



JANUARY 2026 OUTREACH



FJELDBERG NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

ANNUAL MEETING DATE
HAS BEEN SET FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR
THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE
DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 12

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON
SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM**

FROM PASTOR TIM:

Happy New Year!

2026 is here, and as life begins to settle back into a normal rhythm after the hustle of the holidays, many of us find ourselves thinking about New Year's resolutions. The reality is that most resolutions don't last as long as we hope.

When it comes to growing in faith, God invites us to take faithful steps. Those steps might look like worshiping more regularly, spending time in Scripture, or deepening a habit of prayer. These are practices that grow over time, slowly, steadily, and faithfully.

As we look ahead to 2026, I invite you to ponder this question with me: Where do we hope to see God at work this year?

May 2026 be a year in which you experience the love of God and grow in faith in both expected and unexpected ways.

Peace,
Tim

What's Been Happening?

">>>> 12/14 FLC KIDS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - SEE FAITH FORMATION PAGE

">>>> 12/21 - BELLS, CHOIR AND BAPTISM



">>>> 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE



">>>> 12/28 LESSONS & CAROLS



Faith Formation

>>> PHONE-A-THON

Please make sure to be available January 11th from 4-6 PM as our students going to Fairbanks, Alaska will be doing a “Phone-a-thon” to raise money towards our \$16,000 goal!

If you would like to opt out of being on our phone-a-thon call list you are welcome to make a donation before January 11, 2025, specifying it's for the Mission Trip and that you would like to be removed from our call sheet.



FLC Youth Group Perfect Games Outing



**Sunday School
Christmas
Program**



>>> YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be returning this Semester January 7, 2025. And will take place every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room. Encourage your Highschooler to attend and even bring a friend!

>>> GATHER@FJELDBERG

Gather this month will take place at 6:30 PM at Fjeldbeg. Invite your highschooler to come join as Fjeldbeg, Palestine, and Bethlehem Lutheran join Youth Groups!

>>> VOLUNTEER REQUESTS

Do you have projects around your house that you need help with? We have youth who are looking for Silver Cord Hours. Fill out a sheet on the white table in the back of the sanctuary, and place it in the box.



Gather@ Christmas Caroling!

What's coming up!

>>> WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

It's that time of year again when winter weather starts creeping in and disrupting our plans. Here's how we'll handle any weather-related cancellations:

- If the Ballard Community School District cancels or dismisses early, all evening programming at the church will also be cancelled.
- If school is delayed, any programming scheduled during the delay will be cancelled.

Sunday morning worship cancellation decisions will be made by the Council and Pastor Tim.

We'll notify you of any cancellations through our website, email, and Facebook.

>>> FUNERAL DESSERT MAKERS

We are fortunate to have a community that supports one another so well. In times of mourning, there is a need for desserts to accompany the catered lunches at funerals.

If you are able to contribute a dozen or two desserts when the occasion arises, please inform Jan in the church office. We will email out to our list of volunteers when a funeral arises and if you are able to make a dessert you can let us know.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Allison Rigler-President
Alex Severn-Treasurer
Kathy Wilson-Secretary

Ron Bollmeyer
Heather Bristow
Patty Foley
Krisi Preston
Peggy Wilson
Zach Swanson
Linda Eklund

STAFF

Tim Jacobsen
Pastor

Heather Bristow
Choir Director

Braden Hayes
Faith Formation Coordinator

Jan Nyhus
Church Administrator

Lisa Pedersen
Musician

Paul Van Ryswyk
Musician

John Wilson
Facilities and Communications
Coordinator

What's coming up!

>>> COMMUNITY FRIDGE MEAL PREP

We have received a grant to prepare frozen meals for those who would find a meal helpful that week. The freezer is set up, supplies are here, and now we just need to make the meals. If you are interested in helping to prepare these meals, let Pastor Tim know. We are looking at a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon this month.

>>> PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Tim is more than willing and quite enjoys meeting with you. If you have emergencies or are in the hospital and want a visit, please let Pastor Tim know; he can't visit you if he doesn't know. You can call the church at any time and extension 1 rings to his cellphone.

If you would like a visit from Pastor Tim. Please schedule that with Pastor Tim or Jan in the office.

>>> LSI - LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

Do you know someone who...

- Struggles with mental health and needs support?
- Is a refugee or immigrant starting over in Iowa, building a new life?
- Is a young parent trying to give their child a better future?
- Has been adopted or grown up in foster care?
- Lives with a disability and could thrive with access to the right resources and care?

These are the people your generosity touches. Their lives are transformed through Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) — because of caring donors like you.

Let me introduce you to Heather, one of our long-time foster and adoptive parents.

For the rest of this story go to Lsiowa.org/stories

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@Lsiowa.org or 563-676-2065.

LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at Lsiowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

WAYS TO CONNECT



>>> OUT TO BRUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Brunch Bunch meets after Fellowship on the 3rd Sunday of each month to have brunch at the Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City.

We would love to have you join us!

>>> JOY SEEKERS

will meet
Thursday, January 15th
6:00 P.M.

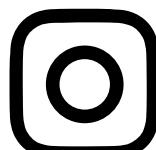
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RSVP to
Don or Cathy Rimathe
or call the church office
515-597-2831
by Sunday 1/11.
We would love to
have you join us.

>>> COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Please take this short survey to update your email and text preferences for how you would like to receive communications from Fjeldberg Lutheran



Scan the QR Code to start the Survey



Like & follow us on
Facebook & Instagram

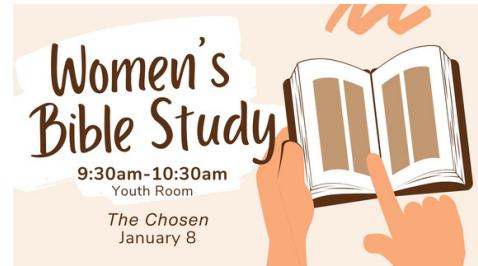
>>> WOMEN & MEN'S CARD GROUPS

We have two groups that meet each week to play cards, have fun, conversation, and treats.

The Ladies Group meets every Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Men's Group meets each week on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

>>> BOOK STUDY GROUP



>>> FJELDBERG QUILTERS



>>> CHOIR & BELLS

Open Invitation for All Music Lovers!

Whether you like to sing, are curious about handbell ringing, or simply love making music—you're warmly invited to join H.I.S. Choir and/or Joyful Bells!

Heaven Inspired Singing Choir rehearsals:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Joyful Handbell practice:

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

No experience is needed—we believe everyone can ring & sing! Simply bring your enthusiasm and a servant heart ready to make joyful music to share God's love!



Worship Online

JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 A Worship with Communion
Also live-streamed on YouTube.
Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship!
10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation

Monday, January 5

1:00 P Women's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 6

1:00 P Men's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 P Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, January 7

5:30 P Community Meal - All are welcome
6:00 P Huxley Food Pantry is open
6:00 P FLC Students (6th-8th grades) (Youth Room)
6:30 P H.I.S. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 P FLC Youth
7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Thursday, January 8

9:30A Women's Bible Study (Youth Room)
10:00A Huxley Food Pantry is open

Sunday, January 11 - Baptism of Our Lord

9:00A Worship with Communion & Confirmation
Also live-streamed on YouTube.
Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship
10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation (Fellowship Hall)
4-6P Youth Mission Trip Phonathon

Monday, January 12

Committee Reports are due for the Annual Report
1:00P Women's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30P Church Council

Tuesday, January 13

1:00 P Men's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 P Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 P Community Meal - All are welcome
6:00 P Huxley Food Pantry is open
6:00 P FLC Students (6th-8th grades) (Youth Room)
6:30 P H.I.S. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 P FLC Youth
7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Thursday, January 15

10:00A Huxley Food Pantry is open

Sunday, January 18 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00A Worship with Communion with Guest Pastor,
Rev. Christine Cowan
Also live-streamed on YouTube.
Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship
10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 19

1:00 P Women's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 20

1:00 Men's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 P Community Meal - All are welcome
6:00 P Huxley Food Pantry is open
6:00 P FLC Students (6th-8th grades) (Youth Room)
6:30 P H.I.S. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Gather@Fjeldberg (FLC Youth)
7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Thursday, January 22

9:30 A Thursday Bible Study (Youth Room)
10:00A Huxley Food Pantry open

Sunday, January 25 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 A Worship with Communion, Special Music by
H.I.S. Choir, Guest Pastor, Rachel
Mithelman
Also live-streamed on YouTube
Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-5th Grade) during worship!

10:15A Coffee, treats & conversation
11:00A FLC College Age Gathering

Monday, January 26

1:00 P Ladies Card Group

Tuesday, January 27

1:00P Men's Card Group
1:00P Fjeldberg Quilters

Wednesday, January 28

5:30 P Community Meal - All are welcome
6:00 P Huxley Food Pantry is open
6:00 P FLC Students (6th-8th grades) (Youth Room)
6:30 P H.I.S. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 P FLC Youth
7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Sunday, February 1 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 A Worship with Communion
Also live-streamed on YouTube.
Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship

10:00A Fjeldberg's Annual Meeting

Coffee, treats & conversation following the Annual
Meeting

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Worship Servers:

Altar Guild: Thelma N. & Anne Q.
Bread Baker: Allison R.
Streaming: John W.

>>> JANUARY 4 - CHRISTMAS 2

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Liturgist (NTF): Sharyn E.
Acolyte(s): Jentry H.
Greeters: Joel & Krisi P.
Reader: Joe O.
Proclaim Slides: Kathy W.
Communion Assistants: Nancy S-C., Sue L, Jan N.
Altar Flowers: Jerald & Thelma N.
Fellowship Hosts: Don & Cathy R. &
Ron & Darcy B.
Sound: Heather B.

>>> JANUARY 11 - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Liturgist: (Setting 3) Mel V.
Acolyte(s): ???
Greeters: Jentry H. & Jan N.
Reader: Kya H.
Proclaim slides: ???
Communion Assistants: Tracey R. & ???
Altar Flowers: ???
Fellowship Hosts: Heidi L, Suzy B. & Lorraine H.
Sound: Bill H.

>>> JANUARY 18 - EPIPHANY 2

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Liturgist (NTF): ???
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: Suzy B. and ???
Reader: Lisa P.
Proclaim Slides: ???
Communion Assistants: ???, ???, ???
Altar Flower: ???
Sound: Mel V.

>>> JANUARY 25 - EPIPHANY 3

Church Musician: Lisa P.
Liturgist (Setting 3): Brittney S.
Special Music: H.I.S. Choir
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: The Swanson Family
Reader: Heidi L.
Proclaim Slides: ???
Communion Assistants: Nancy S-C. and ???
Altar Flowers: ???
Fellowship Hosts: Bob & Sue J.
Sound: Heather B.

Ways to Serve

>>> FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

December Statistics

Households Served: 49 Total People Served: 132

Age Groups: 0-18: 52 19-59: 64 60+: 16

Items Needed:

- Cash donations, Fareway Gift Cards
- Grocery Store Gifts Cards (Fareway, Hy-Vee, WalMart)
- Cash donations
- Personal care products & small bottles cleaning supplies
- Small containers of condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, relish)
- Pasta Sauce (Alfredo)
- Fruit cups (all kinds)
- Chili (beans or no beans)
- Canned Spaghetti-O's with or without meatballs
- Canned Stews or Manwich



Regular Food Pantry Hours

6:00 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays

10:00 - 11:00 AM Thursdays

>>> SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Huxley Area Food Pantry

We are thankful for the opportunity to share God's love through our food pantry, and meet the needs of those in our community! The need continues for food and monetary donations, but we also need people to serve. If you are able to volunteer sign up at the link above. We will train you before your first shift. VOLUNTEERS to work [Fjeldberg Lutheran Church: Huxley/Kelley Food Pantry Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Fjeldberg_Lutheran_Church_Huxley_Kelley_Food_Pantry_Volunteers_signupgenius.com)

Thank you from the Huxley Food Pantry to:

- Fjeldberg Lutheran, Huxley
- Fareway, Huxley
- Trinity United Methodist, Huxley
- Palestine Lutheran, Huxley
- Everyone in our community who provide funds, food, and time.
- Dollar General, Huxley
- Maverick, Cambridge
- CROP Walk
- All of our wonderful volunteers who keep the Huxley Food Pantry running.