



Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho



For Behold I bring you good news of Great Joy!

Any night of the week I can sit down and watch a highly dramatic, well-choreographed litany of bad news on TV. If that's not bad enough, online news feeds are dominated by this same dynamic as well. Little wonder that Americans no longer are shocked or outraged by events that a generation ago would have produced placards, protests, and parades. Yet, despite our numbness, marketers still tell us "Bad news sells" and so our media scour the globe to bring us our daily dose of dreariness.

The marketability of bad news shouldn't surprise us. Even in our own households we can see its effects on our conversations. Do we spend more time talking about what we have, or what we can't afford? Do we give thanks for the widening and improvement of roads or only notice and groan about the emergence of new potholes? Bad news travels fast and often commands our focus. The constant intake of bad news makes for a dreary, weary world.

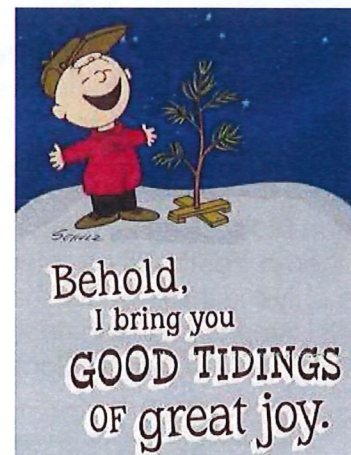
Into this world of dreariness steps God. God, for too many people, is the epitome of bad news. To those who haven't embraced the Christ child, God is the person who says "Do this! Don't do that! Caught ya!" For those existing in the "bad news world" God is the one who only passes out Hellfire and Damnation. Yet, for those who embrace the good news the angels brought that first Christmas - that God is with us, our world - and the news we have to share about it - has changed for the better. We have "good news of Great Joy" for "God so loved the world he gave his only Son, so that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

That's why I find Christmas such an amazing season! That long ago message of "good news of great joy" races across the centuries and completely changes our culture's fetish for bad news. Now the nightly news forages for stories of "Good Samaritans" and great achievements. News feeds carry heartwarming stories of people helping others. Business offices plan parties and families plan reunions. The awesome message of God's love in the flesh, the uplifting news of God's gift of grace in a child, the angel's proclamation of God's salvation come to us, continues to beat back the darkness.

I invite you to beat back the world's darkness this year by joining us in celebrating God's good news in our weekly worship, our midweek Advent worship, and, of course, our Christmas Eve services. Matter of fact, consider giving the gift of good news to others who might be walking in darkness: invite a non-churchgoer to join you for a soup supper and service, the choirs' Christmas Celebration, or the children's pageant, and definitely invite them to join you for Christmas Eve worship this Christmas season. Be a bearer of good news this season and let the light of God's love shine through you.

In the midst of all the world's bad news, may the good news of God's love bring you great joy this Christmas.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike



Penny Power

Choose an ornament, Bless a Neighbor: Angel Tree Ministry

As we enter this season of giving and gratitude, our church is once again supporting the Angel Tree Ministry to help stock the shelves of the Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls. This year, our Angel Tree is decorated with special ornaments - each one labeled with an item that is currently needed to keep the Community Food Basket stocked.

We invite you to choose an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed, and return it to the church by Christmas Eve. Every can, box, and bag you donate will help ensure that our neighbors have access to the food essentials they need during the winter months.

This is a simple act with a powerful impact. Whether you choose one ornament or several, your generosity will bring hope and nourishment to households facing hardship.

Together, we can help fill the Community Food Basket - and fill hearts with God's love.



Penny Power's November focus was the Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls' Angel Tree. The kids will be asked what food they would like to purchase and donate with their Penny Power funds.



Get ready, everyone - **Light the World Giving Machine** is coming to Idaho Falls. It's basically a vending machine for miracles! Instead of choosing between chips or candy bars, you get to pick from chickens, clean water, school supplies, and other life-changing gifts for families around the world and locally! The Giving Machine will be at the Grand Teton Mall during December. On December 20th FISH and First Lutheran Youth will be "manning" the machine from 12:00-2:00 pm. It's the only machine where the more you "spend," the richer your heart feels! Stop by, come help, bring a friend, and let's fill this season with generosity, joy, as we Light the World!

December **Penny Power** will be used to supply Bibles for the Gideons.



Missions



Sarah Ryder,
Director of the Senior Center
received a check from the kids for
\$368

during Sunday School for
Meals on Wheels.
She thanked them for helping
seniors get these meals and
handed out some cartoon stickers.



CHRISTMAS EVE

FELC will have two worship services on Christmas Eve. The first service at 5:00 pm will be "family friendly." It includes communion and the traditional candlelight ceremony, but Pastor Mike's message will be "family friendly." The messages will be based on the Christmas Hymn of the "Friendly Beasts." Pastor will have 3 separate, short children's messages based on the friendly beasts that were at the first Christmas: a sheep, camel, and donkey. The length of each message accompanied by quick costume changes, tend to keep wound-up kids and exhausted parents engaged long enough to enjoy some Christmas joy. The service ends with the sharing of communion followed by the traditional candlelight ceremony of singing "Silent Night."

The later Christmas Eve worship service will be at 7:30 pm. It will feature a more "traditional" message, as well as feature one of our musical groups, along with the sharing of communion and traditional candlelight ceremony of singing "Silent Night." Invite a friend, bring your out-of-town family and guests to our "no judgement zone" Christmas celebration. The more celebrating Christ's birth, the merrier.

Speaking of out-of-town families, Christmas Eve worship is one of those times members and friends who haven't seen each other for a while can reconnect. We were hoping to provide a small reception in the narthex with punch and cookies following the late service. If you have a few homemade Christmas goodies you'd like to share (*avoid the extra calories*) for our Christmas eve reception, please let the office know.



Worship & Music

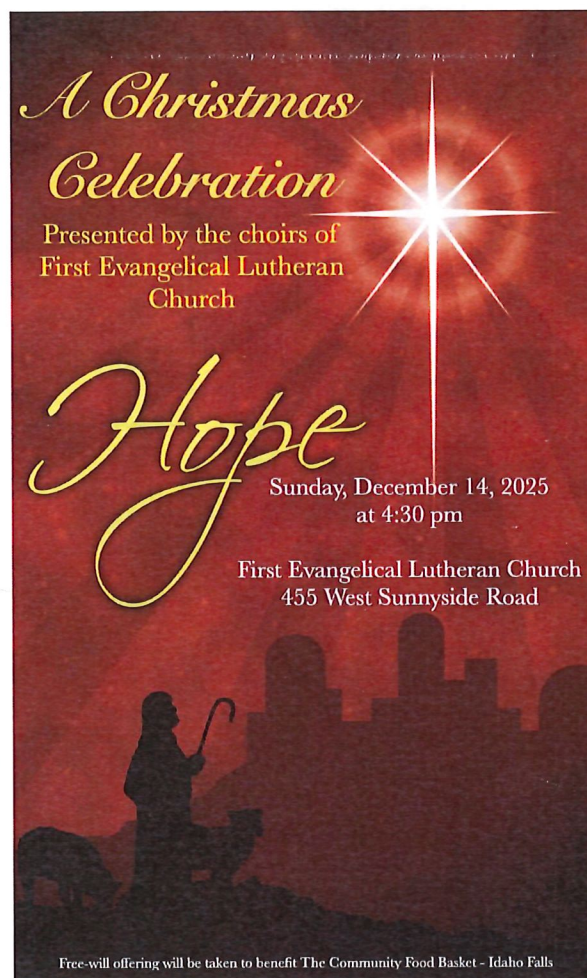
A Brief Recent History of the Christmas Cantata

Before Penny Dixon retired in 2018, she had planned for that year's cantata to be the 36th and final. She was going to pick her favorites from the past 35 cantatas as the program, and then move on to something different in the future. We don't know what that different something was going to be.

Penny's unexpected retirement left us scrambling, and four people stepped up to keep the music program going. Michelle Hanson and Beth Wright took on the worship accompanist and Grace Note and King's Men choir director duties, while Michelle, Martha Wentzel and Paul Bayless took on the For His Glory Ringers handbell choir. In planning that year's Christmas program, we knew it would not be the same type of cantata that people had come to expect. Given that, it was presented as "A Christmas Celebration." We received a fair amount of blowback, mostly along the lines of "We've always called it a cantata, we shouldn't change that." Somewhat reluctantly, we acquiesced and resumed calling it a cantata, even though it was quickly evolving from the 60-80 voice choir format, together with a handbell choir prelude, that had been used for years.

That evolution was accelerated when COVID hit. Since we no longer had access to a large choir, we began incorporating the King's Men and the Praise Band into the Christmas program. While it was still billed as a cantata, it was essentially a concert with some narration, scriptures, and a common theme. Going forward, we're not going to call it what it isn't.

This year, our four musical groups are presenting "**A Christmas Celebration**" on **Sunday, December 14, at 4:30 pm**. As in years past, all of the offerings received will be donated to charity, in this case the Community Food Basket – Idaho Falls. We hope you will join us!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Last year, after the Christmas season was over, the worship and music team decided that our artificial Christmas tree (after 25 years of faithful service) needed to be permanently retired.

Thankfully, we have a newly-purchased artificial Christmas tree to put up this year that is in much better condition with a lot more working lights!

We will be decorating the tree and the sanctuary on **Thursday, December 4th at 10:00 am**.

Please join us if you are able!



Advent

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

"It's beginning to look a lot like **Advent**"

Perhaps that's not how the world looks at the weeks leading up to Christmas. Yet, for us Lutherans, we view the weeks leading up to Christmas day as a time of preparing our hearts and homes for the promised Messiah of old and the victorious Messiah's return. So, starting Sunday, November 30th we enter the season of waiting and watching, preparing and praying that is the Advent season. And while it looks much different from the chaotic way the world leads up to Christmas, in many ways it's better. Instead of a preoccupation with "getting", we can focus on giving. Instead of having to do a thousand things, Christians try during this time of year to whittle down to doing the important things. And it's important to remember to "keep Christ in Christmas."

FELC hopes to help you "keep Christ in Christmas" by offering meaningful Sunday Advent services as well as midweek Advent worship. This year we will once again use the beautiful melodies of the **Holden Evening Prayer Service** as the backbone of our Wednesday night worship. Pastor Mike's messages will look at how our society often gets Christmas "right" by sampling a few beloved Christmas specials like "Rudolph," "Frosty," and "the Grinch."

We'll once again be **lighting the Advent Wreath** for each worship service and this means **we'll need volunteers to help read and light the candles**. If your family is willing to help, the sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Window. We'll be using the readings for the Scandinavian tradition of the Advent Wreath: The Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love candles.

The readings for the lighting of each of these candles can be found in the **FELC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** that can also be found at the Welcome Window. Many members have said they've shared this booklet with neighbors and family to help explain Advent as well as share the encouraging advice regarding various ways for families to make meaningful traditions that keep "Christ in Christmas."

Of course we'll also keep the tradition of the simple soup suppers that are served prior to the midweek worship service. So dust off those crock pots and dig out those favorite recipes!

Our midweek services this year will be held on:

Wednesday, December 3rd

6:30 pm Soup & Bread

7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

- Rudolph & It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Wednesday, December 10th

6:30 pm Soup & Bread

7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

- Frosty & The First Noel

Wednesday, December 17th

6:30 pm Soup & Bread

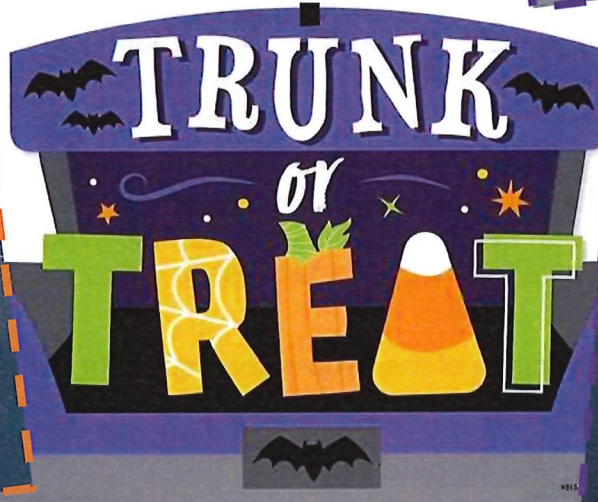
7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

- The Grinch Who Stole Christmas & Joy to the World



**The Advent Worship service offerings will go to support the
Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls.**

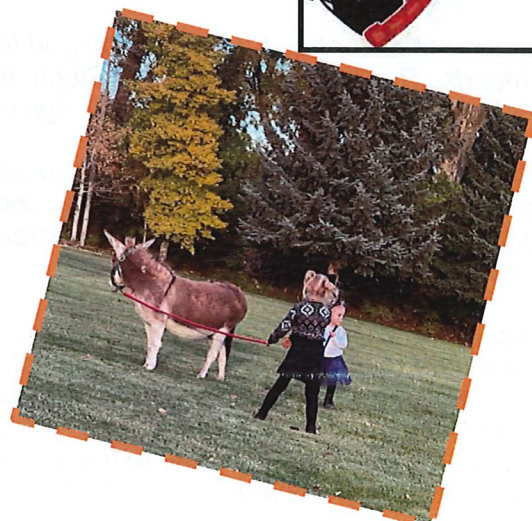
Trunk or Treat



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**Our October 31st
Trunk or Treat
was a success!
We had a beautiful
warm evening
for the trick or treaters.
We had 11 cars decorated
and Pastor Larry
brought his donkeys.
They were a hit!
We had almost 90
trick or treaters which
was a lot more
than we have had
in previous years!**



Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry Training Class Coming in 2026

Have you ever had a friend or acquaintance who was struggling with a crisis, a loss, or life-changing event and you wished you knew what to say or do? Has anyone called you to talk about a problem, and you did not know how to respond? There are basic skills and insights that you can learn to care for hurting people. These skills are taught in the Stephen Ministry Training Series.

Stephen Ministry has been a part of **FELC** since 2005. In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another Stephen Ministry Training class in **January of 2026**. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You will find that being a Stephen Minister will not only be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had.

The following comments are from our FELC Stephen Ministers:

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me the value of being an active listener. I really appreciate the opportunity to really build a strong relationship with the person I'm caring for."

"It is nice when what you are doing helps others."

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me to listen better and to be in the moment. I've learned that just being there with someone is sometimes all that is needed. The best part is getting to know new people and being able to communicate on a deeper level with my family and friends. Also, Stephen Ministry is a very supportive and loving group."

*"The book of Acts talks about being **"Bold"** (4:31). After completing the training I have found that I can speak the word of God with more **Boldness**. I also noticed that I have an increased compassion to those around us."*

"I have listening ears and more compassion."

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me.... to slow down, appreciate things, and to listen."

"The best part of being a Stephen Minister is the friends and connections I have made."

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me that even though I am wired to try to fix problems, I must first listen to the care receiver and let God do His magic. The best part of being a Stephen Minister is the relationship that develops between my care receiver and myself as we walk together down his bumpy road. Satisfaction is seeing his bumpy road start to smooth out."

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me first and foremost to really listen to my care receiver, but also to my family and friends. The best part of being a Stephen Minister is knowing you have really helped someone get on with their life. Also, the sharing in our meetings is really helpful."

"Stephen Ministry has helped me to be more sensitive to the heartaches of others and to really care. Mostly, I hope others know I care for them as Jesus showed us. It also has become a group where I can share my own challenges and feel cared for. That in turn strengthens my resolve to be a better person. I cherish my fellow Stephen Ministers."

"Being a Stephen Minister has taught me to be a more "compassionate listener." Often, we may ask someone, "How are you?" But, more often than not, it is a question that we really don't engage in a long enough conversation with that person to really "listen" to their answer. I feel that because of what I learned as a Stephen Minister I try to be more "aware" of what their reply may really be saying . . . and if necessary and appropriate, I may be of some help to that person in that particular moment. I believe I have become a better Christian in doing the things Jesus came to Earth to teach us. I thank Him for this opportunity to serve



Stephen Ministry

as a Stephen Minister. To me the BEST part (outside of the things mentioned) of being a Stephen Minister is being associated with this group, who have also taken the training, committed their love and service to be a caregiver to someone in need. Sharing and being with them is an important part of my life as a member, in the "family of FELC".

If you would like to discover and cultivate your God-given spiritual gifts and learn more about Christian caregiving skills, please connect with our Stephen Leaders, Annick Dixon or Pastor Mike.

In addition, if there is someone at FELC that you believe has the gift of caring for others please put their names on the yellow cards provided in the FELC Bulletin or share your nomination with Annick or Pastor Mike.



New Members



FELC was pleased to receive eight new families into membership during the worship service on Sunday, November 23rd. These families came to us in a variety of ways; most participated in Pastor Mike's six-week inquirer's/new member's course "Lutheranism 101." Others were transfers from other Lutheran congregations. All of them were able to join us for an evening New Member "meet and greet" soup supper where Pastor Mike's Bingo Name Game caused lots of interaction, discussion, and laughter. We want to thank our council members that provided a host of delicious soups and our ministry team members that provided so many fine breads and desserts. And finally a thank you to our resident volunteer photographer, David Sheldon, who took new members' and new council members' pictures. We'll be producing an updated Church Photo Directory this December. Please take time to welcome and get to know our newest members: **Bonnie & Clyde Douglas, Ramona Duniwoo (Tom McIntire), David & Debra Hustad (granddaughter, Emma), Trina Jacobson, Jane Kaestner, Sue Puetz, Rocky (Cynthia) Robello, Chris & Joyce White.**



A Wise Men's Christmas



We're so excited about this year's Christmas pageant "A Wise Men's Christmas" under the direction of our new full time Youth Minister, Heather Catanese! Sunday, November 23rd, we had a pageant kickoff event that showed the wonderful support of our parents and students. It's so great to have so "many hands making light work" of a big production full of music, acting, props, and costumes. Our script focuses on the birth of Christ according to the Gospel of Matthew, which focuses on the Holy Family and the wise men. Rehearsals will be during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, December 7th & Sunday, December 14th with a final dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 21st. Our pageant presentation will be during the worship service on Sunday December 21st. So come, all you faithful! Let's enjoy our children's retelling of the joy of the birth of our Lord and Savior.



Our Youth Group (Jr. High and High School) packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 9th . We were able to pack 14 boxes in total. This was a great opportunity for our youth to learn about gratitude and the spirit of giving.

Both our Early Elementary and Upper Elementary Sunday school classes also packed boxes and added letters to the children receiving them. They used money that was brought in by Penny Power in October.

On November 16, we held an Intergenerational Family Game night. The participation was awesome, and our group of 20, spread from elementary, to teens, to 20-somethings to 60-somethings, had a great time playing games and enjoying snacks. This has the potential to become a monthly event. Keep an eye out for our next one coming in the new year.



We are blessed to have a new Family Ministry Team.

Yay! God has blessed us with several people who are willing to serve the Youth and Families of FELC. We even have a Ministry Team Chair, Amelia McDaniel. The family ministry team is Barb Brooks, Chris Brooks (Secretary), Heather Catanese (Youth Minister), Jamie Cody, Cara Dahlberg, Steve Hickman, and James Lee.

Youth cont.

Upcoming Youth Events in December:

PPPPP - Pizza Pageant Prop Prep Party December 7th at 4:30 pm

The family ministry team would like to invite you to join them in getting props ready for their pageant. This will be Sunday, December 7th at 4pm. Please join if you are able and pizza will be served!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal December 14th during the Sunday School hour

Christmas Pageant DRESS Rehearsal December 21st during the Sunday School hour

Christmas Pageant Performance during Worship - December 21st

Light The World Giving Machine

Our Family ministry team and our youth will be volunteering on December 20th from 12 - 2pm. If you are able, please come and support them! The Round About Brass ensemble will be supplying the Christmas music!



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY!!

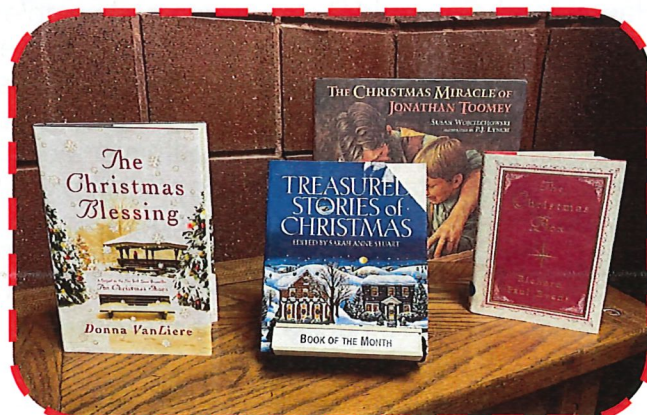
Please come and view the many Christmas books displayed for your enjoyment and blessing.

There are short heartwarming stories of goodness, angels, and Christmas joy along with poems, games, songs, recipes and inspirational books.

Come and check any of these books out and share with your family and friends.

Just sign the check out sheet in the Return Box.

Many Blessings to my Church Family this Christmas,
your Library Mouse



Announcements

Lefse-Making Day at FELC

We are meeting to make lefse together on Saturday, December 6. I will be there at 9 am and will stay until we are done, probably till early or mid-afternoon. We will meet in the kitchen.

"What is lefse?" you ask. The best description I have come up with is that it is a Norwegian tortilla, made out of mashed potatoes mixed with flour. Most eat it with butter or butter, cinnamon, and sugar. My mother, a half Norwegian die-hard would roll it up with anything handy, ham and cheese, maybe, or lutefisk.



"What is lutefisk?" you ask. Please don't. Pastor Larry calls it ***The Cod That Passes All Understanding.***

If you are already a lefse aficionado, please bring your prepared potatoes and any gear you have - grill, roller, stick, rolling surface, towels, plastic bags. For you lefse neophytes, are you intrigued yet?

If you would like to learn how to make lefse, you are welcome to drop by and observe or learn. But, if you want to take any home with you, you need to bring your own prepared potatoes and help make them. For a recipe to use or just general information, contact me.

Marda Kirkwood @ marda@silverstar.com



After the **Blessing of the Quilts** on September 28th, many quilts have been distributed in the community. The Happy Stitchers sent 121 lap quilts to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for patients needing comfort, 50 lap quilts to The Village for children in foster care, 10 full-sized quilts to a group home for foster children, 13 quilts to Christa Trinchera for the chaplains, and 5 lap quilts to the Doulos Hope Ship. "We are wrapping the world in God's love, one quilt at a time!"

QUILTS FOR OUR UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Happy Stitchers would like to design and complete a queen-size quilt for any eligible graduating high school senior. To be eligible, you must be graduating from high school in 2026, and you, your parent, guardian or grandparents must be a voting member of FELC. If you are interested, please submit your name to the office administrator during November or December 2025. A letter from the Happy Stitchers will be mailed to you on January 1, 2026 asking for information regarding your favorite colors and Bible verse. Please return this letter by February 1, 2026. The Happy Stitchers cannot accept a request after February 1, 2026 due to time required to make a quilt. The quilts will be presented during worship service the first Sunday of May 2026.





Have you seen the decorated tree
in the Fellowship Hall
outside the Happy Stitchers room?
Cindy Robello and Rocky, her husband,
specially decorate the tree for each
holiday and season.
Here are pictures of the
Halloween and Thanksgiving
decorations.
We can't wait to see the
Christmas decorations!

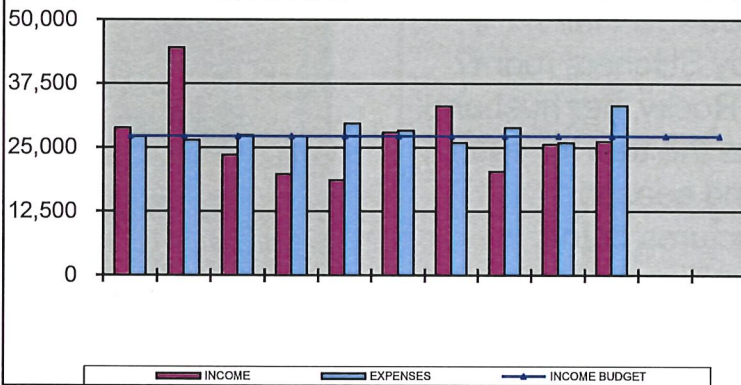


Worship Assistant Schedule

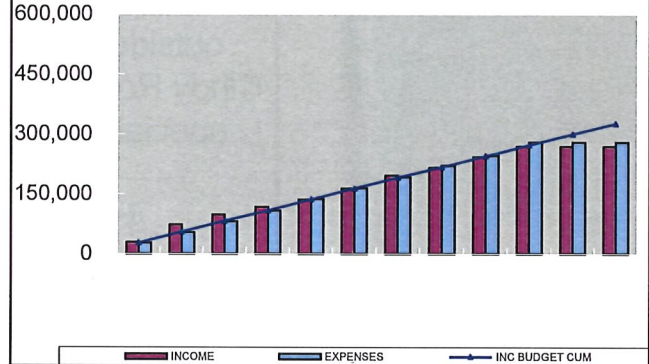
Date	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS # = Gluten-free server	LITURGISTS/ READERS	GREETERS	USHERS # = Coordinator	COUNTERS	STREAMING	ALTAR GUILD
3-Dec	Mid - Week Service			Paul Bayless			
7-Dec	Cathy Abreu#, Elaine Bengston, DiAnn Brown, Debra Hogg, Diane Sheldon	Liturgist: Sheryl Schaffer	Mary Hanek Geri Magnuson	Jim Sahr# Lisa Swenson Paul Worth	Lisa Swenson Janice McBride	Dianne Bush	Diana Murphy Cathi Bean
10-Dec	Mid - Week Service			Greg Stultz			
14-Dec (10:15)	Linda Lerum#, Kim Bermensolo, Carole Mason, Cheryl Swenson, Bev Thomas	Liturgist: Steve Galbraith	Diana Murphy Lewis Murphy	Dave Sheldon# Phil Forbord Paul Worth	Phil & Tessa Forbord	Paul Lerum	Jan Galbraith Ginny Conricode
14-Dec (4:30)	Christmas Celebration		Jan Galbraith Sheryl Schaffer	Ryan Dixon# Gary Holst Cal Miller			
17-Dec	Mid - Week Service			Paul Bayless			
21-Dec	Diane Sheldon#, Shawn Cleverly, Debra Holst, Diana Murphy, Beth Nicholas		Michelle Cleverly Mary Pilkington	Richard Magnuson# Geri Magnuson Tom Pilkington	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Paul Bayless	Marda Kirkwood Diane Sheldon
24-Dec (5:00)	Cathy Abreu#, Paul Bayless, Kim Bermensolo, Ginny Conricode, Linda Lerum, Bev Thomas	Reader: Paul Bayless	Mary Hanek Beth Nicholas	Jim Sahr# Scott Berger Phil Forbord			Cathi Bean
24-Dec (7:30)	Natalie Meyer#, DiAnn Brown, Debra Hogg, Debra Holst, Carole Mason, Cheryl Swenson	Reader: Marda Kirkwood	Jan Galbraith Geri Magnuson	Gary Holst# Gary Holst Greg Stultz		Paul Bayless	Cathi Bean
28-Dec	Cathy Abreu#, Cathi Bean, Elaine Bengston, DiAnn Brown, Debra Hogg	Liturgist: Deb Nowatzki	Anne Mitchell Sheryl Schaffer	Ryan Dixon# Scott Berger Greg Stultz	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Paul Lerum	Jan Galbraith Cathi Bean

Finance

General Fund Monthly Summary - 2025



General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2025



Current Month:	October	
Current Month Income		26,178.00
Current Month Expenses		33,148.37
	Difference	(6,970.37)

Budget Comparison 2025:		
Year to Date Actual Income		268,523.94
Year to Date Budget Income		272,500.00
	Difference	(3,976.06)

Year to Date Income		268,523.94
*Year to Date Expenses		278,956.41
	Difference	(10,432.47)

Year to Date Actual Expenses		278,956.41
Year to Date Budget Expenses		309,640.76
	Difference	(30,684.35)

HOW CAN WE 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 office@firstlc.com. All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Congratulations to Skyler & Kaisa McNamara, whose baby, Teddy Gene, was born on November 12th. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, Greg & Kathy Katainen.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

Friends and family of Andrew & Martha Wentzel. Martha's mother, Patricia Hill passed away November 18th.
Friends and family of Dean & Carla Benson. Dean's brother passed away November 21st.


PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:

Cathy Abreu; Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Ray Bauer; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Andrew Bessette; Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Tracy Coburn; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Josephine Fife (Julie Reinwald's mother); Sharon Gilbert; Scottie Grace; Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammon; Bill Hayes; Jack Heier; Mark Holland (Cara Dahlberg's father); Beverly Hudman (Larry Hudman's mother); Larry Hudman; Ann Hurley; Jeff Hustad; Mackenzie & Zane Igor; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law); Mary Krippner; Steven Krippner; Andy Kruckeberg; Bud Langerak; Bill Lockman; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Rochelle Mason; Adara McClure (Jeannie Campbell's daughter); Tim Metcalf; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Don Newman (Richard Magnuson's cousin); Heidi Peoples; Carol Miller Pisher (Cal Miller's daughter); Priscilla Rainey; Bob Scarr; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Marie Warwick; Daniel & Sarah Young.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Craig Bukowski; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Eric Gratzke; Alton Helm; Jack Hogan; TJ Litteer; Garrett Marchington; Andrew Mitchell; Mike Monroe; Mike Stultz; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend.

Calendar

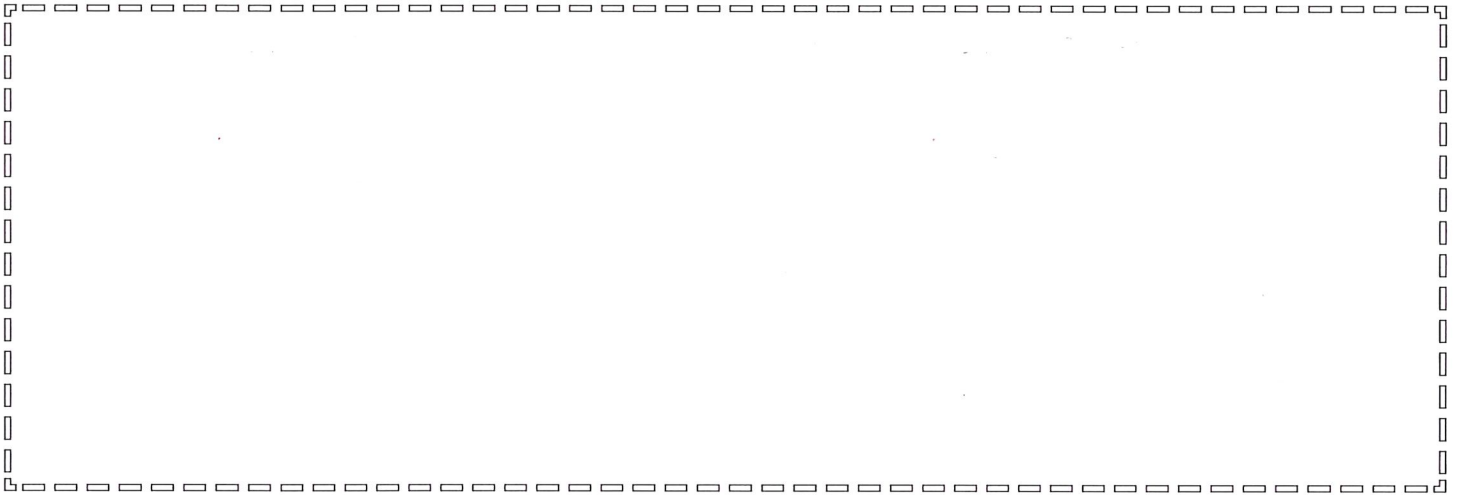
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:30am King's Men Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00pm Round About Brass Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting/Library</p> <p>1:00pm PEO Meeting/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am –Happy Stitches & Happy Stitcher's Christmas Party</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #930</p> <p>6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Midweek Advent</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>5:00pm Praise Band</p> <p>6:30 pm Advent Soup & Bread</p> <p>7:15 pm Advent Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>10:00am Kaffeeklatsch</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>7:00pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 Friends in Stitches Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum/Classroom #2</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:30am King's Men Rehearsal</p> <p>12:00pm Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Shofar Meeting</p> <p>4:00pm Round About Brass Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting/Library</p> <p>7:00pm Worship & Music Team Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Happy Stitches</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>12:00pm Care & Concern Meeting</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #930</p> <p>6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Midweek Advent</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>5:00pm Praise Band</p> <p>6:30 pm Advent Soup & Bread</p> <p>7:15 pm Advent Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>10:00am Kaffeeklatsch</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>3:00pm Finance Team Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 Friends in Stitches Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am – PEO Christmas Party</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum/Classroom #2</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:30am King's Men Rehearsal</p> <p>12:00pm Executive Council meeting/Lounge</p> <p>4:30pm Christmas Celebration</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting/Library</p> <p>7:00pm Council Meeting/Classroom #2</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>12:00pm Happy Stitches' Bible Study</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #930</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Midweek Advent</p> <p>9:00am Preschool</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool</p> <p>5:00pm Praise Band</p> <p>6:30 pm Advent Soup & Bread</p> <p>7:15 pm Advent Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00am –4:00pm Preschool Christmas Program</p> <p>10:00am Kaffeeklatsch</p> <p>7:00pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 Friends in Stitches Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum/Classroom #2</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:00am Christmas Pageant DRESS Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15am Christmas Pageant</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:00pm Round About Brass Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting/Library</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>5:00 pm Family-friendly Christmas Eve Worship Service</p> <p>7:30 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day/Office Closed</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 Friends in Stitches Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Men's Breakfast/Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Adult Forum/Classroom #2</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:00pm Round About Brass Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting/Library</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Adult Forum

**10:15 am In-Church Worship &
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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Festival
	Dec. 7	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12	Second Sunday of Advent
	Dec. 14	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11	Third Sunday of Advent
	Dec. 21	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-17, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	Dec. 28	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23	First Sunday of Christmas