

Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

So I wonder how often you are driving your car, or laying your head on your pillow, or standing in the shower with water running down your face and body, or sitting quietly in your home, and wondering, "What is this life all about anyway? Certainly there has got to be more to all of this than what I am currently using all of my time for."

I would suggest to you that as I have studied the life of Jesus and heard his call to "Follow me!" I have concluded that there is no more higher purpose in life than to "Praise our God, Love His People!" Out of our life with God comes our purpose of life, which is to love others i.e.... serve others.

You need look no further. Your search is over. I like to hunt, but the bottom line purpose of my life isn't to shoot the largest elk. I like to fish, but the bottom line purpose of my life isn't to catch the biggest fish ever. I like sports (after all, I played both college basketball and college football), but after all, these sporting goals I set for myself couldn't be the bottom line purpose of my life. Someday it would be fun to make a hole in one while golfing, but would I then have accomplished the bottom line purpose of my life? No, in fact I would have completely missed the bottom line purpose of my life. Think about the things that you make your priority in life and that is your bottom line purpose.

If you accept that the bottom line purpose of your life in following Jesus is to serve others but wonder how you can do that, where you can do that, how you can go about that, I encourage you to stop by the church office and pick up a Time and Talent Brochure that provides you an opportunity to share with us your gifts and passions in life. Then as the occasions of need arise, we can introduce you to opportunities for service through the ministry of our church. Thereby we can help you intersect your gifts and passions with the needs of the community in which we live, both inside our congregation and outside in the larger community. This may be just the link you need in fulfilling the purpose of your life.

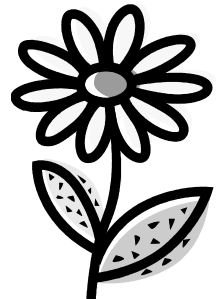
On the congregational purpose for our existing, I continue to contemplate and pray about what God is leading our congregation to be and to do that will be something the whole congregation can take ownership for. To discern, clarify and have some more conversation about that, I invite you to a Congregational Forum on Thursday

evening, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As you know I have been thinking about this for some time, and visiting with many folks both in our congregation and outside. Specific ideas are now starting to take shape that may be opening the way for us to do something in our community that nobody else is doing. It is exciting to think about and I would like to share these ideas with you in a relaxed, informal setting. Consider this your invitation to help shape a vision for our future that the entire congregation can enter into – Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. How will it be that we grow in "Praising our God, Loving His People"?

Sincerely,
Pastor Larry

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped with yard work and flower bed



Annual Congregational meeting

There will be a meeting Oct. 28 after the second service. We are combining our annual meeting where we vote for council members and our budget meeting into this single meeting. We will be voting in new council members and also on the budget. A pot-luck will follow. Please plan on being here for the meeting as we need a quorum of voting members in order to pass the budget for 2008.

Discipleship (New Members) Class

This is the class for you if you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ serving in his mission through First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Some of the topics that will be addressed in this class include:

- Who was Martin Luther?
- What does it mean to be a Lutheran?
- What are the sacraments?
- How can I use my God-given talents to serve God through the ministry opportunities available at First Lutheran?

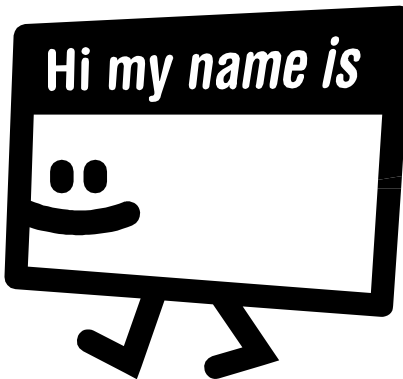
Class will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14 (Wednesdays) and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 18 (Sunday).

Please call the church office at 522-9301 or send an e-mail to office@firstlc.com to register for the class.

Outreach Team Ministry News

Our team has been discussing the use of the nametags that are available for you to wear during worship and fellowship time.

As we have switched back to two worship services, we would like to encourage you to wear your nametag as a way to help us get to know one another better and as a way to extend hospitality to our guests. With the second Sunday being our praise service and a little bit less formal worship liturgy, we will be making a special effort to encourage you to wear your nametag on that second Sunday of the month. The nametags have been reorganized on the board in the narthex with the hopes that it will be easy for you to locate your nametag.



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.

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday, the birthday of the Lutheran Church will celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 28 at both worship services.

Come for a special time of celebration as we take a close look at "Martin Luther, who was he?"

Sound system update

The Sound System Committee has had Poll Sound from Salt Lake evaluate our church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with sound measuring equipment.

The Poll Sound analyst submitted a brief report outlining several options and providing us with his opinion.

His opinion is that our intelligibility problems could be solved with a specific loudspeaker and sound system that focuses the sound at the pews and off of the reflective surfaces. Based on his experience with other churches and cathedrals, he feels this will adequately solve our concerns without the expense of wall acoustic treatments. However, acoustical treatments could always be added at a later date, if deemed necessary.

Poll Sound is willing to let us try a similar loudspeaker system, to the system he would propose, to see if we would be satisfied with the results. We tentatively will demonstrate the speakers toward the end of September and keep them for about a month. We are currently waiting for proposal specifics and costs.

When the loudspeaker system is installed in our Sanctuary for testing, we ask the Congregation to voice their opinion. Let us know if you can hear the spoken word better. Does it adequately address your concerns? We'll keep you informed when we know more.



Sing a song

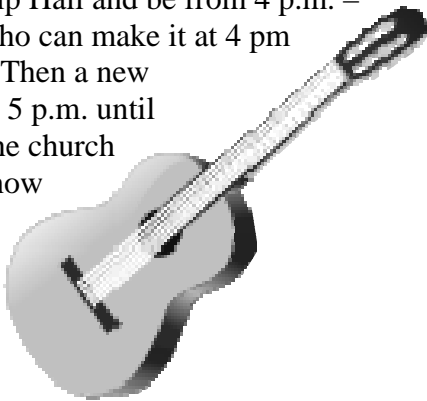
Calling all interested in singing in this year's **Christmas Cantata**. Everyone is cordially invited to participate. The theme this year is the star of Bethlehem. The adult choir 9th graders and up will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and continue at that time through October. Also, there will be rehearsals each Sunday in November from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The children's choir (3rd – 8th graders) will begin on Sunday, Nov. 4th from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and continue at that time throughout Dec. 2. There will also be a Saturday rehearsal on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Presentations of the Cantata will be: Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 15 homebound presentation and recording from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16 at 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Penny at 522-9301.

Wanna Learn the Guitar?

Pastor Larry is going to be giving beginning guitar lessons using the music of favorite camp songs from Luther Heights. Lessons will start on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Fellowship Hall and be from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. For those who can make it at 4 pm we will go until 5. Then a new group will be from 5 p.m. until 6. Please contact the church office and let us know which time you will be attending. Depending on interest and commitment, we will meet twice a month.



Attention all 3rd – 6th graders.

There will be a special opportunity for you to play bells with the adult bell choir.

Rehearsals will be Tuesday, Oct. 2, 9, and 16 from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The choirs will then present special music for worship on Sunday, Oct. 21 at both services. I hope you'll

come be part of making a joyful noise to God! If you have questions, please call Penny at 522-9301.



Guest Preacher Coming Nov. 4th

We are receiving a special visit from Margie Fiedler on Nov. 4, 2007.

Margie is Associate VP of Marketing with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and is also an ELCA Foundation Gift Planner. She has been very helpful in getting our Endowment Fund up and running. She will be preaching at our morning worship services and making a presentation at a Congregational Forum between worship services.

If you know Margie, you know the energy and ideas that she will be bringing to share with us. If you don't know her, you are in for a delightful time as Margie shares her life and passion for the Lord with us.



The book club will meet in the lounge at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. The selection for October is "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fannie Flag. The selection for Wednesday, Nov. 7, is "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of A Boy Soldier" by Ishmael Beah.

Many thanks to all of the members of FELC who donated money for our new hymnals,

Evangelical Lutheran Worship. We have completed our ordering at this time and have 300 lovely new books placed in the pews.

Thanks also to the memorial funds of Milo Forbord, Martha Johnson, Erma Miller, Sharon Aspinal, and the residents of Good Samaritan.

Beautiful new green banners that match the altar and pulpit cloths have been purchased with miscellaneous undesignated memorial funds. What a lovely new addition to our sanctuary!



OCTOBER 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:15 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:45 AM Choir 9:45 AM Intergenerational Sunday School - Fellowship Hall (3rd grade - Adults) 9:45 AM Sunday School (Preschool - 2nd grade) 11:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 12:30 PM Parent Mtg for 7th-12th graders	1 7:00 AM Coffeehouse Chat 6:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM AA	2 9:00 AM Happy Stitches 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 12:00 PM Happy Stitches Bible Study 6:00 PM Cherub/Glory Ringers 7:00 PM MM Mtg 7:30 PM El Shadai	3 4:00 PM Book Club (Lounge) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation	4 9:00 AM Sew Fun 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 7:00 PM SM Cont Ed/Supervision	5 11:30 AM King's Men 7:00 PM Bible Study	6	
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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - October, 2007

DATE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS	LITURGISTS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READER	GREETERS	USHERS & COORDINATORS	COUNTERS
October 7 8:15 am	Ingrid Kooda+, Sarah Novak, Ben Crumley	Dianna Johnston	Jackie Larsen	Gail Lindquists	Gail Lindquist	Dick Lindquist#, Mike and Beth McIlwain	Lindquists
October 7 11:00 am	Anaka Backstrom+, Rhett Backstrom, Adam Craig	Dianna Johnston	Julieann Holman	Julie Tullis	Dick and Diana Wagner	Greg Dornfeld#, Greg Katainen, Jerry Townsend	Lindquists
October 14 8:15 am	Patrick McIlwain+, Chase Lincoln, Hannah Johnson	None Needed	None Needed	Vicki Krogstrand	John and Anna Christensen	Jim Sahr#, Lisa Swenson, Walt Reuter	Johnson/ Hulse
October 14 11:00 am	Hailey Weatherby+, Geoffrey Carlson, Taylor Weatherby	None Needed	None Needed	Whitney Wilmes	Jeanna Ritter, Zach Hulse	Doug Swanson#, Paul Worth, Bill Hulse	Johnson/ Hulse
October 21 8:15 am	Susan Bergquist+, Hannah and Sarah Abbott	Steve Galbraith	None Needed	Mark Christensen	Sandra Kruger	Dave Sheldon#, Cal Miller, Steve Bengston	Frederick/ Dixon
October 21 11:00 am	Madiyn Jessmore+, Mallory Harris, Monica Hulse	Steve Galbraith	None Needed	Marge Dineen	Jan Larsen	Jim Dixon#, Scott Berger, Gordon Rhiger	Frederick/ Dixon
October 28 8:15 am	Ingrid Kooda+, Krista Stanley, Sarah Novak	Lorrie Robb	None Needed	Karen Hayes	Betty Neal	Kevin Kooda#, Andy and Terry Jacobs	Koodas
October 28 11:00 am	Audrey Thorne+, Jori Katainen, Kaisa Katainen	Lorrie Robb	None Needed	Elaine Harris	John and Sharon Gilbert	Dick Johnson#, Rick Bolton, Jerry Townsend	Koodas

+ = Cross Bearers, # = Coordinator

October Birthdays

Jacobs, Andy	1	Katainen, Kathy	10	Griffin, Paul	16	Berger, Michael	21	Tullis, Julie	26
Briggs, Karen	2	Mitchell, Dick	11	Litteer, Jerry	16	Robb, Lorrie	21	Johnson, Guy	27
Nims Langlois, Eliza	2	Thorne, Audrey	11	Patterson, Kelsey	16	Adams, Fred	22	Dumais, Mark	29
Gilbert, Sharon	3	Forbord, Edith	12	Backstrom, Doris	18	Arrington, Martha	22	Olson, Rhonda	29
Brown, Debby	5	Treutel, Brooke	12	Reisenburg, Kathy	18	Briggs, Cole	22	Abbott, Julie	30
Swanson, Nicole	5	Ellis, Pat	13	Thorne, Steve	18	Nelson, Madison	22	Aldinger, Tiffany	30
Weatherby, Hailey	5	Anderson, Gayle Sue	14	Dehmlow, Michael	19	Eldridge, Donald	23	Fawcett, Sara	30
Hasner, Justin	6	Leaf, Daryl	14	Dineen, James	19	Kniep, Margaret	23	McIlwain, Patrick	31
Benson, Dean	9	Miller, Shineese	14	Fee, Sybil	20	Hansen, Jennifer	24		
Glissendorf, Joanne	9	Thomas, Jack	14	Wackerli, Karrie	20	Heier, Jack	26		

FAIR TRADE BAZAAR

Friday, Nov. 2, Noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HELP NEEDED!

Display setup on Thursday
Cashiers on Friday and Saturday
Wrappers and Baggers Friday and Saturday
Pack and Cleanup Saturday Evening

Sign-Up Sheet in Church Narthex

For additional information contact
Church Office, 522-9301 OR
Carol Christensen, 524-1247
"Shop the World"

Rich Cartney, our Church Wellness coordinator, is looking for ideas for the wellness program - child care classes, first aid classes, etc.; any classes you would like to participate in. Please e-mail Rich at rcartney@good-sam.com with any program ideas.

Hospice End-of-Life Training

For volunteers, caregivers, Stephen Ministers, deacons, bishops and compassionate service leaders

Oct. 10, 11, 17 and 18

Topics include:

Introduction to Hospice
Disease Conditions, Care and Comfort,
Communication, Psychological and Spiritual
Dynamics of Death and Dying
Understanding the Bereavement Process
Practical aspects of caring and managing stress

5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

A light dinner will be served at
Hospice for Eastern Idaho
1810 Moran St. Idaho Falls, Idaho
To register, call 529-0342

Sunday School

Sunday School "*Hawaiian Luau*"
Rally Day lots of fun!

Sunday school rally day was Sunday, Sept. 9. Fifty-one young FELC members and their parents took part in the fun. Our "*Hawaiian Luau*" activities included blowing bubbles, dancing in grass skirts, avoiding obstacles in an obstacle course, limbo dancing, enjoying snacks, and decorating picture frames for our class room. Thanks to all of the teachers, parent helpers and youth assistants who coordinated the individual events and helped make the day a success!

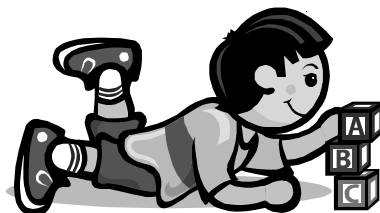


We will use "*Growing in Christ*" as curriculum for this year. It is a Lutheran-based curriculum and will closely follow the church year.

Sunday School is an important part of a child's Christian education and here at First Lutheran, we have always taken seriously our commitment to the next generation of our congregation. The success of the program is wholly dependent upon the participation of parents, extended family, and others who take an interest in the kids. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!

Support FELC's Preschool Ministry

You can support Lutheran Education and Outreach through our preschool. Thrivent Financial members can have their donations matched through the GivingPlus program. Thrivent Financial will contribute \$1 for every \$2 that is donated! For details, call Wendy at 529-4082 or Dianne at 528-2949.



Thank you

The Care and Concern Ministry Team would like to thank Dora Evans for her many years of service to this congregation as Prayer Chain Chairperson and Vicki Krogstrand for her service as Hospice liaison. As we all need to make changes in our calling from time to time, we thank them for their wonderful service and wish them well in whatever their new calling may be. We welcome on board in those positions Kathy Katainen as Prayer Chain Chairperson and Carol Gronbeck as Hospice liaison. We look forward to this new season with Purpose and Passion to do God's Will.

Many thanks to everyone at First Lutheran who offered their prayers and encouragement during my summer-long search for a return to good health. My recent surgery is hopefully the answer to all our prayers and a complete recovery is on the way.

God Bless You All
Pat Matthews

First Evangelical Lutheran Church –
Thank you so much for your gift! (\$500.00 given through the Local Missions budget) And thank you for your support of our mission to provide great care – believing that everyone is someone in Christ's love. Words can not express our gratitude! Again – thank you!
In Christ's Love,
The Idaho Falls Good Samaritan Family

You are invited to a luncheon celebrating Pearl Zoerb's 100th birthday. It will be held following the church service on Nov. 4th.



REACHING OUT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN FOR

- Mark Lincoln
- The family of Mildred Lybolt on her death
- Holly Swanson
- Brenda Jimenez
- Adell Harris
- Jan Street
- Wildland firefighters
- Cheryl Gordon
- Linda Magnuson
- Kent Krotzer
- Ned Wilde
- Harold Holm
- Pat Matthews
- Paul Gronbeck in Iraq
- Treutel family on the death of Eric's mother
- Dick Beers
- Adam Carney
- Pat Matthews sister Connie Winn
- Pastor Harry Bainbridge - Episcopal Bishop of Idaho
- Florence Leaf
- Rod Lysfjord
- John and Mary LoPiccolo on the death of their son, John
- Roger Piscitella's mom Betty
- Family of Bob Witt



GIVING THANKS FOR

- Baptism of Drake Charles Olaveson

A series of severe storms caused widespread and destructive flooding in several states. Whole communities were evacuated. Thousands of people are temporarily displaced. Hundreds had their homes and possessions completely destroyed. The long-term impact on lives and livelihoods is likely to be staggering.

Your gifts to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response help those recovering from disasters through hardship grants, spiritual and emotional care, volunteer coordination and long-term recovery and rebuilding.

Donations designated for "2007 U.S. Summer Flooding" will be used in full to help households and communities recover from the flooding. Learn more by visiting www.elca.org/disaster.

FISH, and the children we assist would like to thank you for your recent donation of school supplies. It takes so many hands and hearts to accomplish what we do, and it is only through generous folks like you that our program is possible. The smiles and "good beginnings" that you helped us to provide will ripple throughout the entire school year.

You are truly God's hands here in Idaho Falls.

Shalom,
Beverly M. Kemp, FISH chairwoman

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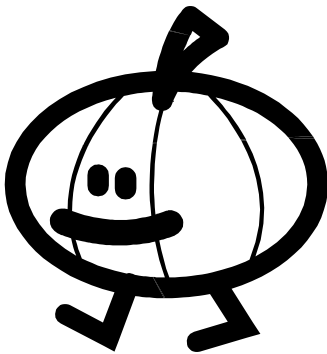


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Visitation Pastors	The Reverends John Piirto and Alton Johnson
Director of Music Ministries	Penny Dixon
Director of Youth Ministries	Kay Sawyers
Parish Assistant	Sarah Johnson
Secretary	Kymm Swiston
Custodian	Warren Hill
Bookkeeper	Elaine Harris
Financial Secretaries	Suzy Hersh & Lisa Swenson

<p>SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS</p>	<p>Oct. 7: Hab 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; Ps 37: 1-9; 2 Tim 2: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10 Oct. 14: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111; 2 Tim 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19 Oct. 21: Gen. 32: 22-31; Ps 121; 2 Tim 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8 Oct. 28: Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3: 19-28; John 8: 31-36 Nov. 4: Dan 7: 1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Eph 1: 11-23; Luke 6: 20-31</p>
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