First English Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

**WELCOME**! We are glad you are here! Please connect with us using a visitor card found in the pew & deposit it in our offering plate.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 17th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

**Tuesday, December 19th**

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wednesday, December 20th**

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Youth Group Caroling - Meeting at FELC

**Thursday, December 21st**

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

**Sunday, December 24th**

9:30 a.m. Advent Worship Service

No Sunday School

3:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

5:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE – December 10, 2023 Weekly Offering: $5,733 | Attendance: 127 Monthly: $10,095 of $29,746 goal; YTD: $186,706.66**

**Thank you for your generous support of First English Lutheran Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

* **Flowers** are given this morning by Michael & Carolyn Carlson in memory of Samantha.
* **Thank you** to those providing poinsettias: Michael & Carolyn Carlson in memory of Samantha; American Bank & Trust; and Dindot-Klusman Funeral Home.
* The **Ministry of the Month** for December is Joy Ranch. Our Core mission is to help challenged individuals get a chance to meaningfully connect with horses. Typical recipients of this program include everyone from foster children to those with life-altering conditions, disabilities, or diseases.
* **Prayer Requests:** Aaron Ford, Verlyss Jacobson, Tony Gayken, Abbie Thoreson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s great niece), Kim Hanson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s sister-in-law), Kevin Schoffelman, Angela Schuyler, Dennis Weeldreyer (Laura Stoffer’s father), Jim Jibben, Albert Iken, Marin Bultena, Geri Monson, Bob Boe**,** Trinity Drake, and Robert Jungen.

* Families assigned for serving the **Month of January** are Allen Bolte, Pierce Crevier, Wayne Fischer, Verlyss Jacobson, Joel Laumer, Kent Plimpton, Courtney Rust, Helen Stack, Harold Timmerman, Byron Youngquist, Logan Fitzpatrick, Ryan Renz, Luke Bachmann, and Marilyn Hoelscher. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway across from Pastor’s office for whatever weeks will work for you to provide/serve treats & coffee, usher, and lay lector.
* There are a few **large print bulletins** available on the table by the newsletters for anyone who may need one.
* The **FELC Semi-Annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 14th following worship service in Luther Hall. Please plan to attend.
* **Condolences** to the family of Marcine Tiahrt (Sara Steever’s mother). Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.
* Laurie Wernke RN, Faith Community Nurse, will again be teaching **Tai Chi** at First English Lutheran Church. Class will begin Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall at 120 E 2nd Ave Lennox. The class will be offered weekly every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. You may ask “What is Tai Chi?” Tai Chi is best described as a meditative exercise. It is easy enough for most all abilities and ages. Tai Chi has been proven to help with relaxation, stress, feelings of well being, improves balance and the physical benefits of exercise. The class is 30 minutes long.
* Pastor Alan’s **new address** is: 10915 E. Mission Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99206