

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.

Special Congregational Meeting

January 30th following Worship

See insert for details

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:

Judy Sahr; Crystal Duncan (Trisha Storer's niece); Christina Townsend; Debbie Horton; Marie Cleverly; Annette Hendrickson; DeVore/Brooks family; 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 those who mourn the loss of loved ones: For Family and Friends of Jyl Jackson on her passing.

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.

This is the confidence
we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according
to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14

Worship Assistants

Greeters: Michelle Cleverly, Sheryl Schaffer; Reader: Elaine Harris
Communion Assistants: Diane Sheldon, Shawn Cleverly
Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon; Ushers: Paul Worth, Greg Stultz
Counters: Greg & Kathy Katainen
Altar Guild: Diane Sheldon, Jan Galbraith



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

P: Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction.

C: Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope.

P: In Jesus' name, we offer this confession.

C: Amen.

P: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel: Jesus has opened the doors for love and acts of kindness to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus' name we are forgiven and healed!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Holy Communion:

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution (please be attentive to proper social distancing)

Post-Communion Blessing

The Doxology: (sung by all)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

The Benediction

P: The promise has been given. We have been called to ministries of service—to be lights in the dark places of God's world. Know that God goes with us in all that we do, enabling and encouraging us as we serve others.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #553 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Dismissal Blessing

L: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Order of Worship

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Rick Nelson

Installation of Church Council and Officers

Opening Hymn: #886 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Worship:

L: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

C: We receive the good news with great joy.

L: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best and brightest ways to serve God.

C: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

L: Come, let us worship, preparing us for joyful service.

C: Lord, make us ready for great acts of service in your name. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray. Leading and guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service.

C: We are encouraged to become involved in ministries that extend the hand of the kingdom to the hungry, the oppressed, the lonely; to work for justice and peace.

L: The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which shines in each one of us.

C: Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

First Lesson: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Sermon: Pastor Rick Nelson

Hymn of the Day #720 “We Are Called”

Affirmation of Faith: (From the Zimbabwe Creed)

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die is cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I’m a disciple of Jesus. I won’t let up, look back, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed; my present makes sense; my future is secure. I don’t have to be first, praised, tops, right, recognized, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on Jesus’ presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer, and labor in power.

I won’t give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Jesus. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till he comes, give till I drop, preach till I know, and work until God stops me.

And when Christ comes for his own, He will have no problem recognizing me, for my banner will be clear.

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Offering Hymn: #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Confession/Words of Assurance

P: Let us make our confession together: Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for, and also what they have feared.

C: **Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities for service than pitch in to effect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Today Sunday 1/23/2022	
	Installation of Church Council and Officers
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
6:30 pm	Shofar Training meeting/lounge
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room
Monday 1/24/2022	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday 1/25/2022	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
Wednesday 1/26/2022	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer/Lounge
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Storying/Lounge
5:00 pm	Basketball Practice/Fellowship Hall
Thursday 1/27/2022	
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
Friday 1/28/2022	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Blood Drive/Fellowship Hall till 6:30 pm
Saturday 1/29/2022	
Next Sunday 1/30/2022	
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	Special Congregational Meeting /Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room

Special Congregational Meeting

The Call Committee unanimously voted to recommend their choice of pastoral candidate for a Call to Council. Council then unanimously voted to call the candidate. **A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2022 after worship in the Fellowship Hall.** The sole point of business will be for the congregation to vote on extending the Call. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

Requirements of a Voting Member

Members shall be classified as those persons baptized in the name of the Triune God who have been confirmed in this congregation, transferred as confirmed members from other Lutheran/Christian congregations or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith in this congregation.

Voting rights are for those members who, during the preceding 18 months, have communed at least twelve times in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation. For members who are minors (e.g. confirmed individuals 9th - 12th grade), contributions by the minor's parents or legal guardians will suffice to be recorded as a "contribution of record" in order to establish voting rights.

Women's Ministry Monthly Luncheon: February 5th luncheon will be at 11:30 am - Dixie's Diner . 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.

2022 Offering Envelopes are available on the counter outside the church office for those that requested them. If you would still like envelopes please contact Wendy Schoonmaker at 208-520-8713.

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 December \$284,210, Year to date Expenses thru December \$264,727,
Year to date net Cash Flow thru December \$19,483.
Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 59, Live Stream: 66