



Friendly 411

Special Thanksgiving Edition
November 23, 2022



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Thanksgiving Eve Service is tonight
November 23, at 7pm.

Advent & Christmas Worship

Midweek Advent Worship Services

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom

November 30th

December 7th

December 14th

Zoom Meeting Info:

Meeting ID: 853 0042 3783 / Passcode: FCLC

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Services – Choir & Carols

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service
with Holy Communion

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a regular voter's meeting on Dec. 4th at 9:45am. We will vote on the 2023 budget, receive updates on Chinden construction, learn about ministry happenings, select a lay voter for LCMS presidential election in 2023 & Pastor Matt will present his pastor's report. We need high participation to make the quorum requirement, so please attend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you & congratulations to Tim & his team of volunteers on a successful VBS session! Over 75 children learned about God's love this week.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: The theme this year is "Christmas Through the Eyes of...". The brunch, program and fundraiser will be held December 3rd at 10am. Proceeds from this year's sale will go toward a camp scholarship fund for youth to attend Camp Perkins and FCLC Summer Camps. Attendance and volunteer sign ups are located on the welcome desk. If you are interested in helping with the program text Marla Olsen at 208-631-3325, leading with ABC in your message.

TABLE HOSTESSES: The food committee will supply the coffee, hot water and cold water for each table. Each hostess is to supply their own cream, sugar, and tea bags. Contact Betty Reimann, 208-376-8687, if interested in hosting a table. Table set up will be Friday, Dec. 2nd at noon.

KITCHEN/FOOD PREP: : For those wishing to bring food for the Advent by Candlelight event, please have your 8x8 chili egg puff casserole and bite sized bakery item ready to serve and on two serving plates. The food committee will not be able to help you get your items ready before the event. The reason for two serving plates is we want to have two separate serving areas with identical items. Contact Susan Banker, 661-619-3006, for more information.

**Want to invite someone? Invitations are available on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE CRAFT DELIVERY: Non-perishable items can be brought to the FCLC library starting this Sunday, Nov. 27th. All items need to be brought in by Dec. 2nd. Perishable items can be brought in starting Friday, Dec. 2nd.

GOOD NEWS & UPDATES FOR TREASURED HOME: TH is excited to announce that they are meeting with a local organization this month concerning a physical house! Treasured Home hopes to have an update with more details by the end of December, so watch for a newsletter just before Christmas.

Speaking of newsletters, do you want to stay informed about TH? Then please visit our website, www.treasuredhome.org, and sign up to be an Advocate. Click on “Volunteer” in the top menu bar. This will open a page for you to read our Mission Statement, Statement of Faith, and then click on “Volunteer Application”. Enter your contact info making sure to select “Yes, I want to be an Advocate only” on question # 10.

Thank you to all who have continued to give financially to TH. Donor Letters will be mailed by the end of January. As a reminder, TH is a separate organization from FCLC.

Finally, TH is currently accepting nominations and applications for new Board Members. Please email TH's Secretary, Britt Collingwood at secretarychildrenhome@gmail.com, for a TH Board Member application. Applications are due by email or post by Friday, January 20th. Treasured Home, PO Box #1378, Meridian, Idaho 83680.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE: Thank you to all who donated Christmas boxes, money for postage, or packed a virtual box. We were able to send 60 boxes, the youth group helped pack about 70 boxes on their retreat in Pocatello and Kuna packed 56 boxes. Many children will be blessed by the generous sharing by our members. The 200 millionth box is being packed this year by a young woman who had received a box when she was a little girl in Ukraine. Thank you!!!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX COLLECTION STARTS DEC. 4TH: Supplies to fill the Christmas food boxes will be collected on December 4th & 11th. If you would like to donate we are looking for the following items: canned green beans, canned corn, 5lb bag of potatoes, 1lb bag of carrots, clementine oranges, apples, pancake mix and syrup. Don't have time to go to the store? You can help by donating your Thrivent Action Team card or designating money in the upcoming offerings. Please write “food boxes” in the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope.

FOOD BOX PACKING PARTY & FAMILY REQUESTS: The packing party will be December 22 at FCLC. Time TBD. Contact Carol Jo Richter, caroljo.richter@gmail.com or 208-866-8300, if you are interested in participating in the packing party or if you know of a family that needs a food box. The deadline for submitting names for food boxes is December 16th.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CARDS FOR FOOD BOXES: Please consider using your Action Team Card for the Christmas food boxes. We will be able to serve more people with the donation of these cards. Nicole Peters is offering her time to assist in the process of designating your Thrivent card to this ministry. Please contact her at 214-952-9489 or skytempest1971@yahoo.com with your questions.

WORSHIP ANEW HALF-HOUR LUTHERAN SERVICE has aired on Channel 6 since the pandemic began. However, funding has dwindled to the point that circuit pastors will consider the program's effectiveness and continuation at their Dec. 13 meeting. Worship Anew programs are available on the internet at worshipanew.org. The Lutheran Hour is also available on radio and internet. These supplemental programs do not provide the essential gospel gifts of the Lord's Supper and supportive fellowship. In advance of the decision, please share your thoughts with your pastor. If you would like Worship Anew to continue please send your financial gifts to Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605, noting “Worship Anew” in the notes line.

YOUTH EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18: All parents of PreK-6th grade children - our Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the 11am worship service. If you'd like your son or daughter to be a part of this service, please join us each week at Sunday School from 9:45am-10:45am, in room 113. The children will learn the songs at the Sunday School opening. Help make our Children's Christmas Service special this year!

3RD-6TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY: All youth in grades 3-6 are invited to our Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 11. Please note this is the second Sunday of December. The Christmas Party will start at 12:30pm, after the 11am worship service. All youth are reminded to bring a "White Elephant" gift. Plus we'll have food, a Christmas craft, & fun Christmas games to play! Bring a friend!

JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY: On Sunday nights from 6pm-8:30pm, all youth 7th grade- high school are invited to Youth Group at the church. On Nov. 27, it's "Bored" Game Night. Youth are encouraged to bring their favorite board games to play with friends! The annual Youth Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18! A reminder, friends are always welcome!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN DECEMBER: All youth in both Confirmation Classes will meet again on Sunday, December 4 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm at the church. Confirmation with parents will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, again starting at 4:30pm at the church.



November 27th

Lesson: An Idol Bows to God's Ark – Reading: 1 Samuel 5:1-5

PreK -K: Room 113, teacher Sheri Resch

1st -3rd: Room 206, teacher Joan Hammerson

4th-6th: Room 210, teacher Nicole Sarty

All 7th grade-high school students meet with DCE Tim Kaufmann in Room 208.

**Sunday School will not be held December 25th & January 1st.

Questions on youth events? Contact DCE Tim Kaufmann, tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

PASTOR'S CLASS ON MORMONISM: Pastor Matt is teaching a class on Mormonism culture at 9:45 in the sanctuary. You are invited to learn and discover how the differences of doctrine and even the language shape their worldview and daily life. This class is now available on our website in the Bible study archive. Additional classes will automatically be added to the google drive link as they are held. If you can't be here in person, join on [Zoom](#).

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WILDERNESS WANDERINGS: Matt Holmquist is continuing this study of the Israelites' exodus and God's covenant of faithfulness. If you are interested, please join us in room 132 during the Sunday school hour. Have questions contact Matt at mattholmquist@msn.com.

FRIDAY WOMEN'S STUDY: In "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" author Lysa Terkeurst unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows listeners how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected.". This group will meet from 10-11:30am in room 132. Please contact Carol Jo Richter at caroljo.richter@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

FRIENDLY 411 FREQUENT FINDS

SUNDAY SNACKS: This is a small way to make a big impact. Here is the link to our signup genius page: [SNACK SIGN UP](#). There are several weeks set up, so choose the weekend that works for you. This link is also on our website under Connect/Church in Action Serving Opportunities. If you need help learning to use this tool just stop by the office, I (Beca) am happy to teach you.

FOOD BANK: For the month of November we are collecting stuffing mixes and canned cranberries, green beans and pumpkin for the Idaho Food Bank. Any non-perishable food items are also welcomed. Please leave them in the plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall by the west doors.

FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS: Winter holidays are here. How does your family celebrate? Send your family photos to: office@friendshipcelebration.org by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

GET YOUR STEPS IN ON SUNDAYS: Our parking lot has lost most of the "up close" spots by the side door. Please use the parking area to the west of our building and save the closer spots for guests and members that need them.

RIDES TO FCLC: Taxi transportation is still available. Simply call Green City Taxi at 208-353-1693 to request rides to and from FCLC. With inclement weather, coming the Elders would like to remind everyone that this service is available to those who are not able to drive or don't have a mode of transportation. This service is provided at no cost to the rider. Questions? Please contact the church office or your Elder.

NEW LOOK FOR THE ENTRANCE: We now have blue banners, reflectors / flashing lights marking both sides of the entrance. These should help everyone find the entrance day and night. Please use caution when entering and exiting the parking lot. To learn more about the Chiden construction project, [here](#) is a link to ITD's webpage.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS: If you would like to add a prayer to the prayer chain, or receive prayer requests, please contact Donnette House @ 208-297-0775 or donnette15@gmail.com.

SHOPPING AT AMAZON ONLINE? When you shop for goods at [Amazon Smile](#), a portion of your eligible purchases will be donated to Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church at no cost to you!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS? If you would like to link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to FCLC, go to: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Search by our name or by our non-profit number IT469.

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