

CROSS WALK

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

Seeking God This Fall

Following my pastor's article you'll find a fun little challenge: hidden within a short paragraph are the names of sixteen books of the Bible. Some of them jump right out at you. Others may take a little detective work. You might even find yourself reaching for a magnifying glass like Sherlock Holmes as you search for clues!

The good news is that while a magnifying glass might help you find hidden words, you don't need one to find God. Jesus promises that He is already present and active among His people. We find Him in worship as we gather around Word and Sacrament. We find Him in Bible studies as we open the Scriptures together. We find Him in Sunday School, fellowship events, service projects, and ministry teams. We find Him as we pray, encourage one another, and serve our neighbors in His name.

As summer winds down and fall ministries begin, I invite you to become a spiritual detective of sorts. Look for where God is already at work in your life and in our congregation. Consider joining a Bible study, attending worship regularly, helping with Sunday School, serving as a communion assistant, participating in fellowship activities, or exploring leadership opportunities on church council. You may be surprised by what you discover.

The hidden Bible books in the quiz can be found with enough patience and concentration. Finding God is even easier. He is not hiding from us. He is continually inviting us to draw near to Him. So enjoy the puzzle, have some fun, and then join us this fall as we seek God's presence together. *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13

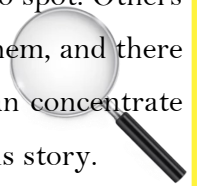
In Christ,

Pastor Mike Knauff



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MISSIONS

Penny Power



July Penny Power will be given to FISH (Friends In Service Here). Because of you kids, help will be given to individuals and families in our community who have urgent needs.

This month Penny Power will be providing food to those who are homebound through the Senior Citizen's Meals On Wheels program. Those receiving food see a friendly face each day and this service also provides a way for someone to check up on them. Thanks kids for making such a difference in Idaho Falls!



JULY 4th was a great night for fireworks and community connection at First Lutheran as we again handed out 200 bags of popcorn, water, glow bracelets and swizzle sticks for free. Families covered the church lawn, our parking lot was full and the church was open to those who needed the restrooms.



Mark your calendars for a continuing education opportunity: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

Want to better support those who are grieving?

Join Pastor Mike Knauff on **Thursday, September 17, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief*, a Stephen Ministry continuing education event open to all. Learn biblical, practical ways to care for grieving people and avoid common responses that may unintentionally hinder healing. All are welcome.



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

Donna Amundson; Tom Amundson; Elaine Bengston; Betty Benjamin; Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Kevin Call; Carol Clark; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas; Josephine Fife; Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Grayson Hansen; Josie Holtz; Cathy Homberg; Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen; Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn; Mary Krippner; Pat Lance; Austin Leger; Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure; Bob McGee; Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson; Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan; Mark Mullinix; Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman; Heidi Packer; Mary Pilkington; Mark Fischer; Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson; Camille Ronnebaum; Julie Sagnimeni; Laura Schoonmaker; Jason & Kelly Smith; Joyce Stultz; Julie Sundberg; Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Linn Watson; Chris Weaver; Daniel & Sarah Young

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RESTORED HEALTH:

Kären Bateman; Margaret Contor; Susan Hindman; Laura Hundley; Pastor Mike Knauff; Ashley [Mitchell]; Scot Swenson



FAMILY MINISTRY - JULY HIGHLIGHTS

What a month it has been for Family Ministry at FELC! July was full of faith, fun, service, community connection, and unforgettable memories. From Day Camp to fireworks, from the parade route to the mountains of Stanley, God's love was on full display through our children, youth, families, volunteers, and congregation.

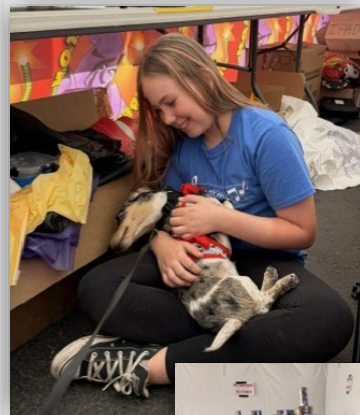
Fireworks Fundraiser: Finishing Strong

Our annual Fireworks Fundraiser had a rough start this year, with rain and high winds making the first few days extremely challenging. Thankfully, the weather improved, and the rest of the week brought great summer conditions for fireworks sales. To make up for lost time, we opened again on July 5, and that extra day proved to be a strong success. We are grateful for everyone who helped us finish well. Looking ahead, we will explore keeping this option in mind for future years. A special thank-you goes to the volunteers who gave their time and energy. Volunteer participation was limited this year, which placed a lot of pressure on a small group of helpers. Next year, we plan to use a real-time digital sign-up system to make it easier to see where help is needed and to fill open time slots.

Winnie seems to be the only one skeptical over whether the saddle is truly necessary. 10 out of 10 would recommend.



Our unofficial mascot, Winnie, hard at work keeping the morale up! Looks like a win-win!



FELC IN THE IDAHO FALLS 4TH OF JULY PARADE

FELC's participation in the Idaho Falls 4th of July Parade was a joyful celebration and a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with our community. The kids had so much fun singing VBS songs, passing out bracelets, and sharing Christian swag along the parade route. Two miniature horses from Champ's Heart joined us on the float and were definitely a showstopper! Thank you to the Happy Stitchers for providing beautiful patriotic quilts, helping make this a true whole-church event. A special thanks to James Lee for providing the custom banners. Thank you to all those who donated decorations to make our float look amazing. Thank you to the Dean family for decorating the float and to the Dahlberg family for providing the sound system set up. We were excited to be featured by East Idaho News and on the channel broadcast. We hope this becomes a treasured FELC tradition for years to come.



LUTHER HEIGHTS BIBLE CAMP: FAITH THROUGH EVERY CHALLENGE

This summer, the FELC Family Ministry team provided scholarships for eight students to attend Luther Heights Bible Camp in Stanley, Idaho. I was honored to join our students and volunteer at camp for the week. Camp began with an unexpected challenge: a nearby forest fire and a full camp evacuation. After returning, campers and staff also experienced the loss of gas, which meant no hot water, and a power outage, which meant no water at all for a time. Even with those challenges, God was present and faithful. Our campers enjoyed canoeing, archery, horseback riding, mountain biking, crafts, games, and a beautiful day at the lake that included lakeside worship. Through every obstacle, they learned about God's amazing love, mercy, and provision. We came home with stronger friendships, deeper faith, and a greater connection to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



Thank You, FELC!

Thank you to everyone who prayed, volunteered, donated, participated, encouraged, and helped make July such a meaningful month for Family Ministry. Your support helps our children and youth experience, grow in, and share the love of Jesus.

With gratitude,
Heather Catanese
Youth and Family Minister



SUNDAY SCHOOL: RALLY DAY ROUNDUP & BBQ

Sunday School Fall startup is just around the corner!
Come celebrate the kickoff on August 30th at 9am.



Continuing our Rally Day celebration, we will be having a churchwide picnic. We're providing BBQ & potluck.

There will be horse and carriage rides and games provided by Champ's Heart. Check out that line up! --->

Sunday School Needs You!



It takes a village to raise up our children in God's faith. We need volunteers who have a passion to teach God's word. Or maybe you just want to be an assistant to help satisfy our two deep policies. Or are you more of a behind the scenes type? Whatever your gifts are, we have a way to serve our team. Contact Heather at (208)522-9301 or youth@firstlc.com for more information. Volunteer orientation will be held on August 23 after church.



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RAMBO



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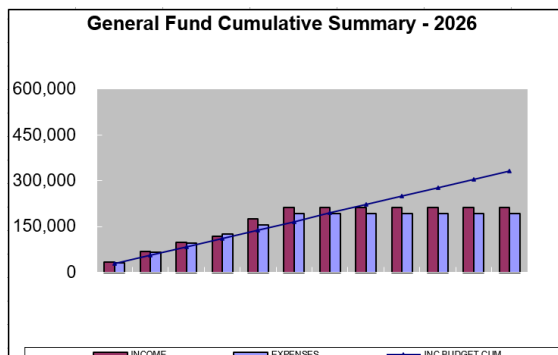
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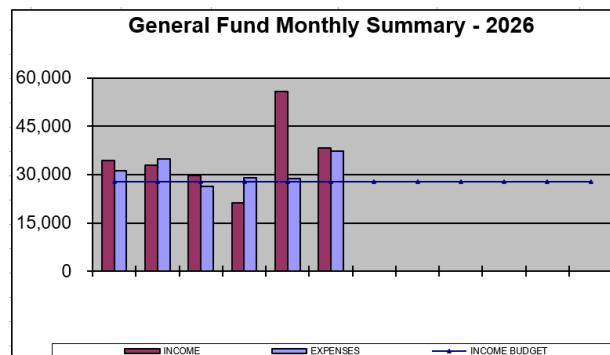
Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, Hebrews, Peter.



FINANCES



Current Month:	June	
Current Month Income		38,182.01
Current Month Expenses		37,307.24
Difference		874.77
Year to Date Income		212,534.36
*Year to Date Expenses		192,812.37
Difference		19,721.99



Budget Comparison 2026:		
Year to Date Actual Income		212,534.36
Year to Date Budget Income		166,250.00
Difference		46,284.36
Year to Date Actual Expenses		192,812.37
Year to Date Budget Expenses		190,150.00
Difference		2,662.37

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

We are looking for additional people who are willing to assist during our Sunday services as communion assistants, liturgists, or serve on altar guild. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact DiAnn Brown.

AMUNDSON'S ANECDOTES



*You have a job, a calling,
but are afraid to go;
I use imperfect people -
I can use you, you know.
You have the gifts,
the talents that you need
to fulfill all I've planned for you
and to succeed.
Do not fear, but venture out
and boldly go,
and you will feel more joy
than you could ever know.
For when you're in the place
where you are meant to be,
you will know great peace,
great joy,
tranquility.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:15am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Hour 12:00pm ERT & Shofar Meeting	10:00am Staff Meeting	9:00am Happy Stitches 12:00pm Happy Stitches' Bible Study 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #930 6:30pm Financial Peace University		10:00am Kaffeeklatsch 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting	10:00am-4:00pm Friends in Stitches	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday Closed

Pastor	Rev. Mike Knauff
Music Director	Michelle Hanson
Family Minister	Heather Catanese
Church Administrator	Julie Sagnimeni
Bookkeeper	Greg Stultz
Financial Secretary	Wendy Schoonmaker
Minister of Welcome	Rev. Larry Cudmore
Preschool Director	Barbara Carlson

Bring items for the *Crosswalk* to the church office
OR
e-mail items to: office@firstlc.com

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

