

# Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, there are only two occasions when our lectionary gives us readings out of the Book of Ecclesiastes. One is on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost in Year C of the lectionary, which was this past Aug. 5. The other occasion is on New Year's Eve, so there is really only one time every three years that you will hear read in worship a short section of Ecclesiastes. However, the selection for New Year's Eve is perhaps one of the more well-known portions of Scripture:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

I like The Byrds' musical version of this text so much that I want it to be one of the songs played as background music during my funeral luncheon. *"To everything: Turn, turn, turn. There is a season: Turn, turn, turn."*

The wisdom in this text from Ecclesiastes is that through all these different times and seasons of our lives, God is there. His presence may be a total mystery to us during those times and seasons of mourning and weeping, but He is there, just as He is during all the times and seasons of dancing and laughing. He is God of all people, all times, all seasons, all places, and all of creation.

The month of September brings with it a turn in the season and changes for a lot of you. Students going to college and kindergartners going to school for the first time and every age in between brings exciting and frightening changes to the lives of the students and their families. Worship switches to the fall schedule on Sept. 9 (Worship at 8:15 and 11 with Sunday School at 9:45). There will be a transition soon into a new hymnal with hymns and liturgies that are both familiar and new.

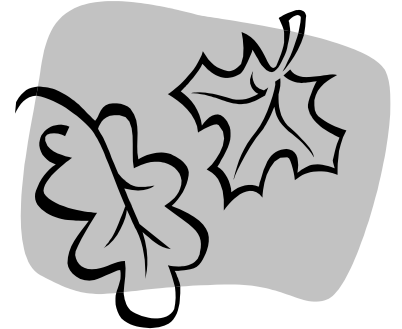
How do you cope with the inevitable changes in your life? Are they exciting? Frightening? A mix of both? Read how this selection from Ecclesiastes for New Year's Eve ends:

What gain have the workers from their toil?

I have seen the business that God has given everyone to be busy with.  
He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.  
I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

**Ecclesiastes 3:9-13**

Whatever emotions you are experiencing during those moments of change in the seasons and times of your life, know that God is there with you. That's the promise He brings to us through the Book of Ecclesiastes. God is with you. He is the God of all people, all times, all seasons, all places, all of creation. Thanks be to God!  
May the peace of the Lord be with you always,



# Changes for the fall

We have decided to move a few things around on Sunday mornings in order to create a more welcoming coffee hour that allows everyone to participate.

First, the coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall between worship services from 9:15 to 9:45 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring a guest to or to invite visitors to worship to. This will allow the majority of cleanup to be done before the 11 a.m. service begins. Leftover coffee and snacks will be put out on paper plates and cups. We are hoping that this change will encourage more people to sign up to host a coffee hour.



Secondly, Sunday school opening will now be held in the south end of the fellowship hall while the Adult Forum class held by Pastors Jeff and Larry will now be in the double class room — go down the hall past the offices and restrooms, turn right down the hallway and your double class room is the first door on the left.

Lastly, all activities that occur between services will start at 9:45 a.m. This will allow everyone to participate in coffee hour, which will be between 9:15 and 9:45.

We hope by making these changes that more people will sign up to host coffee hours, everyone will be able to participate in coffee hour and if people would like to continue to have coffee after Sunday school starts they are welcome to do so.

**Intergenerational (all ages, young and young at heart) Birthday Party/Talent Show on Friday, September 28 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.** The Christian Education and Youth and Family Teams are “teaming up” to host this celebration! Please sign up on the office door to be in the talent show. It would also help to have an estimate of how many will be attending the party so if you know ahead of time, sign up under your birthday month at the same place.

We will be having cake and ice cream at our birthday month tables while getting to know one another better and celebrating life together! It might just be the biggest birthday party you have ever had! **Come eat cake and ice cream, play and share talents together and by the way HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Adult Sunday School Opportunities

**BEGINNING SEPT. 9 AT 9:45 A.M.**

### **The Three Letters of John meets in the Lounge.**

This New Testament study will involve conversations about basic NT themes as presented by John in his Three Letters:

- 1) Jesus Christ has come in the flesh;
- 2) He forgives our sins and cleanses, renews us;
- 3) We ought to love one another; and
- 4) True faith leads to right living through the grace and spirit of God.

This “Bible Conversation” study is under the leadership of Pastor Alton Johnson and Les Backstrom.

### **See Through the Scriptures – meets in the double classroom.**

Take a fast-paced but highly revealing 8-session introductory journey through the entire Bible, tracing the key themes that surface within it. The goal is to help you gain a clearer understanding of what preceded Jesus in order to understand the truly immense and earth-shattering nature of his ministry.

A student workbook and DVD presentation will be components of this course, but the main textbook will be the Bible; the key word will be grace; the focal point will be Jesus the Messiah.

Led by Pastor Larry Cudmore and Pastor Jeff Nate.

When Martin Luther got up in the morning and put water on his face, he would say, "I am baptized!" It was a way of reminding himself that living out his baptism was a key to discipleship. For us as well as for Martin Luther, the baptismal covenant is to be lived out in daily discipleship. The call to discipleship is a call to be part of a community of faith.

When a traveling rabbi in the first century said: "Come, follow me," it was not only an invitation to respond personally but to become a part of the "school of disciples" following that rabbi.

- Dwight Vogel



## Service times

On Sunday, Sept. 9 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service times will resume. Rally Day Celebration that day includes Sunday School resuming and Sr. Choir practice at 9:45 a.m.

### Hymnal update

On Sunday, Sept. 9 we will dedicate our new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and begin using it on a regular basis. Following the distribution of our old green hymnals to those who were given in memory of someone, members of the congregation will be encouraged to take a hymnal home with them. We will also be giving away our old brown hymnals. We will continue to use our blue books With One Voice for special events. Thanks so much for your monetary gifts to our new hymnal project.

**Also, thanks to the First Lutheran memorial funds from Milo Forbord, Martha Johnson, Cal Miller's mother, Erma, and residents at Good Samaritan.**

**Neighborhood Groups:** A list of the neighborhood groups is available on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by to see which group you are in and who is in your group. If you would like a copy of your neighborhood group, contact Kymm in the church office.



# Sing a song

Psalm 149 "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing His praise in the assembly of the faithful."

You are cordially invited to be part of the music ministry of FELC. The following are some opportunities for you to get involved with. If you have any questions please feel free to call Penny at 522-9301.



**Grace Note Choir** – This choir is a mixed choir of men and women who rehearse each Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Rehearsals begin on Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Glory Ringers** – This bell choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. There is a limited amount of people needed to ring our four octaves of bells and chimes.

**Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, Sept. 18.**

**Cherub Bell Ringers** – This choir (third – sixth graders) gathers several times a year and presents special music for worship. **Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**King's Men** – This is a choir especially for the men of the congregation. Rehearsals are on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Rehearsals will begin on Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**El Shadai** – This choir is open to all young people between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It rehearses on Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

**Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Instrumentalists** – We are always looking for people who are willing to enhance our worship with the use of instruments.

**Christmas Cantata Choirs** – The adult mixed choir begins rehearsing on Sunday evenings during October and the children's choir begins on Sunday afternoons in November. The cantata is presented 5 times during the month of December.

## New Class Being Offered

Starting on Sunday evening, Oct. 7 and continuing for the next three Sunday evenings, Nancy Duff and Joanne Glissendorf will be leading a class on the book *Christian Caregiving — a Way of Life*. This class will give you some insight into the various tools and skills that will be helpful in your relationships with family and friends.

*Christian Caregiving — a Way of Life* is written by Kenneth Haug. Dr. Haug is an ordained minister and clinical psychologist. We will cover various chapters in the book such as God as the Caregiver, Why Care, Servanthood vs. Servitude, and Tools of the Trade.

Please consider signing up for this exciting new class. Maybe you have privately been wondering what kind of skills would be helpful to know when a person is going through a rough period in their life or has just lost someone dear to them. The class will meet Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church lounge.

There will be some preclass reading for each week so you will need to buy or borrow a copy of the book. The books are \$13.95 plus S/H and we will order them through the church office as a group so we can save on the shipping and handling. The **deadline** to sign up for the class will be **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** so we have time to order the books. Maybe you and a friend would like to take the class together and share a book.

You may register for the class by calling: Nancy Duff at 523-4490, Joanne Glissendorf at



The Book Club will meet in the lounge on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m.

"My Antonia" by Willa Cather will be the selection. "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fannie Flagg will be the selection for Wednesday, Oct. 3. All are welcome. We had discussion at our last meeting about changing the date to the second Wednesday of each month.

We will discuss that option at the September meeting and post an update for October.

Esther Circle will meet in the lounge on Sept. 12 at 9:30.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - September, 2007**

DATE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS	LITURGISTS	READER	GREETERS	USHERS & COORDINATORS	COUNTERS
Sept. 2 9:30 am	Hannah Abbott+, Sarah Abbott, Brooke Holman	Barb Hayes	Vicki Krogstrand	Dennis and Nina Paulson	Greg Dornfeld#, Jerry and Anita Litteer	Litteers
<b>Sept. 9 8:15am</b>	Susan Bergquist+, Hannah Johnson, Krista Stanley	None Needed	Mark Christensen	Karissa Jacobs, John Christensen	Dave Sheldon#, Mike and Beth McIlwain	Briam Johnson, Jim Dixon
<b>Sept. 9 11:00 am</b>	Hailey Weatherby+, Taylor Weatherby, Madilyn Jessmore	None Needed	Andrew Craig	Daniel Craig, Jessica Harris	Jim Dixon#, Gordon Rhiger	Briam Johnson, Jim Dixon
Sept. 16 8:15 am	Chase Lincoln+, Sarah Novak, Ben Crumley	Steve Galbraith	Rich Cartney	Donna and Paul Amundson	Kevin Kooda#, Andy and Terri Jacobs	Koodas
Sept. 16 11:00 am	Mallory Harris+, Monica Hulse, Audrey Thorne	Steve Galbraith	Kim Nate	Les and Lorraine Backstrom	Jim Dixon#, Rick Bolton, Dave Frederick	Koodas
Sept. 23 8:15 am	Hannah Abbott+, Patrick McIlwain, Sarah Abbott	Dianna Johnston	Joanne Glissendorf	Judy Sahr	Jim Sahr#, Al Yonk, Walt Reuter	Katainens
Sept. 23 11:00 am	Jori Katainen+, Kaisa Katainen, Sara Jeffs	Dianna Johnston	Carole Mason	Jan Larsen	Dick Johnson#, Greg and Kathy Katainen	Katainens
Sept. 30 8:15 am	Krista Stanley+, Susan Bergquist, Hannah Johnson	Joel Hubbell	Jim Jackson	Diane Sheldon	Dave Sheldon#, Ryan Aafedt, Jim Jackson	Litteers
Sept. 30 11:00 am	Kayla Patterson+, Hailey Patterson, Brooke Holman	Joel Hubbell	DiAnn Brown	Dick and Anne Mitchell	Alan Kirsch#, Jerry and Anita Litteer	Litteers

**+ = Cross Bearers, # = Coordinator If you are unable to make your commitment, please find a replacement from this schedule and call the church office with changes 522-9301**

**September Birthdays**

Godleski, Teresa	1	Clausen, Robert	10	Townsend, Jerry	14	Sites, Vickie	19	Backstrom, Tayte	27
Myhr, Helen	1	Craig, Sharon	10	Duff, Devree	15	Dumais, Kelly	20	Backstrom, Zayne	27
Childs, Joyce	3	Malone, Bill	10	Telschow, Diane	15	Stevens, Wayne	21	Brooks, Terry	27
Kirsch, Alan	3	Ellingson, Erin	11	Johnston, Matthew	17	Hansen, Julianna	22	Frye, Lewis	27
Nate, Emily	3	Syverson, Jeff	11	Bean, Courtney	18	Taylor, Miriam	22	Hanson, Megan	27
Nate, Sam	3	Bolton, Richard	13	Kvamme, Elizabeth	18	Torres, Lucy	23	McIntosh, Chris	27
Hasner, Bobbi	5	Gott, Joshua	13	Litteer, Mandy	18	Hersh, Hadley	24	Christenson, Anita	28
Roberts, Kathleen	5	Travis, Tenley	13	Skaar, Jane	18	Adolfson, Liz	26	Lindquist, Gail	28
Hulse, Zachary	6	Conquergood, Peyton	14	Swanson, Kathy	18	Christensen, Allan	26	Bean, Jonathan	29
Crouch, Beau	7	Swenson, Jackie	14	Rice, John	19	Duling, Harrison	26		
Miller, Calvin	7								

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 AM Worship w/ Communion	27 8:00 PM AA	28 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers 7:30 PM Council Mtg.	29 9:00 AM Newsletter Folding 10:00 AM Staff Mtg	30 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch	31	1	
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9 Rally Day 8:15 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship w/ Communion	10 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 PM AA	11 9:00 AM Happy Stitchers 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 5:00 PM Outreach 6:30 PM C&C Mtg. 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Chair Mtg 8:00 PM Team Mtg	12 9:30 AM Esther Circle 7:00 PM Confirmation Parent & Youth Orientation	13 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch	14 Confirmation Retreat @ Luther Heights Newsletter Deadline 1:00 PM "Out To Lunch Bunch" @ Olive Garden	15 Confirmation Retreat @ Luther Heights 7:30 AM Men in Mission - Breakfast @ Fairwinds	
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## Partners for Prosperity Meeting at First Lutheran

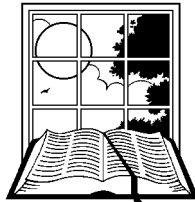
I hope in your reading the newsletter and hearing some of my sermons you have picked up from me that there is a growing stirring in my heart for the part that working to the issue of poverty in Idaho Falls is playing in shaping our vision for our life together at First Lutheran. I invite you to come to a Partners for Prosperity meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), from noon until 2 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall to hear about some of the issues and life situations we might be led to minister to in our Idaho Falls community.

Please sign up by calling the church at 522-9301. You can also talk to Pastor Larry for more information about this event. - Pastor Larry

### Singles Group at First Lutheran

Would you be interested in gathering together with other singles at First Lutheran? The different activities and gathering time will be decided by the group. For now we need to know who might be interested. Call the church office, at 522-9301 and talk to Pastor Larry

Coming in September for women  
"Yet another opportunity for you  
to nourish your faith."



Pastor Larry will again be offering a Bible Study for the women of the church starting in September. It is titled, "**Blessed to Follow: The Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship.**"

It will take place the first Tuesday of the month from noon until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Because of Labor Day weekend, the first class will be Tuesday, Sept. 11. The material for the Bible Study is provided by *Lutheran Women Today*. If you want to subscribe to the magazine which will help you with the Bible Study, the subscription is \$12/year. Contact the church office at 522-9301 for more information.

Luther Heights Campership Update:

Thanks to your help by giving, working, or purchasing at the Luther Heights Yard Sale, we were able to provide 51 campers with camperships totaling \$5,560.00! We had approximately 55 member campers and also gave six nonmember (first-timers) camperships. Camp for many is a life-changing experience! Thank you again for your continued support for our youth in this wonderful ministry.



## Family Night at First Lutheran

Wendy and I have talked about hosting a family night one Sunday evening a month at the church. We would gather for a potluck meal about 5 p.m. and then play some games that both young and old could join in together. Everybody would be on their way home by 7 p.m. We would need about 10 family units who were committed to coming most of the time. A family unit can consist of one single person or a family of six. If you are interested, give the church a call at 522-9301. I will be in touch with you if there is enough interest.

— Pastor Larry

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Fall is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another great year of confirmation. More information will be coming in the September newsletter. Please put the following dates on your calendar right away!!

- **Confirmation Orientation**  
**Wed., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the church**  
For both Parents and Confirmands (baptized seventh and eighth graders)
- **Confirmation Retreat**  
**Fri., Sept. 14 to Sun., Sept. 16**  
**at Luther Heights**  
For both seventh and eighth graders  
We need a few parents also.

## Stephen Ministry

**Stop by for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall on Sept. 23 between services. We would like to share the program where God calls us to share the gift of caring.**

**This is a ministry where you can give and receive more than you will ever believe — just ask one of the Stephen Minister!**



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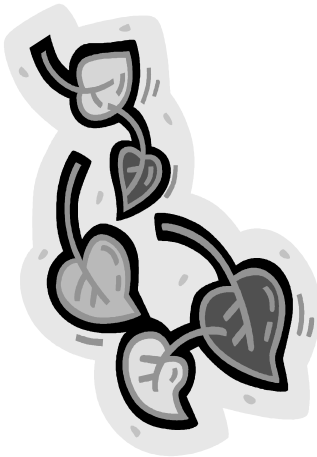


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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Sept. 2: Prov 25: 6-7; Ps 112; Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14  
 Sept. 9: Deut 30: 15-20; Ps 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33  
 Sept. 16: Exod 32: 7-14; Ps 51: 1-10; 1 Til 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10  
 Sept. 23: Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13  
 Sept. 30: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-31