



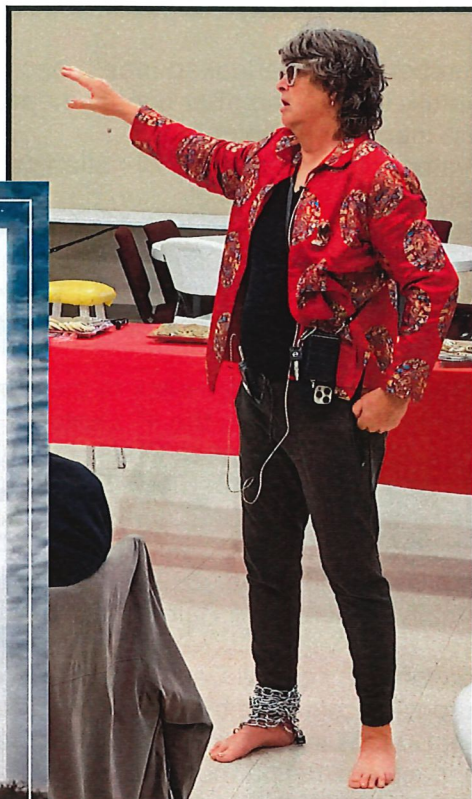
Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho



**"He said unto
them, Go ye into
all the world,
preach the
gospel to every
creature"**

— Mark 16:15



On Sunday, October 11th we had the privilege of hosting Mim Nellermoe of China Service Ventures. Mim brought us up-to-date as to how our support along with many others of China Service Ventures help minister to the people of China as well as the "Chinese" diaspora. (Over several decades an estimated 47 million Chinese have been displaced from China.) She made lively presentations to our adult forum before service and our youth group following service. She also shared the gospel message during worship by providing our children's message followed by a message to our adults. Mim thanked our congregation for our support with gifts of devotionals, and rice paper calligraphed Bible verses. In January, we plan to continue our support for this global ministry by providing "Ch, Ch, Ch, change for Ch, Ch, Ch, children in Ch, Ch, Ch China."

**Ch, Ch, Ch, check out the display at the
Welcome Window!**



Pastor's Message



**NOVEMBER- a
BIGGER month on the church calendar
than Christmas?!**

For most of the country, November is an overlooked month because so many are simply gearing up for Christmas. Yet I think as Christians in the USA, November should theoretically be a BIGGER deal than the month of Christmas... errrr I mean the month of December.

For American Lutherans, November begins with the Christian observance of All Saints, then moves toward the civil observance of Veteran's Day (and often election day), back to the Christian observance of Christ the King Sunday and finishes off with our country's observance of Thanksgiving.

November 1st, the Church celebrates All Saints Day, a festival rich in both history and hope. It is a day when we remember those who have gone before us in faith, giving thanks to God for their witness and rejoicing that they now rest from their labors in the presence of Christ. This year, since November 1st falls on a Saturday we'll celebrate it on Sunday, November 2nd.

The celebration of All Saints traces its beginnings back to the early centuries of the Christian Church. Before the time of Emperor Constantine's conversion in the 4th century - when Christianity was still illegal - countless believers were martyred for refusing to renounce Christ. 1st and 2nd century congregations would often gather on the anniversary of a martyr's death to remember their courage and steadfast faith. As persecutions grew and the number of martyrs became too great to honor individually, the Church set aside a particular day of the year to remember "all the saints"—both known and unknown—who had faithfully confessed Christ, often at great cost. After Constantine's conversion, this observance spread throughout the Christian world; eventually, in 731, Pope Gregory formally declared "All Saints Day" as November 1st to be a "holy day of obligation."

There is also a historic connection that ties "All Saints Day" to "Reformation Day." You might have noticed since my arrival, each year I purposely celebrate the closest Sunday in October to Oct. 31st as "Reformation Sunday" and the closest Sunday in November to November 1st as "All Saints Sunday." Why both with these celebrations? Because in my estimation they get at the heart of the gospel. Reformation Sunday celebrates "we are saved by grace through faith!" All Saints Sunday celebrates the heavenly reward those who put their faith in Christ receive.

The Apostle Paul points out in Romans chapter 15 that the hope of the resurrection is the key to the Christian faith. If our Christianity is just about a new moral code, a nice idea, we are most to be pitied. ²⁰ *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.* ²¹ *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.* ²² *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (Romans 15:19-22)*

On October 31, 1517 (All Saints Eve), Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Why that day? The next morning, crowds would gather to honor All Saints and to view the church's vast collection of relics, which were believed to reduce time in purgatory. Luther's theses directly challenged these very practices and called the Church back to the truth of Scripture—that forgiveness is not bought or earned but freely given through faith in Christ alone. In this way, Reformation Day and All Saints Day are inseparably linked: both proclaim the triumph of Christ's grace over human striving, and both remind us that our hope is not in our works, but in Christ's victory.

All Saints Day continues to be important for the faithful today. It reminds us that we are part of something far greater than ourselves - the communion of saints, the great company of believers in every time and place who live and die trusting in Christ. It is a reminder that all around the globe Christians continue to be martyred for their faith, especially today in Nigeria, confident in the grace of Christ and His resurrection. On this day, we remember loved ones who have died in the faith, giving thanks that they now rest in the Lord. Yet it is not only a day of remembrance - it is a day of resurrection hope.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we confess that we are united with "angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven." We are joined to that great multitude that no one can number, clothed in white robes, singing, "Salvation belongs to our God!" (Revelation 7:10) In the end, All Saints Day is not about what the saints have done - it's about what God has done for the saints in Jesus Christ. It is a day to remember that we, too, are made holy by His grace, called to live as His redeemed people until we join that eternal celebration in His presence.

Pastor's Message

On the heels of this sacred celebration comes our country's secular celebration of Veterans Day on November 11th. Originally picked because it was the day WWI came to an end, it is a day to remember, celebrate, and thank those who put aside their civilian life in order to serve and protect our nation and our freedoms. Each generation of citizens is indebted to those young men and women who have been and are now willing to don the uniform, submit their will to the training, requirements, and sacrifices of "standing on the wall of freedom" against tyranny so a "country of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish."

From the civil celebration of Veterans Day, Lutherans move on toward the end of the church year and its final Sunday where we declare Christ is King! Most Christians don't realize that our Christian calendar doesn't align with western society's calendar year. The Christian calendar doesn't begin with January 1st, instead it begins with the Sunday four weeks prior to Christmas Day. Therefore, the Sunday before that is the close of the previous year.

Interestingly enough, Christ the King Sunday's roots aren't nearly as ancient as All Saints. Christ the King Sunday came about in 1920's as Pope Pius was trying to establish a day to refute the totalitarian secular claims on Christians arising in communist Russia, fascist Italy, and Nazi Germany. It was day to celebrate *"the goal of human history, the focal point of the desires of history and civilization, the center of humankind, the joy of all hearts, and the fulfillment of all aspirations"*¹ is found in Christ not in a philosophy, political party, or government. Given our country's current divisive culture, I think declaring "Christ is King" is something we Christians do well to remind ourselves and fellow Christians as to what is ultimate in life.

And finally, as we head toward the close of this BIG month of November, we pause to say thanks. Just as we do our faith a disservice when we forget the sacrifice and example of the saints who went before us, it's important to give thanks. Just as we do our country a disservice when we forget the sacrifice and example our soldiers have made for us, it's important to give thanks. So too, we do ourselves, and our God a disservice, when we forget or refuse to be grateful for the many blessings we enjoy.

Many medical journals have published the positive health aspects of a grateful disposition. Many psychology studies have pointed out the relational benefits of expressing thanks and giving compliments. Yet, our human nature is so prone to grumpiness, unsatisfied greed, and self-pity that thankfulness is more an act of rebellion than we realize. For most of us thankfulness doesn't come naturally even though we, Americans, are indeed blessed. Fortunately, for Christians our ability to be thankful isn't based solely on our national or material wealth but on our treasure in heaven "where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." This message of a home in heaven to be thankful for brings us back to the beginning of the month and All Saints Day.

November, it's a BIG beautiful month with its message of "thankfulness" that "Christ is King" and his sacrifice has won for the faithful a home in heaven. Don't let the craziness of Christmas being around the corner keep you from fully enjoying this month and all its meaningful celebrations.

Blessed All Saints Day! Happy Thanksgiving! Thank a Vet! And remember Christ is King!

Pastor Mike

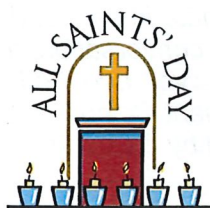
1. "The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World," ch. iv, §45, in *The Documents of Vatican II*, ed. Walter M. Abbott, S.J. (New York: Herder and Herder, 1966), 247.



November 1st



November 11th



November 2nd



November 23rd



November 4th



November 27th

Missions

There are still boxes available for Operation Christmas Child! You may pick up boxes, directions, information and labels in the church narthex. These Christmas boxes contain presents for young children, so please take the time to fill the box and return it to the Church by **November 23rd**. These boxes through Operation Christmas Child bring the message of Jesus' love to children all around the world.

Penny Power



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Sunday School kids were asked what animals they wanted to provide for families through Lutheran World Relief. They chose hens and chicks and piglets. Thank you kids for making a difference in the lives of believers who live far away!



This November, Penny Power will be putting up an Angel Tree to benefit the Community Food Basket. Each ornament will list items that the food basket is in need of. The tree will be set up in the narthex and food will be collected through December 21st. Please take this chance to help out the Community Food Basket in keeping their shelves stocked this winter!



HABITAT IS MORE THAN HOUSING

Families who partner with Habitat for Humanity receive much more than a new home. Owning a Habitat home creates a safe place where parents and children thrive. I would like to tell you about two families in Idaho Falls who are beautiful examples of the positive outcomes homeownership can provide.

More than twenty years ago, a single mom and her four children moved into a Habitat home. This mom worked multiple jobs so her children could participate in sports, dance classes, and whatever other activities they showed interest in. During a recent conversation, the mom told Habitat that one of her daughters is a physician, another daughter is a lawyer, and the third daughter is a social services provider. Her only son is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. This hard-working mom is still helping to pay it forward by cleaning our Habitat offices weekly!

The second family I would like to tell you about has been in Habitat housing for only a little over two years. When we met this young mother, she was living in a rundown one-bedroom apartment with exposed wiring in a closet, mold and mildew in the bathroom, cockroaches in the kitchen, and tripping hazards at the backdoor. At the Habitat home dedication her father thanked Habitat for helping her move forward in her life and move forward she did. She now has a wonderful husband and is the proud mother of twins. All members of this family are thriving.

It is undeniable that access to affordable, safe Habitat housing creates stability and strength and lasts throughout generations. Habitat doesn't simply feed families. Habitat teaches families how to fish. If you have questions about local projects, please contact **David Sheldon** at 651-587-9931.



Youth

Happenings with the Youth and Family Ministry

Thursday, November 6th - Christian Education Team Meeting will be held at 9:00 am here at the church.

Friday, November 7th - The NEW Family Ministry Team will be holding their first meeting at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, November 9th - Youth Group (junior and senior high school) will be participating in a service project event. We will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This will take place during the normal Sunday School/Confirmation hour at 9:00 am.

Sunday, November 16th - Family Game Night 5:30pm - 7:00 pm. This is an inter-generational all-congregation event. Join us for a fun time playing games. Bring your favorite snacks and games!



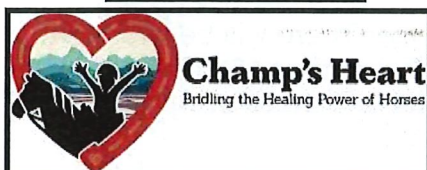
Sunday, November 23rd - Christmas Pageant Kickoff Event! This is for all those want to participate in our upcoming Christmas performance of "The Three King's Christmas." All students as well as any parent volunteers and/or members are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing the script, cast, music, costumes and props!



Left: Youth group presentation to Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen on Sunday, October 26th. The check was for \$2,443.69 which was 1/2 of the proceeds raised by their summer fireworks sale.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAMP'S HEART

Apparently our congregation is not the only folks in love with the ministry Champ's Heart does week in week out with youth, special needs, and veterans. Recently they were voted the Best Nonprofit Organization in the 2025 Best of Greater Idaho Falls magazine. Well done, good and faithful servants... **and horses!**



Worship & Music

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



All Saints Day is Saturday, November 1st and we will be celebrating that occasion on Sunday, November 2nd. During the worship service portion of the “Prayers of the People” we will be lifting up in prayer the names of faithful loved ones that were called to the saints in light this past year. Family members are invited to light a candle in their memory when their loved one’s name is read aloud during the service.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD



Christ the King Sunday marks the final Sunday of the Church Year. The Church year began with the promise of Christ’s coming and now concludes with the joyful proclamation that **Christ reigns over all creation**. We’ll lift our voices in praise to Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who reigns in glory and grace. Together we’ll look forward to the coming Advent season, when we again await our King’s return in glory. *“The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.” – Psalm 9:7*

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 wreath**. 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 first midweek Advent soup & service will be **Wednesday, December 3rd with 6:30 pm Soup & Bread followed by a 7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer service**. There will be two more midweek Advent soup and service nights after that, on **Wednesday, December 10th** and **Wednesday, December 17th**. **The Advent Worship service offerings will go to support the Idaho Falls Community Food basket.**

Worship & Music

FELC'S MUSIC GROUPS PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

After 40 years of presenting Christmas Cantatas for the community our Music Director, **Michelle Hanson** has decided to go in a simpler direction and present a Christmas Concert. The uplifting Christmas music will still be front and center and it will again feature all four of our music groups: The Grace Note adult choir, the For His Glory Ringers, the King's Men, and the FELC Praise Band. However, the program will not be as lengthy nor have as much narration like a traditional cantata would have.

Our Christmas Concert will be here in FELC's sanctuary on Sunday, December 14th at 4:30 pm. We hope this can continue to be a time-honored church and community event that honors our newborn king, Jesus Christ. The offering will go to support the Idaho Falls Community Food Basket.

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! Nevertheless, we'll need many hands to make light work of not only putting up this new tree but also decorating the church for the holidays.

WATCH YOUR BULLETIN FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME & DATE for decorating the church .



Care & Concern

STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Last year, one of our members was going through a very difficult time. They told me, "I don't know how I would have made it without my Stephen Minister." That's the power of one person listening, caring, and praying with another. We're preparing to train a new class of Stephen Ministers, and we're looking for people who want to be part of this ministry of presence. No special degree is needed—just a heart to care and a willingness to learn. If you'd like to find out more, please contact our Stephen Ministry Leaders, **Annick Dixon** or **Pr. Mike***

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

Cathy Abreu; Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Andrew Besette; Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Tracy Coburn; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Scottie Grace; Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammon; Jack Heier; Patricia Hill (Martha Wentzel's mother); 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; Bill Lockman; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure (Jeannie Campbell's daughter); Kristy Merrill; Tim Metcalf; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Josh Neis; Don Newman (Richard Magnuson's cousin); JP Pannebaker; Heidi Peoples; 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.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, November 9th following worship. We will be voting on new officers, council members, ministry team chairs, a proposed change to the bylaws, and the 2026 budget. **Please join us! Food will be provided by A Street Soup Kitchen. Please bring your favorite dessert to share!**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Voting members are those confirmed members who have both:

- Communed in this congregation a minimum of 9 times during the 12 months prior to the congregational meeting (as recorded on the friendship pads), and
- Made a contribution of record to this congregation during the 12 months prior to the congregational meeting. Members under the age of 18 may use their parents' contribution to fulfill this requirement.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Council is proposing the following change in Article 3.2 of the bylaws; the added words are shown in *italics*. "Periodically (not to exceed 5 years) ensure an independent audit *or review* of the financial transactions of this congregation is conducted to ensure ethical fiscal responsibilities are being upheld." The reasons for this change are three-fold. First, very few accounting firms are willing to do audits because of the potential liability involved. Second, the estimated cost for such an audit is on the order of \$25,000, which is not consistent with our budget. A review would be on the order of \$2,000, and would still be done by an outside (of the church) accountant. Third, the revised wording will give the Finance ministry team greater flexibility each year to meet the needs of the congregation as it relates to our financial transactions. This proposed change will be brought to the congregation to be voted on at the annual meeting on November 9. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed before the meeting, please contact a member of the Finance ministry team.

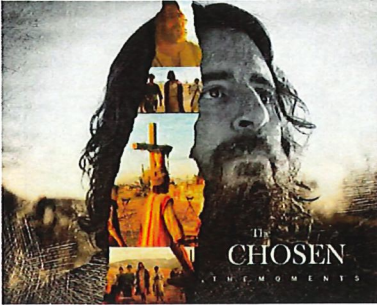


FELC MEN'S GROUP UPDATE

Nearly a dozen men gathered on Saturday, October 25th for a hearty breakfast provided by **Jimmy Lee** and **Dave McDaniel**. The meal also included a meaty a discussion of Martin Luther's "95 Theses" and the continued need to emphasize that we are saved by Christ's grace not our works. **Dave McDaniel** ran an unsuccessful campaign to not be elected and, despite being present, was unanimously selected as our 2026 Men's President. It was reported that the Men's Thursday, 10am Kaffeeklatsch continues to go strong with as many as 20 men in attendance. The 9am Bible Study that precedes the

Kaffeeklatsch (started this past spring) has also been well received with as many as 16 in attendance. Thanks to **Brad Kirkwood** for leading the Bible study. Going forward the group would like to find some service projects appropriate for the majority of the active men in our group who are retired. Discussed were such projects as delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army "Red Kettle Christmas Campaign," and Habitat for Humanity. Also discussed was supporting activities that would provide the non-retirement men of the congregation a chance to participate in a Christian Men's fellowship such as the FELC softball team, or a fly fishing retreat. Individuals volunteered to follow up on service projects by contacting the various groups and will report back to the Kaffeeklatsch in the near future. Due to scheduling conflicts in November and December there will be no Saturday Men's breakfast until January.

Announcements



The Chosen Discussion Group Continues:

The popular Christian livestream/movie series "The Chosen," which tries to respectfully depict the life of Jesus and his disciples, has now entered its fifth season. We invite folks to our discussion group where we "watch and talk" episode by episode. It meets on Wednesday nights in the library (note: no longer in the youth room) from 6:30 - 8pm with **Pr. Mike** facilitating discussion. If you want to "pre-watch", November 5th's episode 6: "*Because of Me*," November 12th's episode 7 "*The Upper Room: Part I*" and November 19th's episode 8: "*The Upper Room: Part II*." We have comfy chairs, tasty snacks, good discussion, and you don't have to watch the first few seasons to get something out of it. Folks have reported being inspired and intrigued by just watching a random single episode!

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM STUDY

Starting in November our Adult Forum, led by **Brad & Marda Kirkwood**, will be mirroring the study of Genesis our youth are covering in Sunday School. We hope this will encourage intergenerational conversations between youth, parents, and grandparents. Since the library will be used by our new member class, the adult forum will meet in the classroom at the end of the education wing, classroom #2. Sunday, November 2 will be "God tests Abraham & Isaac." Sunday, November 9 "Jacob & Essau" Sunday, November 16 "Jacob and his wives: Rachel and Leah," Sunday, November 23 "Jacob wrestles with God."

FELC NEW MEMBER CLASS EVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD



New Members Are Joining

We're pleased to report Pastor Mike currently has six families in the new member class. We hope to officially receive these families on Sunday, November 23rd during the worship service and have a fellowship dinner in their honor that evening from 5 to 7pm. Council members are asked to bring a soup to share, Ministry Team Chairs (and team members if attending) are asked to bring bread or dessert. We hope to have an enjoyable evening helping our new families get to know us ...and us them. Pastor Mike will once again have one of his 'Stupid Name Games' for the ice breaker. :-)

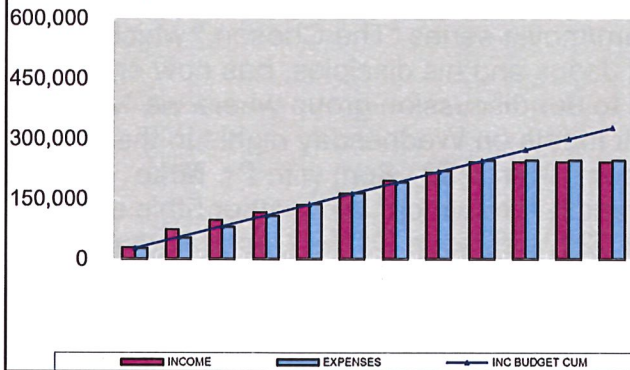
Ministry Teams don't forget your "Swag Bag" items!

QUILTS FOR OUR UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

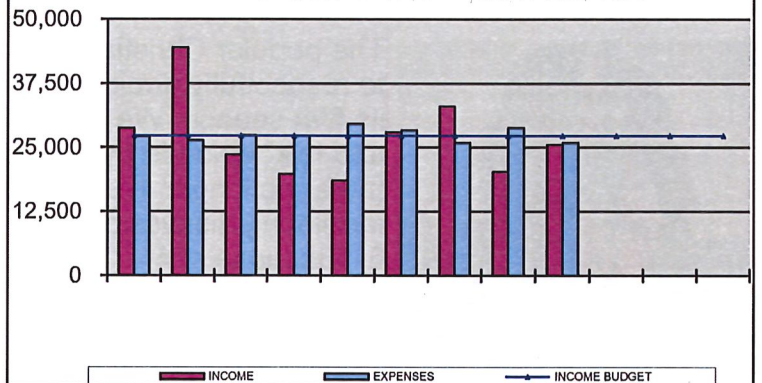
The Happy Stitchers would like to design and complete a queen-size quilt for any eligible graduating high school senior. To be eligible, you must be graduating from high school in 2026, and you, your parent, guardian or grandparents must be a voting member of FELC. If you are interested, please submit 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.



General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2025



General Fund Monthly Summary - 2025



Year to Date Income		241,538.68
*Year to Date Expenses		246,977.49
	Difference	(5,438.81)

Year to Date Actual Expenses		246,977.49
Year to Date Budget Expenses		278,676.68
	Difference	(31,699.19)

Current Month:	September	
Current Month Income		25,562.00
Current Month Expenses		25,899.41
	Difference	(337.41)

Budget Comparison 2025:		
Year to Date Actual Income		241,538.68
Year to Date Budget Income		245,250.00
	Difference	(3,711.32)

Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS # = Gluten-free server	LITURGISTS/ READERS	GREETERS	USHERS # = Coordinator	COUNTERS	STREAMING	ALTAR GUILD
2-Nov	Linda Lerum#, Kim Bermensolo, Carole Mason, Cheryl Swenson, Bev Thomas	Liturgist: Sheryl Schaffer	Geri Magnuson Beth Nicholas	Jim Sahr# Lisa Swenson, Cal Miller	Lisa Swenson Paul Bayless	Dianne Bush	Cathi Bean Diana Murphy
9-Nov	Natalie Meyer#, Shawn Cleverly, Debra Holst, Diana Murphy, Beth Nicholas	Liturgist: Steve Galbraith	Michelle Cleverly Jan Galbraith	Dave Sheldon# Phil Forbord, Paul Worth	Phil & Tessa Forbord	Paul Lerum	Cathi Bean Marda Kirkwood
16- Nov	Cathy Abreu#, Elaine Bengston, Ginny Conricode, DiAnn Brown, Cheryl Swenson	Reader: Marda Kirkwood	Mary Hanek Mary Pilkington	Richard Magnuson# Geri Magnuson, Tom Pilkington	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Paul Bayless	Diane Sheldon Jan Galbraith
23- Nov	Linda Lerum#, Kim Bermensolo, Debra Hogg, Carole Mason, Diane Sheldon, Bev Thomas	Reader: Debra Hogg	Beth Nicholas Sheryl Schaffer	Ryan Dixon# Scott Berger, Greg Stultz	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Paul Lerum	Marda Kirkwood Diana Murphy
30- Nov	Natalie Meyer#, DiAnn Brown, Shawn Cleverly, Debra Holst, Diana Murphy, Beth Nicholas	Reader: DiAnn Brown	Michelle Cleverly Anne Mitchell	Gary Holst# Phil Forbord, Paul Worth	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Paul Bayless	Marda Kirkwood Deb Nowatzki

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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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
	Nov. 2	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31	All Saints Sunday
	Nov. 9	Job 19:23-27a	Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38	22nd Day after Pentecost
	Nov. 16	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19	23rd Sunday after Pentecost
	Nov. 23	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the King Sunday
	Nov. 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44	First Sunday of Advent