



FJELDBERG NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/14
KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DURING 9:00AM WORSHIP

12/24
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
AT 4:00PM OR 8:00PM

12/28
LESSONS AND CAROLS
WORSHIP AT 9:00AM

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

FROM PASTOR TIM:

Advent is one of my favorite church seasons, which feels ironic to me, since I'm bad at the whole point of this season: waiting. Advent slows us down just enough to notice, notice the hope of Jesus that flickers in dark places, notice the neighbor who needs encouragement, notice the ways Christ meets us long before Christmas morning.

This year, I've been especially mindful of how much we need this season. The world rushes ahead to December 25 with its busyness, noise, and pressure to "get everything done." But Advent invites us into a different way of living. Not rushing. Not forcing. Simply watching and waiting for the God who shows up, sometimes in big ways, often in quiet ones.

. We light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love not just as tradition but as a declaration: we trust that God is moving among us. In our worship, in our ministries, in our relationships, and in our community, God is already planting signs of new life.

My prayer for you this December is that you find small moments of holy pause. A deep breath. A whispered prayer. A chance to notice where Christ is already stirring hope in you and around you.

May this season draw us closer to God, to one another, and to the promise of Emmanuel, "God with us."

What's Been Happening?

➤➤➤ 11/9 OUR FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR, BRADEN HAYES, LED WORSHIP AND BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE



➤➤➤ 11/16 LEVI FAAS, SEMINARY STUDENT BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE



➤➤➤ 11/23 - ASSEMBLING THANKSGIVING BOXES



Faith Formation

➤➤➤ CHRISTMAS PLAY

Sunday, December 14, our annual Christmas play will occur during the service followed by a Christmas Party for the remainder of service for our Sunday Schoolers. Additionally, on December 13 at 9:45 AM we will be having a Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary for all students to attend.



➤➤➤ COLLEGE STUDENT CONNECTION

On December 21, 2025, at 11:00 we are welcoming all our college aged youth to attend a lunch to enjoy some food, fellowship, and reconnection to their home church community! The event will be in the fellowship hall led by Braden. Students and parents are also encouraged to message Braden prayer requests if they are unable to make it.

➤➤➤ GATHER@ PALESTINE- CAROLING

Making a return from last year, our joint Youth Group between Palestine and Fjeldberg will be going Christmas. It's Palestine's turn to host this year but we are encouraging highschooler from both churches to come and bring friends and enjoy an evening of spirit filled fun! Please Join us December 17!

➤➤➤ YOUTH GROUP PERFECT GAMES TRIP

On December 10, 2025, at 5:30 we will travel up with our Youth Group to Perfect Games in Ames. We will do laser tag and bowling. Friends are welcome! If your highschooler is interested in coming and you'd like to chaperone we are welcoming volunteers to help drive up to Ames and supervise students during the event. We will be leaving at 5:30 PM and returning between 8:30 to 9:00 PM. Please sign up on Church Center or reach out to Braden at braden@fjeldberglutheran.org

➤➤➤ FUNDRAISING

Our youth are officially registered and getting ready for their Mission Trip to Fairbanks, Alaska in Summer 2026! Over the next seven months, we'll be hosting some meaningful fundraisers to help make this faith-shaping experience possible. Please jump in, participate, and encourage them along the way!

We've seen exciting growth in our youth ministry, and this year we have 7 youth and 2 adult leaders from Fjeldberg going. To support this trip, we're working toward a fundraising goal of \$16,000, with your help, we can get there!

➤➤➤ 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.

What's coming up!

>>> WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS



Come and experience the joy of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! We look forward to worshipping with you. As you prepare for this season, we encourage you to think about who you might invite to join you, this time of year, many people are open to a simple invitation to come to church.

Please note that our Christmas Eve worship times have been adjusted this year to 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

>>> 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.

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

Paul Van Ryswyk
Musician

John Wilson
Facilities and Communications
Coordinator

What's coming up!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS



A warm, caring environment for those who have experienced human loss through death.

Fall Group



GriefShare

A 13-week faith-based program designed to support & equip individuals as they navigate the difficult emotions & experiences of grief.

Thursdays, Sept. 18 – Dec. 11, 6:30pm – 8pm

(You are welcome to join at any point during this period.)

Blue Christmas
Thursday, Dec. 11, 7-8pm

All events are held @ Huxley Public Library, 515 N Main Ave, Huxley (2nd floor of 3 C's Building) Contact ericklimpel@gmail.com, 515-597-2620

>>> 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.

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.

>>> ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



Take a break from the busyness of the season and join Pastor Tim for an Advent Bible Study on Sunday Mornings from 10:30–11:30. Together we'll prepare our hearts with hope and expectation for the birth of Jesus.

Let Pastor Tim know if you'll be there!

WAYS TO CONNECT



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.

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 NOT meet during December!

Have a wonderful Christmas!
Blessings to ALL.

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

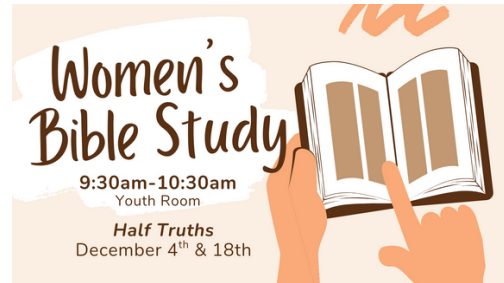


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BOOK STUDY GROUP



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 rehearsal:

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

DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

1:00 P Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, December 3

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, December 4

9:30A Thursday Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00A Huxley Food Pantry is open

6:30 P Grief Share @ Huxley Public Library

Friday, December 5th

6:30P Fjeldberg JOYFUL Bells will play at the Christmas at Bethlehem Concert at Bethlehem Lutheran in Slate

Sunday, December 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 A Worship with Communion & Special Music by H.I.S. Choir

Also live-streamed on YouTube.

Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship!

10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

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

1:00 P Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, December 10

5:30 P Community Meal - All are welcome

5:30 P FLC Youth will travel to Perfect Games in Ames

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)

7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Thursday, December 11

10:00A Huxley Food Pantry is open

7:00 P Blue Christmas at Trinity United Methodist

Saturday, December 13

9:45 A FLC Kids Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00A Worship with Communion & Children's Christmas Program

Also live-streamed on YouTube.

Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship

10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 15

1:00 P Ladies Card Group

6:30 P Church Council (Fireside Room)

Tuesday, December 16

1:00 Men's Card Group (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 Fjeldberg Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Wednesday, December 17

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 P FLC Youth & Palestine Youth go Caroling (meet at Palestine)

7:30 P JOYFUL Bells Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

Thursday, December 18

9:30 A Thursday Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00A Huxley Food Pantry open

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 A Worship with Communion

Special Music by JOYFUL Bells

Also live-streamed on YouTube

NO Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-5th Grade) during worship!

10:15A Coffee, treats & conversation

11:00A FLC College Age Gathering

Monday, December 22

1:00 P Ladies Card Group

Tuesday, December 23

10:00A Huxley Food Pantry is open.

1:00P Men's Card Group

1:00P **NO** Fjeldberg Quilters

6:00P Huxley Food Pantry is open

Wednesday, December 24

4:00P Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Special Music by Molly Severn

8:00P Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Special Music by Bruce Martin (**NOTE TIME**)

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas to all of our FLC Faith Family!

Church Offices are CLOSED

Friday, December 26

Church Offices are also closed today.

Sunday, December 28 - First Sunday of Christmas

9:00 A Worship with Communion (Lessons & Carols today)

Also live-streamed on YouTube.

NO Fjeldberg Kids (3yrs-6th Grade) during worship!

10:00A Coffee, treats & conversation

Monday, December 29

1:00 P Ladies Card Group

Tuesday, December 30

1:00 P Men's Card Group

1:00 P **NO** Fjeldberg Quilters

Wednesday, December 31

NO Church Activities today or this evening.

Worship Servers:

Altar Guild: Tami M.
Bread Baker: Bob J.
Streaming: John W.

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 7 - ADVENT 2

Church Musician: Lisa P.
Liturgist (Setting 3): Heather B.
Special Music: H.I.S. Choir
Acolyte(s): Braxley S.
Greeters: Jan N. & ???
Reader: Kya H.
Proclaim Slides: Kathy W.
Communion Assistants: Tami M, ???, ???
Altar Flowers: Bob & Sue Jacobsen
Fellowship Hosts: Thelma N., Margaret O.,
Lorraine H.
Sound: Mel V.

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 14 - ADVENT 3

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Children's Christmas Program
Liturgist: (Setting 3) Mel V.
Acolyte(s): ???
Greeters: ???, ???
Reader: Anne Q.
Proclaim slides: Dan E.
Communion Assistants: Tami M. & Nancy S-C.
Altar Flowers: Harold & Sue L. in memory of
Carole H.-A.
Fellowship Hosts: Sue & Harold L. and
Tim & Sue E.
Sound: Heather B.

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 21 - ADVENT 4

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Special Music: JOYFUL Bells
Liturgist (Setting 3): Sharyn E.
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: Mick P. & Justin P.
Reader: Zach S.
Proclaim Slides: Dan E.
Communion Assistants: Tami M., Helen E. and
Tracey R.
Altar Flowers: Krisi P.
Fellowship Hosts: Marc & Char R. and
Bob & Sue J.
Sound: Bill H.

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE 4 P.M. SERVICE

Church Musician: Lisa P.
Special Music: Molly S.
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: ???
Reader: Alex S.
Proclaim Slides: ???
Communion Assistants: Patty F. & Molly S.
Altar Flower: Christmas Poinsettias.
Sound: ???

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE 8 P.M. SERVICE

Church Musician: Paul V. R.
Special Music: Bruce M.
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: Heidi L. and Suzy B.
Reader: Heidi L.
Proclaim Slides: Sue E.
Communion Assistants: Tim E. & Jan N.
Altar Flower: Christmas Poinsettias.
Sound: ???

➤➤➤ DECEMBER 28 - CHRISTMAS 1 LESSONS & CAROLS

Church Musician: Paul V.R.
Liturgist: (Setting 3)
Acolytes: ???
Greeters: ???
Reader: ???
Proclaim Slides: ???
Communion Assistants: ??? and ???
Altar Flowers: ???
Fellowship Hosts: ???
Sound: ???

Ways to Serve

➤➤ FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

November Statistics

Households Served: 50 Total People Served: 180

Age Groups: 0-18: 77 19-59: 89 60+: 14

Thanksgiving Boxes Distributed to 61 families serving 234 people.

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 (katsup, mayo mustard, relish)
- Crackers (saltine, oyster, and graham)
- Pasta Sauce (Alfredo)
- Fruit cups (all kinds)
- Chili (beans or no beans)
- Canned Spaghetti-O's w/meatballs
- Canned Stews or Manwich

VOLUNTEERS to work [Fjeldberg Lutheran Church: Huxley/Kelley Food Pantry Volunteers](#) (signupgenius.com)

Thank you from the Huxley Food Pantry to:

- Fjeldberg Lutheran, Huxley
- South Story Bank & Trust Foundation
- Fidelity Bank
- Stallie's Sweets
- Edward Jones
- Bethany Lutheran, Kelley
- Palestine Peppy Pushers 4-H Group
- Trinity United Methodist, Huxley
- Everyone in our community to provide funds, food, and time to distribute Thanksgiving Boxes.
- Dollar General, Huxley
- Maverick, Cambridge
- All of our wonderful volunteers who keep the Huxley Food Pantry running.



Huxley
Area Food Pantry

Regular Food Pantry Hours

6:00 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays

10:00 - 11:00 AM Thursdays

Holiday Food Pantry Hours

10:00 - 11:00 AM Tuesdays 12/23 & 12/30

6:00 - 7:00 Tuesdays 12/23 & 12/30

CLOSED Wednesday & Thursday
12/24 & 12/25

CLOSED Wednesday & Thursday
12/31 & 1/1

➤➤ 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.