steve (Julie Sundberg's brother)
- Debbie Brown (DiAnn Brown's sister-in-law)
- Bobby Jo Stiener (Elaine Harris's cousin)
- Tracy Jensen (Sheryl & Jim Schaffer's sister-in-law)
- Laura Hundley, (Dave and Diane Sheldon's daughter)
- Amber Kelsey Polk, (Cal Miller's granddaughter)
- David Douglas, (Bev Novak's brother)
- Mickey Kunnary, (Elaine Harris's niece)
- Luann & Dan Lance, (Cal Miller's sister & brother-in-law)
- Amy Schmutz, (Carole Mason's friend)
- Dieter Tretzen
- Tina Townsend
- Priscilla Rainey
- Jean Lysfjord
- Kay Sawyers
- Mark Reisenburg
- Jo Glissendorf
- Barb Hayes
- Debbie Holden



Friends and family serving in the military: Andrew Mitchell, Marc Schoonmaker, Tyler Donnelly, Adam Craig, Keith Evans, Mike Stultz, Skylar Hudman, TJ Litteer, Garrett Marchington, Kyle Skeen, Thomas Butler, Jordan Butler, Alton Helm, Eric Gratzke, Mike Monroe, Jody Townsend, Breanna Townsend

Pastoral Acts officiated by Pastor Larry Cudmore

Funerals, Celebration of life

7-17-2021 James "Jim" Milton Jackson



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 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 10:15 am In-Church Worship & Church Live @firstlc.com

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Closed

Interim Pastor	Fred Grundmann
Church Administrator	Heide Larsen
Financial Secretary	Martha Wentzel
Bookkeeper	Greg Stultz
Director of Christian Preschool	Barbara Carlson

**Put news items for the *Crosswalk* in the
 "Newsletter" box at the church office OR e-mail
 items to: office@firstlc.com**

		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Festival
SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Aug 1	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 145:10-21	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:22-35	<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	Aug 8	1 Kings 19:1- 8	Psalm 34:1- 8	Ephesians 4:17- 5:2	John 6:35-51	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	Aug 15	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:12-22	Ephesians 5:6-21	John 6:51-69	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	Aug 22	Isaiah 29:11-19	Psalm 14	Ephesians 5:22-33	Mark 7:1-13	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	Aug 29	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 119:129-136	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 7:14-23	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>