



# Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho



## Reformation: Faith and Hope in Troubled Times

On Sunday, October 26, FELC will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. It's a day to remind ourselves that Christ's church has always been called to stand firm in the midst of turmoil. In Martin Luther's day, there was a rapidly changing culture and economy. There was also conflict in both the church and the world. While we celebrate it now, we need to remember the Reformation was not a season of comfort, but of upheaval. But we celebrate it nonetheless because the Reformation is a testament to how God used a time of rapid change, and intense cultural and political conflict, as a moment for spiritual renewal, grounding His people once again in the sure promises of His Word.

Today, we also live in a time of uncertainty. With the recent tragic political assassination of Charlie Kirk, we realize political divisions are sharper than ever. With the recent shootings at a Catholic school in Minneapolis, and the one-man assault on an LDS church in Michigan, we're heartbreakingly aware of faith being under attack not just in other parts of the world but in America's backyard. These events help us relate to our Christian brothers and sisters around the globe who regularly come under attack. These attacks, whether at home or abroad, are sometimes physical, sometimes through ridicule, sometimes through pressure to compromise the truth of God's Word.

In moments like these, it is easy to become discouraged, depressed, or fearful. But the Reformation reminds us of something essential: *we are justified by grace through faith in Christ alone*. Our hope is not anchored in human leaders or earthly stability, but in the steadfast love of God, revealed to us in Jesus. When Luther stood before emperor and council, he was not strong in himself but strong in faith - trusting that the Word of God cannot be chained.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "*We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 5:3-5). Faith and hope belong together. Faith clings to Christ in the present. Hope lifts our eyes to the future that God has promised.

This Reformation season, let us give thanks that the Church is *always being re-formed* by the Spirit through God's Word. Let us pray for those Christians who are suffering for the faith, near and far. And let us live as people of hope - witnesses to the world that no matter the turmoil, God's kingdom stands forever.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike

Sunday October 26th

WEAR RED FOR  
Reformation







# Penny Power



China Service Ventures  
中美服务促进会

**Mim Nellermoe** will be here on Sunday, October 12th and is going to share about her recent trip to China. She will be sharing during the Adult forum and in the worship service.

During **October**, we will begin preparing our boxes for Samaritan's Purse through **Operation Christmas Child** to distribute around the world. You may pick up boxes, directions, information and labels this month 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.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

The **September Penny Power** funds for **Lutheran World Relief** will be purchasing farm animals that will make a big difference in the lives of families in countries a long, long way from Idaho.





## Youth

### Youth Group Pizza and Pumpkin Painting Event!

**Sunday, October 12th from 12-3pm**

We will be eating pizza and everyone will paint a pumpkin they can take home. We encourage everyone to bring their friends!



### Confirmation Class!

Due to the sensitive topic of the 6th commandment there will be a special confirmation session on Sunday, October 19th at 12:00 pm so Pastor Mike can present the lesson. Lunch will be provided! This class will be in addition to the normal confirmation class during Sunday School time.

# Annual Trunk or Treat!

**This will be a community event and a great opportunity to show our grace and hospitality to the families of Idaho Falls and our neighboring communities! Below are the ways you can support our efforts to make this an amazing event!**

**October  
31st  
5-7pm**



**1. Donate candy** - We would love to have enough candy supplied so the people decorating cars don't have the burden of supplying candy as well. Our donation box will be set up in the narthex.

**2. Volunteer to decorate your vehicle** - This is a great opportunity to get creative! Make it a family or a service team event. The more cars we have, the better!

**3. Volunteer to help set up and help host the event** - This is an excellent choice for our older youth to help out (show off their costume?) and still be part of the festivities!

**4. Join in on the fun** - Bring your families and your neighbors! Invite your friends and co-workers!

We will be awarding the cars this year with Best Overall, Most Creative, Cutest and Most Biblical so let your imagination run wild!



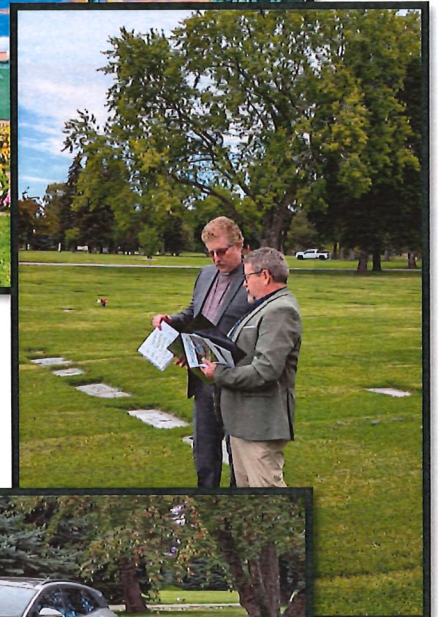
**We can't wait to see you there!**



## Rededication of Good Shepherd Mural



**Pastor Mike Knauff and Pastor Stephen Weems from FELC and St. John Lutheran Church** were part of the rededication of the Good Shepherd Mural at Fielding Memorial Cemetery on Sunday, September 28th. The rain stayed away and it was a beautiful day! The Round About Brass group featuring members from the congregation was there to add a musical touch to the day!





## Blessing of the Quilts



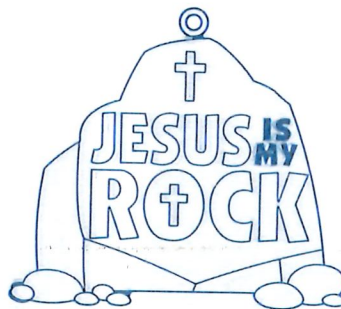
There were **257** quilts in the Sanctuary for the Blessing of the Quilts. In the past year, Happy Stitchers have shared **444** quilts...not counting the 257 that will be going out this week.





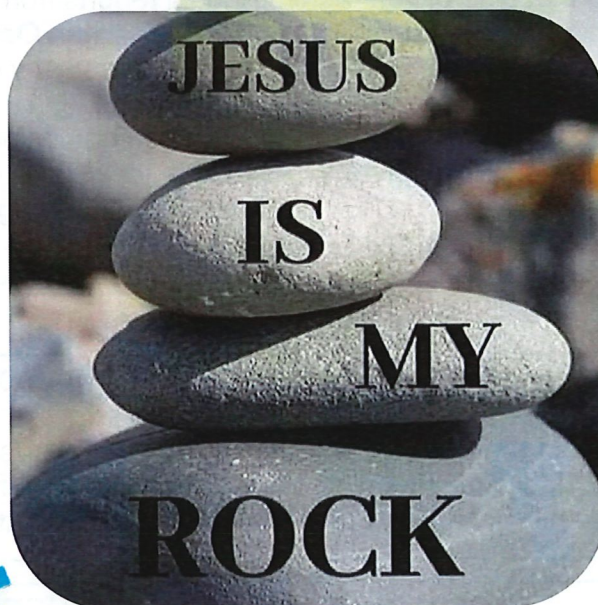
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## Announcements

**Celebration!** The Preschool playground revitalization is complete! Huge **THANK YOU** to the following people who helped make this happen. **Chris Schoonmaker, Steve Galbraith, Paul Bayless, Greg Stultz, Erick Carlson and Michelle Hanson.** The Preschool students are enjoying the new equipment. Thank you all for your patience over the summer while work was in progress.

Blessings,  
Barbara Carlson, Director



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### ANNUAL REPORTS & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again! Annual reports from ministry teams will be due to the office no later than **October 16th**. These reports are needed for our yearly congregational report and our upcoming congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 9th**. Please submit your reports to the office in person or send to [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com). Please plan to be in attendance at the congregational meeting, I hear there will be pizza!

**Our Men's Ministry President, Dave McDaniel's** term is expiring this fall and we're looking for new leadership to continue our **Men's Ministry**. Dave is asking for any and all men of FELC who're interested in this ministry to come to the **Saturday, October 25th 9am** Men's Breakfast at FELC. Be warned - our last group of leaders were elected in absentia; the only safe way to not be "volun-told" into an office is to be in attendance. :-)

That being said... It's good food, good company, a good cause, and God's good Word. Come join us!

### STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU!

The stewardship team would like to express our appreciation to the many members who have returned their personal stewardship plan cards; we've had an excellent response rate. Also thanks to the brave folks who shared their reasons for giving to FELC in Temple Talks this year: Lisa Swenson, Harlan Lerum, and Brad Kirkwood. Well done, good and faithful servants! :-)

### COMING SOON! OUR INQUIRER'S CLASS

Pastor Mike is scheduled to start our inquirer's class on **Sunday, October 12th** and it will be held for six weeks ending on November 16th. We will meet in the church library.

If you're interested in finding out more about what a "Lutheran Christian" is... this is your chance. You don't need to commit to joining to be part of the study and questions are highly encouraged.

However, if you are interested in becoming part of our FELC church family, this is your opportunity. The class is designed to cover at a glance some of the basic foundational parts of Christianity:

- ♦ What's so Amazing about Grace?
- ♦ What is the authority of ancient scripture in a modern day world?
- ♦ What's so important about Baptism and Communion?

As well as inform folks as to the history and inner workings of FELC.

Those considering membership need to attend at least four of the six classes. Contact Pastor Mike or the church office if you're interested in attending. Knowing how many are attending, and if there are nursery needs, helps the office staff a nursery, get the right size room to meet in, and have enough materials.

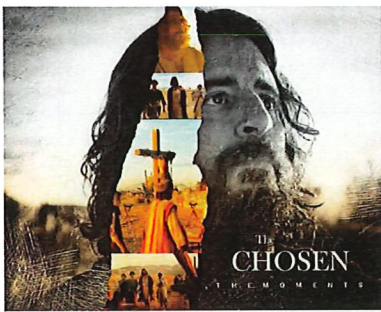




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### THE FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER WE OBSERVE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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. If you have a loved one who passed away this year that you'd like included in our remembrance, please fill out an All Saint's form (this will be a bulletin insert in the next few weeks). Family members are invited to light a candle in their memory when their loved one's name is read aloud.



#### 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 released its fifth season to live stream and DVD on Sunday, September 28th. That allows us to start up our "watch and talk" discussion group. It will be led by Pr. Mike, and will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Youth Room.

The Chosen Season 5, has eight episodes that are about 50 minutes in length. To view all 8 episodes, we'll start on Wednesday, October 1st and go through Wednesday, November 19th. The good news is 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!

#### 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](mailto:office@firstlc.com). All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

#### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

Friends and family of Paul and Carol Schuette. Carol's mother, Minna Liddell passed away on September 12th.

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

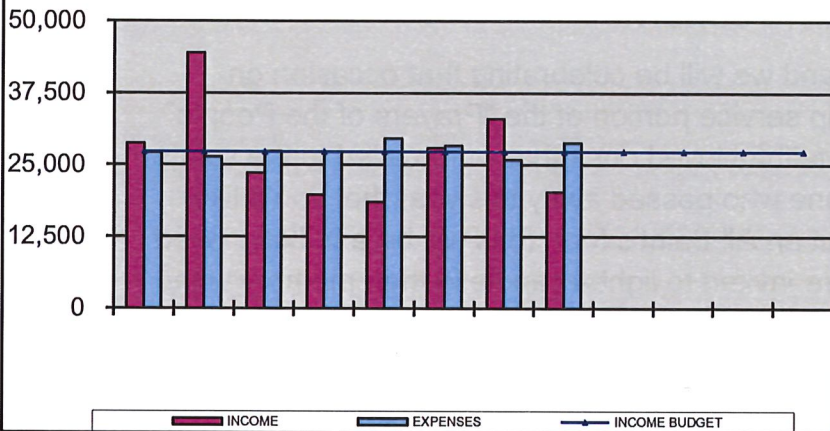
Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Jack Heier; Patricia Hill (Martha Wentzel's mother); Beverly Hudman (Larry Hudman's mother); Larry Hudman; Ann Hurley; Jeff Hustad; Mary Krippner; Steven Krippner; Andy Kruckeberg; Harlan Lerum; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Kristy Merrill; Tim Metcalf; Jay Meyer; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Heidi Neis; 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 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.



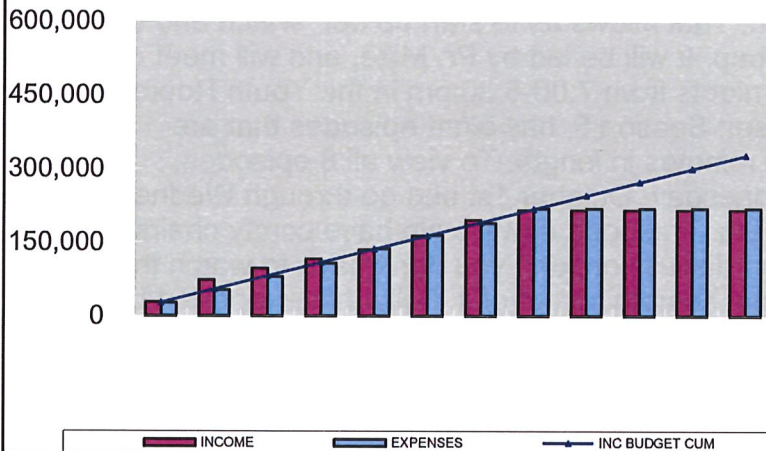
### General Fund Monthly Summary - 2025



Current Month:	August	
Current Month In- come		20,306.96
Current Month Ex- penses		28,840.34
	Difference	(8,533.38)

Year to Date Income		216,348.80
*Year to Date Expenses		219,076.98
	Difference	(2,728.18)

### General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2025



Budget Comparison 2025:		
Year to Date Actual Income		216,348.80
Year to Date Budget Income		218,000.00
	Difference	(1,651.20)




Year to Date Actual Expenses		219,076.98
Year to Date Budget Expenses		247,712.61
	Difference	(28,635.63)

## Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS # = Gluten-free server	LITURGISTS/ READERS	GREETERS	USHERS # = Coordinator	COUNTERS	STREAMING	ALTAR GUILD
5-Oct	No Communion	Liturgist: Sheryl Schaffer	Diana Murphy Lewis Murphy	Jim Sahr# Lisa Swenson Cal Miller	Lisa Swenson Janice McBride	Dianne Bush	Ginny Conricode Diane Sheldon
12-Oct	Linda Lerum#, Kim Bermen- solo, Carole Mason, Cheryl Swenson, Bev Thomas	Liturgist: Steve Galbraith	Jan Galbraith Mary Hanek	Dave Sheldon# Phil Forbord Paul Worth	Phil & Tessa Forbord	Paul Lerum	Ginny Conricode Diane Sheldon
19-Oct	Natalie Meyer#, Shawn Cleverly, Debra Holst, Diana Murphy, Beth Nicholas	Liturgist: Deb Nowatzki	Michelle Cleverly Mary Pilkington	Richard Magnuson# Geri Magnuson Tom Pilkington	Paul Bayless Lisa Swenson	Paul Bayless	Ginny Conricode Diane Sheldon
26-Oct	Cathy Abreu#, Cathi Bean, Elaine Bengston, DiAnn Brown, Debra Hogg, Deb Nowatzki	Reader: Brad Kirkwood	Anne Mitchell Sheryl Schaffer	Ryan Dixon# Scott Berger Greg Stultz	Greg & Kathy Katainen	Paul Bayless	Ginny Conricode Diane Sheldon



# Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Preschool 2:00pm Ladies Book Club - Library 5:00pm Praise Band 6:30 The Chosen	<b>2</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Preschool 10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 1:00pm Preschool 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:00am Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00am Choir Rehearsal No Adult Forum 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am King's Men Rehearsal 12:00pm Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Shofar Meeting 4:00pm Round About Brass Practice	<b>6</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting/Library 1:00pm PEO Meeting/Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> 9:00am Happy Stitches 9:00am Preschool 12:00pm Happy Stitches' Bible Study 1:00pm Preschool 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #930 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Preschool 2:00pm Ladies Book Club - Library 5:00pm Praise Band 5:00pm Finance Team Meeting 6:30 The Chosen	<b>9</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Preschool 10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 1:00pm Preschool	<b>10</b> 10:00am Friends in Stitches/ Fellowship Hall 	<b>11</b>
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### Office Hours

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

**Friday Closed**

Pastor	Mike Knauff
Music Director	Michelle Hanson
Youth & Family Minister	Heather Catanese
Church Administrator	Liisa Mills
Bookkeeper	Greg Stultz
Financial Secretary	Wendy Schoonmaker
Director of Christian Preschool	Barbara Carlson

**Bring items for the Crosswalk to the church office**

**OR**

**e-mail items to: [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com)**

### Sunday Worship Schedule

**9:00 am Adult Forum**

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



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Festival
	Oct.-5	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	17th Sunday after Pentecost
	Oct.-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19	18h Sunday after Pentecost
	Oct.-19	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8	19th Sunday after Pentecost
	Oct.- 26	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-	Luke 18:9-14	20th Sunday after Pentecost