First English Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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 10th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word/New Member Recognition

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday, December 11th**

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Grief Share/Loss of Spouse - Luther Hall

**Wednesday, December 13th**

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - 2nd Reformed

7:40 p.m. HIgh School Youth Group - 2nd Reformed

**Thursday, December 14th**

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

**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

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE – December 3, 2023 Weekly Offering: $4,362 | Attendance: 104**

**Monthly: $4,362 of $29,746 goal; YTD: $180,973.66**

**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 John & Sara Steever in honor of Steton Roth’s baptism, and new members Ethan & Ally Roth and Anna Steever.
* **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:** Marcine Tiahrt (Sara Steever’s mother),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 December** are Kim Boe, Michael Carlson, Al Fincher, Roger Hanisch, Jess Iken, Steve Kruse, Chris Munce, Dean Rothenberger, Drew Sweeter, Orville Wiebers, John Fischer, Kevin Plank, and Carole Musch. 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 Nick Buehner, whose funeral was on Thursday, December 7th. 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.