

First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC)



To Our Guests,

It is an honor to have you with us today.

We invite you to sign a guest card (in the pews) or our guest register in the entryway. Hearing devices are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance. If you would like a Bible, for home or a friend, they are on a table in our main lobby. Please help yourself to a free copy of God's word! Following worship, everyone is invited into the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and to get more acquainted.

Worship Assistants

Greeter: Anne Mitchell; Reader: Greg Katainen

Communion Assistants: Diane Sheldon, Bev Thomas

Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon; Ushers: Paul Worth, Scott Berger

Counters: Greg and Kathy Katainen

Altar Guild: Marda Kirkwood, Cathi Bean

Please be aware that this worship service is being streamed to the internet. While the focus is on the worship leaders, members of the congregation may be inadvertently caught on camera.

For the sake of the most vulnerable among us, and in keeping with the CDC notice that we live in a "high transmission county" for COVID and its variants and thus strongly suggests the wearing of masks in all public indoor settings, **the FELC Council is encouraging proper social distancing in the sanctuary seating AND the wearing of masks while moving about on Sunday mornings. Thanks for loving your neighbor in this way!**

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, we take prayer seriously. We know that life can be overwhelming, stressful and chaotic. We are here for you! And we want to know how we can pray for you.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or you can email prayerchain@firstlc.com. All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.



Prayers for those who are ill, recovering or going through a difficult time:

Crystal Duncan (Trisha Storer's niece); Christina Townsend; Debbie Horton; Marie Cleverly; Annette Hendrickson; Evelyn Mac Pherson; Devore/Brooks family; Jyl Jackson; Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's Dad); Dieter Tretzen; Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew); Dorothy Sowa (Bev Novak's mom); Steve (Julie Sundberg's Brother); Jean Lysfjord; Debbie Brown (DiAnn Brown's sister-in-law); Bobby Jo Stiener (Elaine Harris's cousin); Mark Reisenburg; Laura Hundley (Dave and Diane Sheldon's daughter); David Douglas (Bev Novak's brother); Mickey Kunnary (Elaine Harris's Niece); Dan Lance (Cal Miller's brother-in-law); Debbie Holden.

Prayers for friends and family serving in the military:

Tyler Donnelly; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Mike Stultz; Skylar Hudman; TJ Litteer; Garrett Marchington; Kyle Skeen; Thomas Butler; Alton Helm; Eric Gratzke; Mike Monroe; Jody Townsend; Brianna Townsend; Craig Bukowski; Michael Smith; Jack Hogan; Marc Schoonmaker; Andrew Mitchell.

I pray that the eyes of your heart
may be enlightened in order that you
may know the hope to which he
has called you, the riches of his glorious
inheritance in his holy people,
Ephesians 1:18



PRAISING OUR GOD.....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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IN EVERY SEASON,

more
HOPE,
more
LOVE,
more
JESUS.

*I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more abundantly.*

JOHN 10:10

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Today Sunday 11/28/2021	
9:00 am	NO Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	NO Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men
1:30 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
6:30 pm	NO Youth Group/Youth Room - Thanksgiving Break
Monday 11/29/2021	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday 11/30/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday 12/1/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Storying on break until January 12th
Thursday 12/2/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting
Friday 12/3/2021	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 12/4/2021	
10:30 am	Women's Ministry Bruncheon/Diabras Kitchen
Next Sunday 12/5/2021	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men
1:30 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room

Order of Worship

Today's Liturgy: Now the Feast and Celebration

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Rick Nelson

Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vv. 1 & 2

Lighting of Advent Candle One: The Candle of Hope
Raff & Patti McDonald

Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 3

"Now the Feast" pages 2-6

Special music: Solo by Marissa Dyer "The Lamb"

Children's Message

Psalm 25:1-10

P: ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: ² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

P: ³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

P: ⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

C: ⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

C: ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P: ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Give on-line at firstlc.com or Text the word "Give" with the amount (i.e. Give \$100) to 208-207-8667

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru October \$219,302, Year to date Expenses thru October \$209,919,

Year to date net Cash Flow thru October \$9,383.

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 88, Live Stream: 34

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

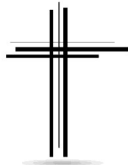
²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon: Pastor Rick

Hymn of the Day: #250 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

“Now the Feast” pages 6-12

*Every household is invited to take home today a **bundle of Advent Wreath candles AND a red, home devotional book.** You are invited to create your own Advent Wreath for your home table, to light the appropriate candle(s), and read the daily devotional as a way of counting forward to Christmas. Blessings!*



Regular Activities at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, and How YOU can Participate!

The Happy Stitches create quilts (up to 200 a year) to be given away to local charities. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each person chooses which part of quilt making they would like to do (ironing, cutting, designing, sewing, tying, binding). We have a time for fellowship and snacks. We welcome new people. No previous skill is required. For information contact Amelia McDaniel at 208-534-8340.

Friends in Stitches is an informal group that meets Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We sew on personal projects (mostly quilts, but other sewing projects also) while enjoying each other's company. We help each other learn new ways of sewing.

Kaffeeklatsch invites men of all ages for coffee and discussions about current events. They meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Lounge of FELC. For more information, please contact Paul Amundson at 208-569-9840.

Women's Bible Storying will be on holiday break from November 24th till January 5th. Class will resume on January 12th.

Penny Power for November will be supporting our local women Gideon members as they continue to place Bibles in doctor's, dentist's and Veterinary offices and also hand out Bibles to nursing graduates and medical professionals. You kids are making a difference around the world! Thank You.

Women's Ministry Monthly Bruncheon: December 4th brunch will be at Diablas Kitchen at 10:30 am. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!! We will start with a small devotional and prayer, followed by great food and company. Please R.S.V.P. to Elizabeth Miner at 208-201-3623.