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*to you is born this day,*

**LUKE 2:11**

in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hurry up and wait. Phrasing I learned in the Army. Maybe applicable to Advent as well. Prepare for the coming of Jesus, however, it may be a while before he returns. Hurry up and wait.

It seems the early church had an expectation that Jesus bodily return was imminent and yet we have yet to experience the Parousia (second coming). The Scriptures are clear that no one knows when Jesus will physically return to earth even though many have tried to predict the time and date, all have been wrong. I will not add to the list of failing predictions.

Hurry up and wait. Is appropriate for us because there is an urgency to Advent even if Jesus doesn't return this season. The hurry up portion is the need for all people to know "to you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) We decorate, we sing, we give gifts, we serve, we share the joy of Christmas with the hope that others will see and believe, that others will know the truth of Christmas and the birth of our Savior Jesus. All people need Jesus and they need him now so there is no time to waste.

We hurry up. We hurry for, now is the time to proclaim, to proclaim through celebration that Jesus has come, that in him there is life and life eternal. But, what about wait.

We wait. We wait with patient productivity. Each moment is opportunity to live in the grace of God and to share the good news of Jesus with others. We wait in hope. Our waiting increases our desire for the fullness of the kingdom so that we more and more seek to do the kingdom work in the world today; it deepens our gratitude for the kingdom at hand and the kingdom to come more able to see God's gracious and good will and guidance; and it strengthens us in a sure and certain hope if life everlasting.

Hurry up and wait. Be quick to share the good news, to witness through word and deed, be patient and know that God is always at work to bring about what is good and right, and be hopeful for the fulfillment of the kingdom is promised for us and all of God's children.

May urgency, peace, patience, hope, and the blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you throughout this Advent season and always.

Yours In Christ<>

Pastor Sean



*It's the holiday season again!*



# Upcoming at First English

*Ministry & Events*



to: any and all! Please  
join us in celebrating the  
holidays this season.

from: First English Church

*Join us on Sundays at  
9:30am & 11am for Advent Worship*

## November

17th - Giving Tree

Thanksgiving Food Drive  
items due

23rd - Christmas Crafternoon  
at 12:15pm

27th - Thanksgiving Worship  
at 7pm

## December

7th - Carol-A-Long:

3:45 Crafts

5:00 Spaghetti Dinner

6:15 Carols & Children's Pageant

7:00 Cookies with Santa

14th - 1 service Music Sunday at 10am,  
Congregational Meeting, & Cookie Walk

15th - Women's Advent Service at 7pm

24th - Christmas Eve Services:  
4:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm



*Happy Thanksgiving*

# Christmas Decorating



Thanks to the Boy Scouts Troop 1984, the **Christmas trees** are up and ready to be decorated! If you've "adopted" a tree, please stop by sometime before **December 5<sup>th</sup>** to decorate.

**Sanctuary decorating** will take place at 6:00 PM on Friday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Join in on some festive fun!

# Carol-a-Long

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

6:15 PM

CAROLS AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT



**4:00 PM**  
**CRAFTS FOR**  
**CHILDREN**

Choose from a variety to do as a family or on your own. Drop in anytime but we clean-up at 4:45.



**5:00 PM**  
**SPAGHETTI**  
**DINNER**

Pasta, meatballs, a variety of sauces, and salad will be served. Free-will donations are appreciated.



**7:00 PM**  
**COOKIES**  
**WITH SANTA**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus, our humble and glorious Savior, with the spirit of generosity himself!



## TIS' THE SEASON FOR GIVING

A BIG thank you to all who purchased food or donated funds for our Thanksgiving food drive. And, special thanks to our Social Action elves – Penny Damore, BJ Decker, Pat Milne, Diann Ohman, Shawn Vinson, and Cheryl Quinlan – who packed those bins in under 2 hours! Great workout, ladies! (You can all have an extra piece of pie on Thanksgiving!) Better still, our Giving Tree families will be able to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving with loved ones thanks to your generosity.

*-Board of Social Action*



## CALLING ALL FELC ELVES!



Our Giving Tree tags are on the bulletin board. Have you decided which child will have his/her best Christmas ever? What brought you the most joy at Christmas? Toys, games, clothes, sporting goods, stuffed animals? Needs/wants are indicated on each tag. We suggest something practical and something fun. Smiles are free and abundant for giver and receiver.

Gifts are due back at church by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, so our SA elves can sort and pack and check to make sure 86 Detroit area children will be shouting with delight on Christmas morning.

*Ready, set, open your heart and spread the joy!*

**-BOARD OF SOCIAL ACTION**

Christmas



SUNDAY

**December 14th**

**Attention all singers 16 and older!**

You are invited to join us in rehearsing for our Christmas Season Music Sunday. We will rehearse this music every Thursday at 7:30 in the choir room.

*one service sunday*

It's that time of year!

*Cookie Walk*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Will need homemade cookie donations, to be dropped off before the 10am service.

Same day as Christmas Music Sunday



# SENIOR LUTHER LEAGUE CHRISTMAS *Party*

**Ho ho ho! Join us for a festive Christmas party on  
Thursday, December 18, at 11:45 AM, right after Bible study.**

**We've got all the holiday fun lined up: a Christmas gift exchange game (bring a wrapped gift worth \$10-\$15), a tasty lunch (surprise menu) with a yummy holiday dessert, and Christmas trivia with fun prizes! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and get ready to celebrate!**

**Sign up on the bulletin board  
or stop by the lounge during coffee hour on Sundays to sign up.**

## *Rake & Pray* RECAP



**On Nov 16, we went door-to-door,  
offering to rake leaves and pray for  
each resident—no payment or  
donations accepted. Many thanks to  
the parents and youth who shared  
God's love with our neighbors!**

*You are invited to....*  
a Women's  
Advent Service:



*★* MONDAY EVENING, *★*  
DECEMBER 15 AT 7:00 PM

followed by light refreshments

In quiet and candlelight, come for an evening of word and song to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

JOIN OUR  
*needle work group!*



MEETS ON MONDAYS AT 11AM  
IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE.

JUST SHOW UP WITH YOUR NEEDLES AND YARN,  
OR WHATEVER PROJECT YOU'RE CURRENTLY  
WORKING ON! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



# Christmas Poinsettias Order Form



It's that joyful time of year again when we ask for the congregation's help in decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Services!

Poinsettias are **\$11.00 each** and may be placed in memory or in honor of a loved one. The flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services on Sunday, the 28th. Those remaining will be delivered to our homebound members.

Order forms should be placed in the "Poinsettia Flower Box" in the church office by Monday, December 22nd.

**Please make checks payable to: FELC-ALTAR GUILD**

Total # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11 each Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one & include names below: In memory / honor of

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be taking your flower(s) home on Sunday, the 28th or leaving them to be donated to a homebound member?

Taking home \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

# BE A SPONSOR BRING HOPE

## When you sponsor a Workcamp project, you will

- ✓ provide building materials for a neighbor in need
- ✓ support the work crews, who donate their time and expenses in order to serve
- ✓ BRING HOPE to our community, the work crews, and all who hear their stories

Help us  
serve  
those in  
need!

## Sponsor Levels

- \$250 patch & paint 3 rooms
- \$500 paint whole exterior
- \$1000 porch, steps, & railings
- \$2500 wheelchair ramp



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[www.feelc.org](http://www.feelc.org)



Workcamp is July 13-17. Contact us  
or scan the code to give today!





Continued through December-  
Sermon Series:

## Gifts of Discipleship, Living Our Baptism

11/30 Proclaim the Good News of God in  
Christ through Word and Deed

12/7 To Serve All People, Following  
the Example of Jesus

12/14 To Strive for Justice

12/21 To Strive for Peace

## Bible Study:

Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Listening to  
God speak through the prophet Isaiah.



Martin Luther was preaching on 1 Peter 2:9 in 1523 when he told this to the Wittenberg congregation. “One brother proclaims to the other the mighty deed of God: how through Him you have been redeemed from sin, hell, death, and from all misery, and have been called to eternal life. You should also instruct people how they should come to that light.”

This is an excellent time to invite someone to First English. Invite a friend, neighbor or anyone to the Carol-a-Long on December 7th, or to Music Sunday on December 14th, or Christmas Eve worship on December 24th. Invite them to hear the good news of Savior born on Christmas morning.

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# Congregational MEETING

Sunday, December 14th  
After the 10am worship service

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## 2026 Calendars for Sale

All profits go to Faith Circle.

Purchases can be made  
in the main office by cash  
or check.

**\$12**



# December

| SUN                               | MON                | TUE                                  | WED  | THU  | FRI  | SAT                                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
|                                   | 1<br>Melissa Gross | 2<br>Trevor Clor                     | 3  | 4<br>Andrew Bezel<br>Lucy Wereley  | 5<br>Ted Bidigare<br>Peter Moskaluk<br>Janice Potter | 6<br>Melissa Zwicker                |
| 7                                 | 8                  | 9                                    | 10<br>Tylor Clor<br><br>Evelyn<br>Trowbridge | 11<br>Renata Conger<br>Barb Guest  | 12<br>Stephanie<br>Sturton                           | 13<br>A.J. Rozycki<br>Holly Willson |
| 14<br>Melanie Horbal<br>Aaron Rao | 15                 | 16                                   | 17<br>Kelley Bidigare<br>Susan Mancani       | 18<br>Lilly kline<br>Allie McIntyre<br><br>Morgan<br>McIntyre<br><br>Barrett Nelson<br>Douglas Ulmer | 19   | 20<br>Emma Wereley                  |
| 21                                | 22<br>Pat Milne    | 23<br>Heidi Feldman<br>Patrick Glynn | 24<br>Jenny Reck                             | 25<br>Patty Foster   | 26<br>Evelyn Nelson                                  | 27                                  |
| 28                                | 29<br>Tyler Nelson | 30                                   | 31<br>Kathy Gates<br>Dave Link               | Happy<br>Birthday  |  |                                     |

# *Council Meeting Minutes*

October 2025

Attended by: Patty Foster, Diann Ohman, Claudette Momenee, Cindy Jevons, Scott Norlin, Pastor Sean Motley, Amy McIntyre, John Nyquist, Waynette Hostetler, Patrick Quinlan, Rose Bush President

John Nyquist called the meeting to order at 12:19 PM.

Pastor Sean Motley led an opening prayer.

**SECRETARY REPORT** - John Nyquist moved to approve the September 2025 council meeting minutes, 2nd by Amy McIntyre and the motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT** -Cindy Jevons shared the August financial statements. Cindy Jevons moved to accept the August financial statements, 2nd by Claudette Momenee and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT** - No report.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE** - Claudette Momenee reported that the Board is nearly finished with finalizing the Church budget for the year. Claudette further reported that there was a surplus of donations for the stained glass repair of approximately \$4700, and she proposed that this money be applied to a principal payment to the church mortgage. Council discussed this and recommended that a notice be published to notify the congregation prior to using these funds towards the mortgage, to allow anyone who may have an objection to voice this by the first Sunday in November. Claudette Momenee moved to apply these funds to the mortgage after notifying and receiving approval from the congregation, 2nd by Patty Foster and the motion carried.

**CHURCH PROPERTIES** - No report.

**EVANGELISM** - Patrick Quinlan shared an updated October Critical Path for our Grow 300 efforts and moved that Council vote to accept next steps in the Critical Path, 2nd by Rose Bush and the motion carried.

**SOCIAL ACTION** - Diann Ohman expressed a thank you to all members who donated socks to the sock drive, which totaled 475 pairs. Fall food drive began October 5 and runs through November 16 for 30 Giving Tree families, with food bins being packed on Sat. November 22. Information was provided for GP Memorial Furniture Drive on October 25. Giving Tree tags for families from LifeBuilders and Detroit Urban Youth will become available on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, with gifts due December 14, pack up date to be determined and pick up date on December 22.

**FELLOWSHIP** - Rose Bush reported there will be 3 events before the end of the year: Thanksgiving Eve pie social, Senior Luther League Christmas party and Carol-A-Long.

**PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY** - No report.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** - Patty Foster reported that Music Sunday will be one service at 10 AM on December 14. Patty Foster moved that the annual Church meeting be held on December 14 as well to promote attendance at the meeting, 2nd by Amy McIntyre and the motion carried.

**ENDOWMENT** - No report.

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** - Waynette Hostetler reported that Grace Circle will be hosting a Cookie Walk on December 14

**PASTOR'S REPORT** - No report.

Old business - None presented.

New business - None presented W

aynette Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Diann Ohman, and the meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM. Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 12:15 PM.