

# **Crosswalk**



Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho

December is a month seemingly dedicated to making memories or reminiscing about favorite holiday moments. Whether it's the frantic search for the perfect present to create the *next* lasting memory, or simply lingering over a rediscovered decoration triggering a reflection upon a long-ago family gathering, this time of year often puts our emotions in high gear. The emotional roller coaster of looking backwards and yet also looking forward can have us exhilarated and exhausted, eager and on edge. It can also make us experience the present holidays as hollow in comparison to what has past and pessimistic toward what is to come.

For Christians at this time of year we're also asked to look backwards and forwards at the same time. We look back to the day when God told us how much he loved us by sending his son, Jesus Christ, to earth. We look forward knowing that the gift we find in Jesus Christ is a life to come in heaven. Yet, the message for those keeping Christ in Christmas is that the present isn't hollow or pessimistic. Our present is filled with the hallowed optimism of knowing God is with us in our daily journey. The world's emotional roller coaster of Christmas may leave us exhausted and on edge, but as believers we can have our joy restored knowing that by keeping Christ in Christmas, we have the gift of love and life. A gift that exists yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

I was reminded of this amazing message of love and life from God, for believers in Christ, when I sorted through papers on my desk and found an illustration from a sermon I gave not too long ago. It unexpectedly brightened what had been an overcast, overly anxious day to that point.

## JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT.....

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If God had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

God sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

When you want to talk, He'll listen.

God could live anywhere in the universe and He chose your heart.

And that Christmas gift God sent you in Bethlehem?!

Face it friend, God's crazy about you!

As you celebrate this holiday season, with all its pageantry and presents, try to remember the "reason for the season" which is Jesus. Because after all ... "Face it friend, God's crazy about you!" yesterday, today, and forever.

Blessings to you and Merry Christmas,

*Pastor Mike*



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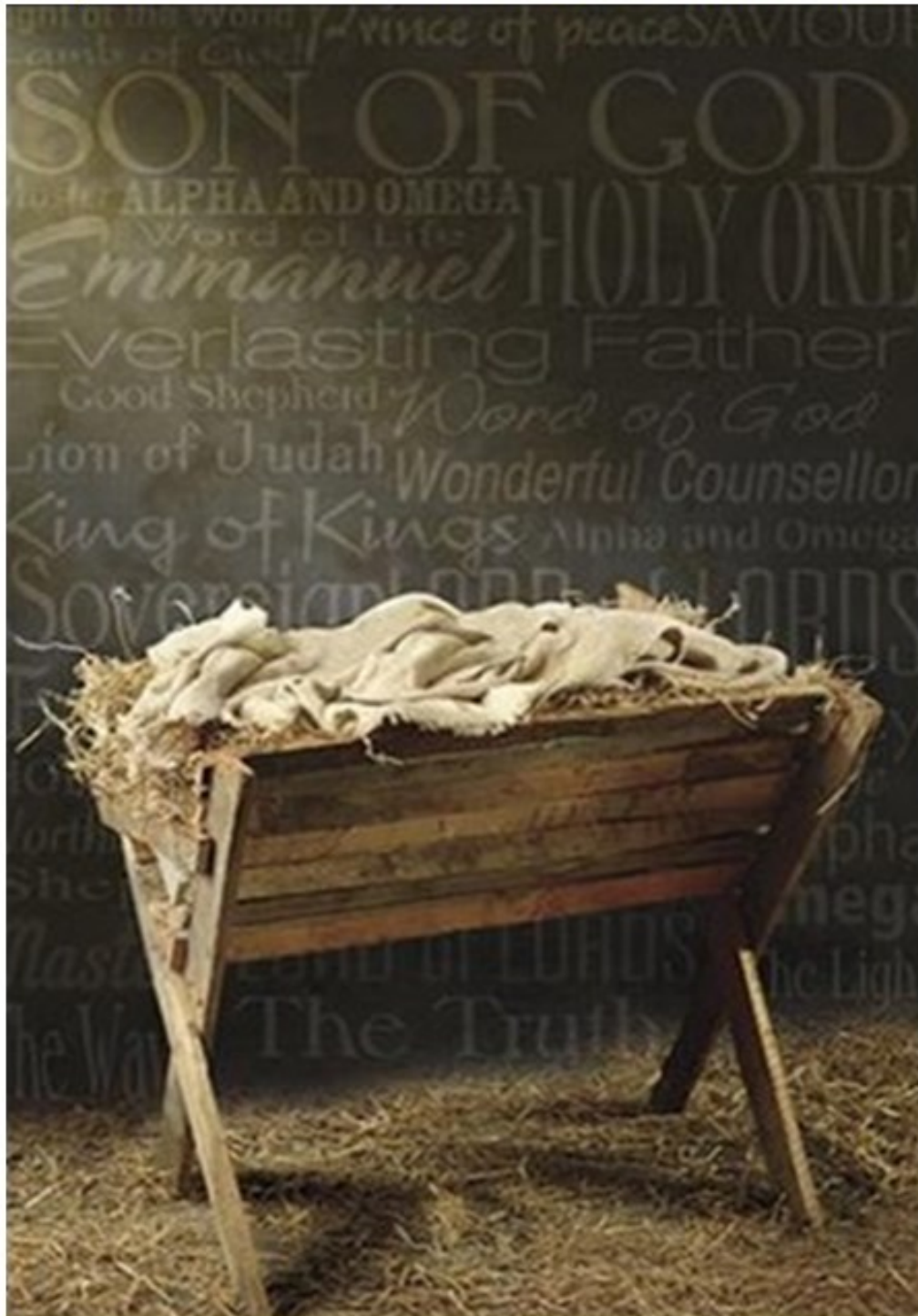


**Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Worship with Holy Communion  
December 24th at 5:00 & 7:30 pm**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to our

## **2022 CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am and online at [www.firstlc.com](http://www.firstlc.com)



### **A Night in the Manger**

*Free-will monetary offering for Idaho Falls Community Food Basket,  
Soup Kitchen and Meals on Wheels*

## Worship & Music continued

### ADVENT STARTED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

We're looking for families who would be willing to read the devotion for the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of our worship services in December. These devotions are less than a page but help us center in on "The Reason for The Season" as we prepare for Christmas. The readings can be found in the back of Advent Booklet available at the Welcome Window or in the church office. A sign-up sheet is located by the Welcome Window or contact the church office if interested.



### 2022 MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES START WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30th - LUTHERAN TOUCHES TO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

While a significant amount of time has passed since Martin Luther posted his protests on Wittenberg's church doors (505 years ago!) which started the Reformation, his influence can still be found around us today. This is especially true at Christmas time. Did you know before Luther's time Christmas trees weren't part of Christian celebrations of Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>? Or that prior to Luther, Christmas gifts were rarely given on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>? Or that the Christmas carol staple "Away in a Manger" is associated with Martin Luther? Our midweek Advent services this year will merrily explore the influences Luther left on our modern-day observances of Christmas. Hopefully these explorations of Luther's influences will, like his influence in causing the Reformation movement, draw us closer to the grace of Christ, which is what Christmas is all about.

This Advent season, you're invited to come enjoy a quiet night at church during a hectic season. Relax over a good meal, listen, and participate in the soothing music of the Holden Evening Prayer. You'll learn a little bit of history, and celebrate a tidbit of tradition. In the end we hope you'll feel like your soul got a hug and God got the glory. Don't let society's secular focus this Christmas make a humbug out of you this year. Mark your calendar, **better yet clear your calendar** and join your church family in welcoming the newborn king into your home and heart this Christmas. Wednesday November 30th, Wednesday December 7th, 14th and 21st. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm with worship at 7:15 pm.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT OFFERINGS:** Our church council has designated the loose offerings from our midweek advent worship services to be combined with the FELC Cantata offerings and given to the Idaho Falls Food Basket, Soup Kitchen and Meals on Wheels. If you want your offering to go toward the church budget please place it in one of the blue envelopes available in the pew racks.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG IN DECEMBER:

Traditionally, liturgical churches only sing Christmas Carols during the official church season of Christmas, December 24th to January 6th (the twelve days of Christmas). However, with secular holiday songs that have no mention of the Christ child taking over the airwaves (Grandma got run over by a reindeer) traditional sacred carols are becoming less well known.

In an attempt to honor the Advent season (a time to prepare for Christ's coming rather than celebrating his arrival), FELC will be refraining from singing Christmas Carols during Advent Worship. However, there will be exceptions to the rule.

Prior to each Sunday's prelude Pastor Mike will lead a sing-along of some of the top vote getters from our recent

Christmas Carol Survey. We will also enjoy wonderful Christmas music when our Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band present their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday December 11th. In addition to this celebration of Christmas music, we will have a service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> utilizing all of the top ten Carols from our congregation's Carol Survey. Don't miss out, come early, come often, and catch the Christmas spirit this Advent.





## Youth

**TRUNK OR TREAT A “SWEET SUCCESS:”** Our thanks to the fifteen families that provided their trunks for our trunk or treat event Sunday October 30th. We had eleven FELC youth members assisting in handing out candy and putting batteries in our “let your light shine” pumpkin flashlights. But the truly amazing thing was the estimated number of youths that came through from the community...nearly 400!!

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT.**

On Sunday November 6th seven of our senior and junior high youth gathered after worship for a service project of packing boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. The youth made quick work of making sure each box got an equal amount of “wow” factor toys, school supplies, and hygiene helps. They packed a total of 10 boxes and put a personal note of greeting in each box. It will be exciting to track these boxes and see where they go in the country or around the world to spread the good news of Christ’s birth. The youth had enough time left over to play a couple of Pastor Mike’s patentedly silly name games.

**COMING UP FOR YOUTH GROUP IN DECEMBER:** The youth group will meet following church on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> for a time of fellowship with a Christmas Carol Quiz show. Also on the agenda is making plans for Youth Group activities in the coming new year. Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> the youth group will meet for another fellowship night. The activity is TBD between nerf battles, Mario night, or ???

**CONFIRMATION CONTINUES:** While the enrollment for confirmation grows the “fall crud” continues to cancel classes with six of the seven youth being too sick on both Sunday October 23rd and November 13th to meet. Hopefully the crew will return to health for the one class in December, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Confirmands are warned to study for the test to be able to write the Lord’s Prayer fully and correctly. The test will conclude our unit on the Lord’s Prayer and we’ll start studying the Apostle’s Creed in January.

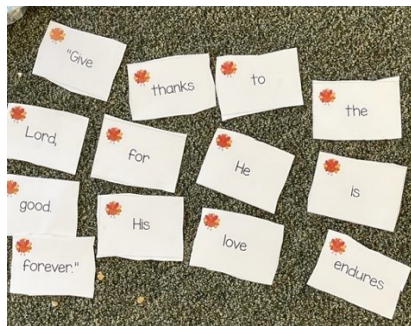
**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** During COVID the acolyte program was put on hold. Thankfully with COVID’s effects waning we are starting that ministry back up. We’re thankful for the two youth who were able to attend our acolyte training on Sunday November 13th. Several families expressed interest in having their youth participate but again the “fall crud” kept many from attending and being trained. Watch for announcements in your bulletin for our next training session.



## Sunday School

God has given us blessings in all things, positive and negative, challenging and joyful! We spent this last month learning about thankfulness. Our Bible verse for the month was “*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his steadfast love endures forever!*”

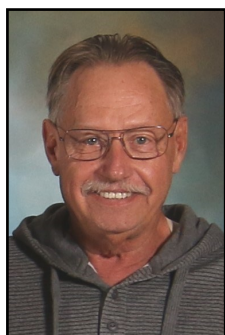
We shared the many things we are thankful for: home, health, school, church and pets! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



## 2022-2023 Church Council



Raff McDonald  
Council President



Randy Kay  
Council Vice President



May Hustad  
Council Treasurer



Sheryl Schaffer  
Council Secretary



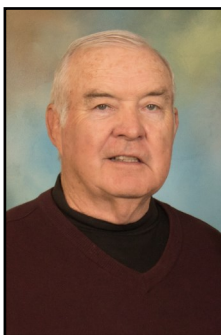
Greg Hanson



Dave McDaniel



Amelia McDaniel



Tom Pilkington



Evelyn MacPherson



Gregory Potter



Renee Gonzalez



Paul Bayless



Barbara Carlson



Margaret Contor

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY:** FELC's annual meeting was held on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. A quorum was easily established as we had over 80 active members in attendance. Harlan Lerum, outgoing president, got the meeting going following Pastor Mike's opening prayer. The congregational annual report was made available and after a few items of discussion the meeting moved on to other agenda items. Thanks to the congregational work group session back in September, the revised constitution was rapidly approved. Following that vote, May Hustad, church treasurer, did a great job presenting the proposed 2023 budget and after a short but robust discussion the budget was approved. The final item of business was election of officers and the thanking of those going off council. Pastor Larry along with several council members made a point to thank Heide Larsen, our retiring Office Administrator, for her nine years of excellent dedicated service.

A special word of thanks goes out to our council members who've helped guide us through challenging times these past few years of COVID as well as a Pastoral Vacancy: **Phil Forbord, Debra Holst, Heide Larsen, Harlan Lerum, William Lerum, and William Lockman.** Thanks to those continuing out their terms of office on council: **Barbara Carlson, Renee Gonzalez, Greg Hanson, David McDaniel, and Sheryl Schaffer.** We're so grateful to welcome aboard several new faces to council: **Margaret Contor, May Hustad, Randy Kay, Amelia McDaniel, Evelyn MacPherson, Paul Bayless, Tom Pilkington, and Gregory Potter.** We're indebted to **Raff McDonald** for agreeing to serve another term on council serving as our council president. Raff, our president, will serve alongside our executive team of **Randy Kay**, vice president, **Sheryl Schaffer**, secretary, and **May Hustad**, treasurer. Please make sure you thank all these fine servants of God on **Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> when we have a service of installation of council members.**

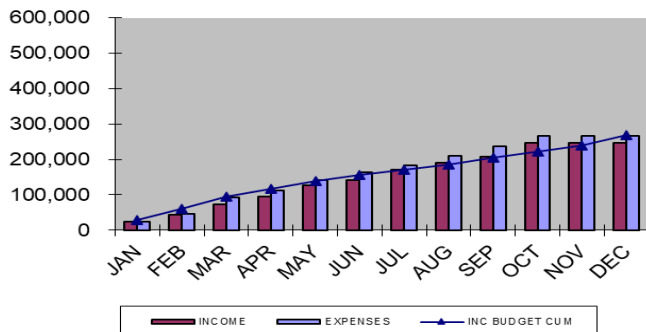


## Finance

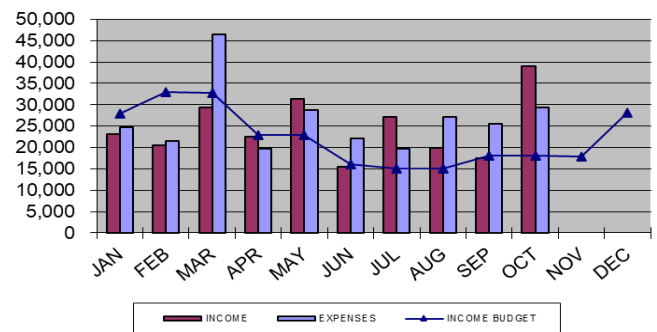
### The Finance Team is looking for help!

- We need to have a backup person to fill in for the Financial Secretary to process the weekly deposit for the Sunday offering. This would only be to assist when the Financial Secretary isn't able to do the deposit. Duties include entering the offering details into the church software, preparing the bank deposits, and printing reports.
- If you are familiar with Quick Books or would like to learn about it – we are looking for someone to reconcile our bank accounts each month.
- We are always looking to train new teams for counting the offering on Sundays after worship. Generally, each team will count once a month. Training is provided for anyone who is interested in learning this important duty.
- If you are interested in finding out more about these positions or would like to serve with the Finance Team in other ways, please contact a member of the Finance Team: Lisa Swenson, Jim Sahr, Greg Stultz, Wendy Schoonmaker, Paul Bayless or May Hustad.

**General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2022**



**General Fund Monthly Summary - 2022**



<b>Current Month:</b>	<b>October</b>	
<b>Current Month Income</b>		<b>38,969.53</b>
<b>Current Month Expenses</b>		<b>29,343.92</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>9,625.61</b>

<b>Year to Date Income</b>		<b>245,797.32</b>
<b>*Year to Date Expenses</b>		<b>264,939.41</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(19,142.09)</b>

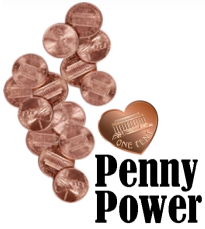
<b>Budget Comparison 2022</b>	
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>245,797.32</b>
<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>221,860.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>23,937.32</b>

\*In March, FELC paid for the move for Pastor Mike. This one-time expense is \$23,080 and is was approved by the congregation separately at the time of Pastor Mike's call.

## Worship Assistant Schedule

DATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & LITURGISTS	GREETERS	USHERS & COORDINATORS # = Coordinator	COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD
Dec 4 10:15 am	Judy Sahr, Linda Lerum, Carole Mason, Debra Holst; Sheryl Schaffer (Liturgist)	Anne Mitchell Bev Novak	Jim Sahr# Lisa Swenson, Dick Mitchell	Lisa Swenson Janice McBride	Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood
Dec 11 Cantata 10:15 am	(Cantata)	Michelle Cleverly	Gary Holst# Phil Forbord, Ryan Dixon	Phil & Tessa Forbord	Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood
Dec 18 10:15 am	Debra Hogg, DiAnn Brown, Shawn Cleverly, Linda Lerum, Bev Thomas, Debra Hogg (Reader)	Bev Novak Michelle Cleverly	Greg Dornfeld# Greg Stultz, Cal Miller	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	Judy Sahr, Kim Bermensolo, Linda Lerum, Diane Sheldon, Bev Thomas; Marda Kirkwood (Reader)		Jim Sahr# Ryan Dixon, Scott Berger		Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 7:30 pm	Debra Holst, Shawn Cleverly, Carole Mason, Cathi Bean; Steve Galbraith (Liturgist)	Jan Galbraith, Mary Pilkington	Gary Holst# Phil Forbord, Paul Worth		Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood
Dec 25 Christmas Day 10:15 am	Diane Sheldon, Linda Lerum, Debra Hogg DiAnn Brown (reader)	Diane Sheldon	Dave Sheldon# Greg Stultz, Cal Miller	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Jan Galbraith, Marda Kirkwood

## Missions



**October Penny Power** helped fill Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Together we are sending 88 Christmas boxes to Samaritan's Purse. These boxes will then be given to children around the world with the message that Jesus loves them. Thank you to everyone who filled a box or who provided funds for mailing.



**November Penny Power** is purchasing Bibles for the Gideons. These Bibles are given to individuals, placed in hotel rooms, medical and dental offices.

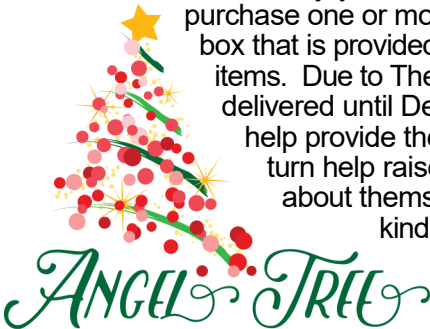
**December Penny Power** will support "The Village," which is described below.



Thanks to Marda Kirkwood and Thrivent we were able to purchase donuts and cider for District 91 and 93 Bus Drivers, Aides and Staff. We felt that these individuals are under appreciated and needed to be recognized and thanked for taking such good care of our kids.



**"The Village"** of southeast Idaho is a foster care closet located in Blackfoot. Earlier this fall, one of their founders shared their mission and their efforts to support Idaho's foster children to the Happy Stitchers group here at FELC. Now that foster care children can elect to stay in the foster care system until they turn 21, they provide foster care needs from babies to young adults who have needs once they go out on their own. The Missions Committee has decided that a Foster Angel Christmas tree would be a wonderful way to support The Village this Christmas. The tree with gift tags listing their needs will be located near the entry to the church. If you wish to share Christmas joy in such a way, please take one of the tags, purchase one or more of the items listed and return it to the box that is provided by the tree. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the items. Due to The Village's closure dates, items will not be delivered until December 28. Thus, you have until then to help provide these children with needed supplies and in turn help raise their self-esteem so they can feel good about themselves regardless of their situation. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant positive impact on their young lives.



Missions is looking for a person or persons to offer housing to Pastor Michael Megahan. He is coming to First Lutheran to tell us about the ministry of translators, translating the Bible into different languages. You may remember an article in the newsletter about the "click" language translation. Pastor Megahan has many stories and will be sharing these with us Sunday January 1st. He is arriving December 30th evening and leaving January 3rd very early. Call the church office at 208-522-9301 if this is something you would like to do.



## Announcements



**December 6th**

First Tuesday  
of the month  
1:00 pm  
Jaker's, 851 Lindsey



**Women's Bible Study** will be on Thanksgiving and Christmas break and will resume study In January.



## Announcements continued



### UPDATE

#### JANUARY 2023 STARTS THE NEW YEAR AND FELC'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

Plans are underway to start FELC's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year off with a bang. Each month we plan to highlight one of our ministry teams to give an idea of what God has been doing over the years and up to today through the members of FELC. Over the years the Mission team

has supported Lutheran Bible Translators. This group has a rich history of providing God's Word in the native language of people from all parts of the world. So, we've invited missionary Reverend Michael Megahan, bible translation consultant for Tanzania and Botswana, to join us Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> to lead us in worship, share God's Word, and give us an update on the ministry of Lutheran Bible Translators. Reverend Megahan will lead our adult forum to talk about how God's Word put in the native language of individuals continues to shape and transform lives. He will also be available following worship during the Fellowship Hour to visit with and field questions. In February our Ministry Team highlight will be the Care and Concern ministry team. If your ministry team is interested in hosting a month of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, please contact the church office to get your first pick of the months that are left.

Friends and Family of FELC...help us get the word out on social network that FELC is searching for a

good candidate to fill our Office Administrator opening.

Know a friend, family member, early retiree ... Looking for a part-time position with a professional and caring environment, that doesn't require working weekends?

First Evangelical Lutheran Church is seeking an Office Administrator to work Monday- Thursday. Must have comfort level working in a Christian Lutheran environment, above average organizational and communication skills and be competent in using Microsoft Office Word and Publisher programs. If interested send resume to [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com). For further details see our job posting and job description at our website [www.firstlc.com](http://www.firstlc.com)



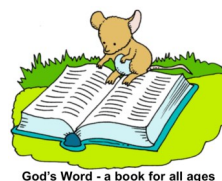
#### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

You're invited to join us in a short study series for an in-depth look at an often-overlooked character from the nativity story: Joseph, husband to Mary and stepfather of Jesus. Pastor Mike will be leading this study based on the Lutheran Hour Ministries series "Joseph: Carpenter of Steel." Joseph certainly wasn't Superman or the Man of Steel, but scripture reveals him to be a Super-Guy and a

Man of Faith. Discover why God might have chosen this man to raise Jesus. Join in discussing how the challenges Joseph faced and the choices he made might inform and transform our faith lives today.



Blessings to you this Christmas! Your Church Library has on display many Christmas books for your enjoyment. There are short heartwarming stories of goodness, angels, and Christmas joy along with poems, games, songs, recipes and inspirational books that can be checked out and shared with your family and friends. Merry Christmas from your Library Mouse.



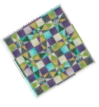


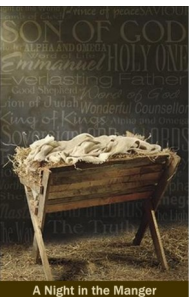







God's Word - a book for all ages



"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." Luke 2:4



# Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>For the most up-to-date events please refer to our webpage @ <a href="http://www.firstlc.com">www.firstlc.com</a></b></p>				<p><b>1</b> 9:00am Preschool 10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 1:00pm Preschool 3:45pm TOPS - Weight Loss Group 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1:00pm Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p><b>3</b> 9:30am Praise Band</p>
<p><b>4</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall 9:00am Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade) 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion 11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Youth Group/Youth Room/ 6th - 12th grade 1:30pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Round About Brass Practice</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting/Lounge 7:00pm Executive Council meeting / Lounge</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00am Happy Stitchers 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Preschool 7:00pm Bell Practice</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Preschool 1:00pm Women in Prayer/Lounge 6:30pm Advent Soup &amp; Bread 7:15pm Advent Worship</p> 	<p><b>8</b> 9:00am Preschool 10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 1:00pm Preschool 3:30pm Finance Team Meeting 3:45pm TOPS - Weight Loss Group</p>	<p><b>9</b> 1:00pm Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p><b>10</b> 10:00am Cantata Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:15am Cantata Presentation 11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Round About Brass Practice 6:00pm Confirmation</p> 	<p><b>12</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting/Lounge 6:30pm Property Team Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting/ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00am Happy Stitchers 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Care &amp; Concern Meeting 1:00pm Preschool 7:00pm Bell Practice</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Preschool 1:00pm Women in Prayer/Lounge 6:30pm Advent Soup &amp; Bread 7:15pm Advent Worship</p> 	<p><b>15</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Preschool Program / Fellowship Hall 10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 3:45pm TOPS - Weight Loss Group</p>	<p><b>16</b> NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE (12 Noon) 1:00pm Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p><b>17</b></p>
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<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion 11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p><b>26</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>27</b> No Preschool/ Christmas Break Office Open till Noon 9:00am Happy Stitchers</p>	<p><b>28</b> No Preschool/ Christmas Break Office Open till Noon</p>	<p><b>29</b> No Preschool/ Christmas Break Office Closed</p>	<p><b>30</b> Office Closed 1:00pm Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p>





New Members



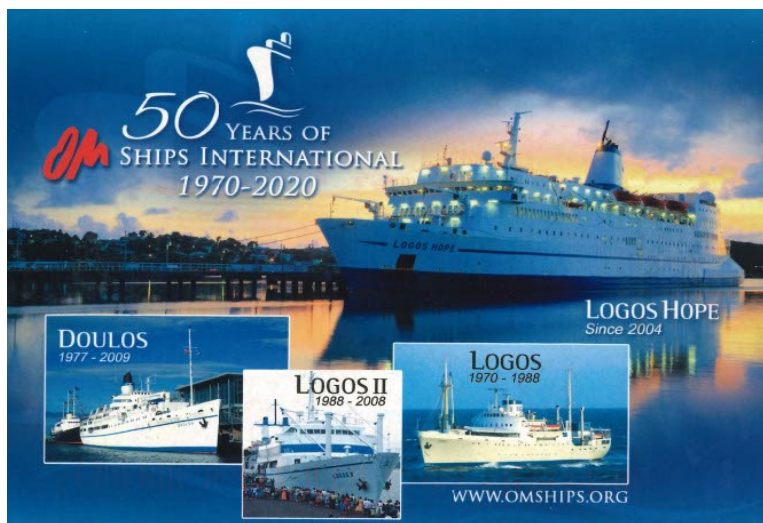
# Faith & Fellowship at FELC

December 2022





## Thanks & Prayers



### REACHING OUT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN FOR...

#### Those who are ill:

- Wanda Pilkington (Tom Pilkington's sister-in-law)
- Wendy Magnuson (Richard & Geri's cousin's wife)
- Wayne Burton (Rebecca DeVore's father)
- Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's dad)
- Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew)
- Dorothy Sowa (Bev Novak's mom)
- Steve (Julie Sundberg's brother)
- Dan Lance (Cal Miller's brother-in-law)
- Debbie Brown (DiAnn Brown's sister-in-law)
- Bobby Jo Stiener (Elaine Harris's cousin)
- Laura Hundley (Dave and Diane Sheldon's daughter)
- David Douglas (Bev Novak's brother)
- Mickey Kunnary (Elaine Harris's niece)
- Nick Abreu
- Marie Cleverly
- Christina Townsend
- Carolyn Davis
- Debbie Horton
- Carla Benson
- Mike Bean
- Judy Sahr
- Dieter Tretzen
- 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, Jorden Butler, Alton Helm, Eric Gratzke, Mike Monroe, Jody Townsend, Breanna Townsend, Craig Bukowski, Michael Smith, Jack Hogan.

FELC Mission Team, Thank you for your donation.  
Dave

**Pastoral Acts** officiated by Pastor Mike Knauff

#### **New Members welcomed into membership**

10/30/2022 Adam, Rebecca, Allison, Jillian, Kennedy, Parker, Tiffany, and Wesley DeVore, Kathleen Keyes, Deb Nowatzki & Ron Stewart, Kaye Peoples, Jim Schaffer

#### **Baptisms into the family of God**

11/6/2022 Kamila Florance Hustad

11/27/2022 Vera LaurelTew

## Humor

### JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong sermon on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "so why is the groom wearing black?"

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year olds. After the teacher finished explaining the commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said. "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Bible Study 9:00 am

10:15 am In-Church Worship & Church Live @firstlc.com



### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed**

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Festival
	Dec 4	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12	Second Sunday of Advent
	Dec 11	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11	Third Sunday of Advent
	Dec 18	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	Dec 25	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Like 2:1-20	Nativity of Our Lord