



Friendly 411

November 17, 2022



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Thanksgiving Eve Service will be November 23 at 7pm.

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 the Chinden construction and learn about ministry happenings. Pastor Matt will also present his pastor's report.

FILLING CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES: 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.

Grieving the death of a loved one?
Consider attending a special
GRIEF SHARE event

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 19, 10AM-12PM
Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool
2700 South Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, ID
(208) 459-4191
graceonkimball@gmail.com

Tomorrow, November 18th is the VBS registration deadline.

CAVE QUEST VBS: Register now for one, two, or all three days of Vacation Bible School. VBS runs from 9am - 3pm, Monday - Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. Programs are for children Pre-K through 6th grade. Older youth are encouraged to participate as volunteers. Online registration can be found on our website under Youth, Children & Families / 2022 Vacation Bible School.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS: Are you a Jr/Sr High Youth or an adult looking to serve? Volunteers are needed to help lead our Vacation Bible School from Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 21-23 this year! Contact DCE Tim Kaufmann at tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org or call or text him at 714-944-6199 to learn how you be a part of the fun for these three days before Thanksgiving!

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.

TREASURE VALLEY LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: Will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 20, at 3pm in Luther Hall at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa. At this meeting we will elect officers, fill out membership forms and discuss the upcoming Lutherans for Life events. We are encouraging each church to have a representative attend, along with their Pastor. Officers needed: President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. In order to hold office you must be an LCMS member and have a membership with the Lutherans for Life organization. Any questions, please contact Pastor Shaver at 208 466 6746 or Linda Larson at 208 899 3440 or Pastor Matt at 208-288-2404.

THE WORSHIP ANEW HALF-HOUR LUTHERAN SERVICE has aired on Channel 6 since the pandemic began. It has been well-funded by individual and congregational donations. However, at present the fund has dwindled to the point that circuit pastors will consider the program's effectiveness and continuation at their December 13 meeting. Worship Anew programs are also 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.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE CRAFTERS: We pray that many hands are busy making items for the Christmas Shoppe. All kinds of gifts are needed, big and small. Non-perishable items need to be brought in by Dec. 1st. Please contact Mary Lou Heinrich for when to bring in perishable sale items.

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. We need help in multiple areas:

PROGRAM: Speakers/Readers text Marla Olsen at 208-631-3325, leading with ABC in your message.

TABLE HOSTESSES: The food committee will supply the coffee and hot water plus cold water for each table. Each hostess is to supply their own cream, sugar, and tea bags. We are hoping to again have youth help us serve the coffee and hot water this year. Contact Betty Reimann, 208-376-8687, if you are interested in hosting a table.**

KITCHEN/FOOD PREP: : For those wishing to bring food for the Advent by Candlelight event, please have your 8x8 chili egg puff casserole or 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.

**Table set up will be Friday, Dec. 2nd at noon. A sign up list will be on the welcome desk starting in November. Text Marla Olsen at 208-631-3325, leading with ABC in your message, with questions or to sign up to help.

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, December 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! Questions? Contact DCE Tim Kaufmann at tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org.

3RD-6TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY: All youth in grades 3-6 are invited to our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11. Please note we will meet on the second Sunday of the month in December. The Christmas Party will start at 12:30pm, after the 11am worship service. All youth are reminded to bring a "White Elephant" gift to the party. Plus we'll have food, a Christmas craft, and fun Christmas games to play! Bring a friend! Questions? Contact DCE Tim Kaufmann at tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org.

JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY: On Sunday nights from 6pm-8:30pm, all youth 7th grade through high school are invited to Youth Group at the church. On November 20, we'll have pizza for dinner as we setup and decorate for VBS. On November 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, December 18! A reminder, friends are always welcome! If you have questions about the Youth Ministry at Friendship Celebration, please contact DCE Tim Kaufmann at tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org.

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, December 18, again starting at 4:30pm at the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets between worship services from 9:45am-10:45am. All children PreK – 6th grade start in room 113 before heading to their classrooms. This year's theme is "Digging into the Heart of God". Kids will explore God's character throughout the Bible and discover what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life.

November 20th

Lesson: God Speaks to Samuel – Reading: 1 Samuel 3

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.

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](#).

Meeting ID: 828 8692 4288

Passcode: FCLC

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: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa TerKeurst will begin November 4th. "New York Times best-selling 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.

CHINDEN WORK IS UNDERWAY! Utility work along Chinden will be the main focus until the end of year. After the winter months, actual road construction will begin. Final completion date is early June. Please use caution when entering and exiting the parking lot. To learn more about the 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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