

**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Messenger

NEWSLETTER

Praising God | Nurturing Faith | Serving All

INTERIM PASTORS

Barbara Rolph
David Walker

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Lynne Campbell

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM in the Sanctuary
Online via YouTube by the next day

COMMUNION

Served first and third Sundays

COFFEE HOUR

Following Sunday worship

YOUTUBE

First Lutheran Church, Sandpoint ID

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- Deadline is the 5th of the month
- Submit articles, ads, photos, and information via email
- In the Subj line, use "Messenger"

PASTOR DAVE'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

So many of our gospel lessons this summer have dealt with what it means to 'live in the Kingdom of God.' When we live lives that reflect 'kingdom living,' it will almost always have at its core 'serving others.' I once heard a bishop say that the primary reasons for the church's existence were to gather for worship, gather for fellowship, and gather in service to others. Worship. Fellowship. Service. The more I've thought about her comments, I've come to realize how these acts truly do reflect the ways of Christian living.

Much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that our worship is glorifying to God and edifying to the people. Fellowship, whether through Bible study, choir, quilting groups, or yoga classes, all offer opportunities to grow in relationship with one another while enhancing our minds, spirits, and bodies.

Service has been front-and-center of late. The church's participation with Second Harvest Food Bank, whose efforts fed 275 families, and the celebration of the beautiful works of art and love produced by the various quilting groups, reflect serving the needs of others both here and abroad.



Lives lived for the kingdom demand our best, and through our worship, fellowship, and service, we're doing just that. By God's grace, let's keep it up.

Dave+

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208-263-2048

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208-263-2610

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208-255-6885

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208-290-4555

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Autumn comes to Sandpoint

COMMUNION FOR LUTHER PARK RESIDENTS

Luther Park residents may request shut-in communion if they wish. Those who are interested may contact Lynne Campbell in the church office during office hours (Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM) at phone number 208-263-2048.

—Pastor Barbara

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 10-11-2023

Sunday Worship: Worship services have been set for 9 AM with Communion on the first and third Sundays.

Phone/Internet Service: We now have our old phone number back – 208-263-2048. The temporary number is no longer in service. There are four Wi-Fi areas available in the church: the kitchen, fellowship hall, meeting room, and sanctuary.

Parsonage: The parsonage needs winterizing, but the thermostat has been set at 55. The hot water heater is set to “low.” KarenMarie checks on it and is parking her truck in the garage. There are no window curtains, and there is no shower curtain. The council will revisit the parsonage situation in the spring.

Welcoming the Teen Center Weekday Afternoons: Opening the church facility for the Teen Center was discussed and approved. Linda Lacy will work on the wording for the contract which will be approved annually. Joan Avery is the contact person. The Teen Center will be authorized to use the FLC facility on weekdays after school xcept for the second Tuesday of each month when the Piecemakers Quilt Guild is scheduled. Some areas of the church will be off limits to the teens.

Budget: The budget will be addressed at the November 8 council meeting.

New Kitchen Stove: Don Farnham purchased a new stove for the kitchen and the Council authorized reimbursing him. He and Scott Youngren moved the old grill out. Linda Lacy is advertising it for sale.

Luther Park: Luther Park has twelve residents in Memory Care, and there are two vacancies in assisted living. The new activities director, Jacob Bonagofski, is well liked and doing a great job. Licensing for Senior Services of America has to wait until next month due to a delay with the state inspection. Pastors Barbara Dave are connecting with the residents.

2nd Harvest Mobile Market: There were more than 270 families served at the October 7 Food Truck event with volunteers from Holy Spirit Episcopal Church assisting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Thurston, Council Secretary

Sunday Readings for October

Oct 1...Lectionary 26
Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32
Ps 25:1-9
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32

Oct 8...Lectionary 27
Isa 5:1-7
Ps 80:7-15
Phil 3:4b-14
Matt 21:33-46

Oct 15...Lectionary 28
Isa 25:1-9
Ps 23
Phil 4:1-9
Matt 22:1-14

Oct 22...Lectionary 29
Isa 45:1-7
Ps 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thess 1:1-10
Matt 22:15-22

Year A 2023
Church Year Calendar





Join our happy family

Donate to Luther Park HELP FUND ENDOWMENT

Your contribution will permanently benefit residents.
Our mission is to support "Urgent Needs" of residents.
Contributions are tax deductible.

Donate by check, stock transfer, in-kind.

An endowment empowers us to invest in the future of Luther Park.

The principle is kept forever; interest used for urgent needs.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DRIVE begins November 6, 2023.

If you have questions, call Diana Carlson at 208-304-2441.





ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL KIT BAGS

The next shipping date for Lutheran World Relief is October 20. I have not gotten very many school kit bags made, but if the items to fill them come in, I will crank out as many as we can fill. Now is the best time to buy them.

The required items are:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2", no loose-leaf paper;
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other;
- One pencil sharpener;
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well);
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons;
- One 2 ½ " eraser.

If you have questions, you can call me at 208-610-9005 or go online to Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org for explanations.

—Sharon Roget



LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF

From 2nd Harvest:

Our thoughts are with the people of Medical Lake and Elk and all those affected by the Gray and Oregon Road fires that broke out on August 18. Hundreds of structures and homes have been lost, and firefighting crews are still responding to contain the swift moving and active blazes. When a disaster strikes, people are suddenly at risk of hunger and other hardships. I hope you will join us today to ensure food gets to those in need.

Our friends at the Wolff Family Foundation have stepped forward to match every dollar donated up to \$25,000 to help with hunger-relief in the communities affected by these fires. You can make your donation today, and it will go even farther to support our wildfire response and help our partners on the frontlines with food distribution.

Click on "DONATE NOW" at 2-harvest.org to donate.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of September, FLC member donations totaled 15 pounds of food and \$70 in cash.

Bags of Blessings

Contributions will be collected on the last Sunday of the month, October 29.

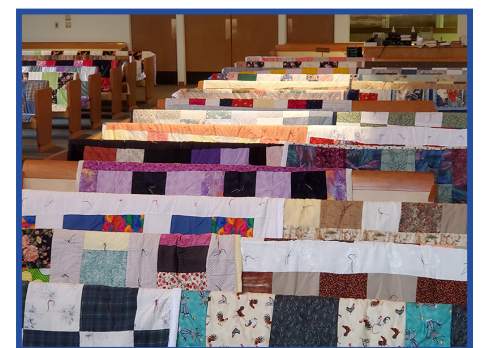
Cash contributions may be given directly to Marianne Foster or left in an envelope with Lynne in the church office.

Food, household, and personal items that are especially needed are listed above the Bags of Blessings box outside the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your participation!

QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Sixty-two beautiful quilts covered FLC pews on Sunday, October 15, prior to being shipped to LWR for relief around the world. Thank you, quilters!





HARVEST MOBILE MARKET

Since 2006, 2nd Harvest's Mobile Market has provided fresh produce and other groceries at no cost to families, children and seniors experiencing food insecurity.

On September 29, FLC hosted a mobile market event with some twenty-plus volunteers serving



Dick Foster with boxes of KitKat bars

275 families. Cars started lining up two hours before the event that began at 11 AM. Pastors Barbara and Dave were on hand along with volunteers from Holy Spirit Episcopal Church who joined FLC members. Gorgeous fall weather contributed to the spirit of giving, and everyone enjoyed a very satisfying day.



◀ *Busy getting ready*

Nancy Phillips oversees pies ▶



◀ *Vivian Carlson checks out the apples with Terri Yaw in the background.*

Pastors Dave and Barbara recycle boxes ▶





Marianne Foster and Dick Neuder with Jim Carlson

Special thanks to Marianne Foster who coordinated the event and to all the volunteers who helped make it such a successful one.



Sharon Roget, volunteer extraordinaire



FLC and Holy Spirit volunteers at work



Dick Neuder - what's next?



◀ *Marianne Foster looks on as Linda Lacy encourages the troops*

Cars coming through ▶





Yoga Ministry

Classes designed for “Late Bloomers”—kids at heart—are held weekly in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. Contact Judy Payne at 208-263-3564.

Quilting Groups

Bosom Buddies

Third Monday each month
9:30 AM-12 PM, Fellowship Hall
Contact: Linda Aavedal
208-610-6565

Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM
Sunday School Quilting Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005-

Stitches of Love

Currently on hiatus
Contact: Brigette Sanborn
If you know of someone in the FLC congregation who would benefit from a tangible gift of love and caring through a handmade quilt, please contact Brigette at 208-263-8120.



At FLC: Community Organizations

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild (non-profit)

Second Tuesday each month, Fellowship Hall. Providing education, enjoyment, and social exchange for those who enjoy the art of quilting. For questions or more information...
Contact: Linda Oldridge
208-597-1598

Food Addicts Anonymous

Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM
Meeting Room across from the LWR quilting room. Based on the 12 steps of recovery, this group is for anyone suffering from food addiction.
Contact: Brenda Swenson
208-255-9339

Women’s Circles

Phoebe Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
9:30 AM, Library Room
Gather Magazine is used
Contact: Judy Payne
208-263-3564

Faith Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
1:00 PM, Conference Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005
Open to all. Come and build lasting relationships.

Mary’s Circle

Each meeting arranged
Contact: Jean Cafferty
208-263-4942