



**For, behold,
I create new heavens and a
new earth: and the former
shall not be remembered,
nor come into mind.**

Isaiah 65:17 (KJV)

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, you promise that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. Help me see your loving hand in this time of trouble. Save me from doubt, relieve my anguish, and lead me through these dark days with the light of your presence.

Amen.

Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

The Service, Setting Two

November 8 & 9, 2025



Opening Hymn

Congregation Sings Verses 1-3

158 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for
from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to



me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
ex - ul - ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

Welcome to Our New Members!

Brandon and Brenda Petersen, with Their Son Hunter



Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession (Congregation in Bold)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

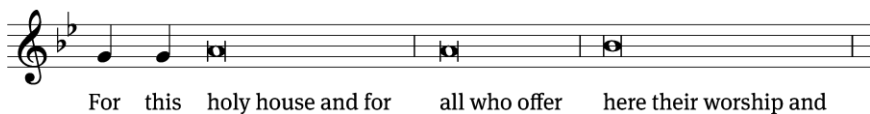
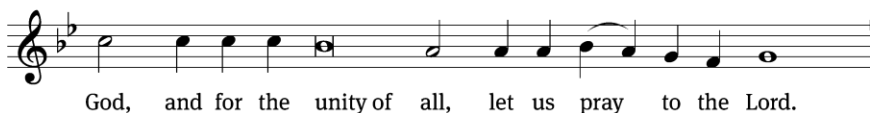
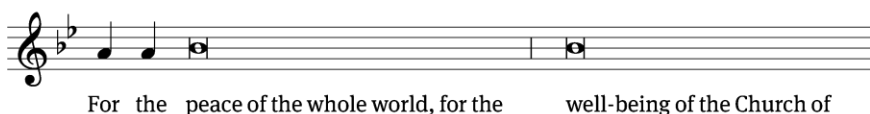
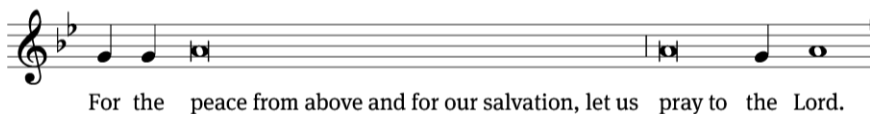
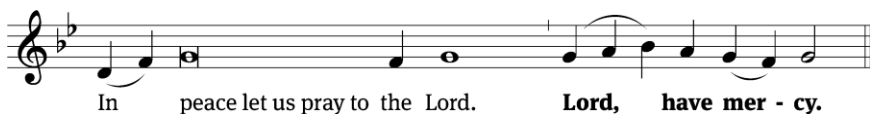
Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



Give Glory to God!

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I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

Verse 4

I am content! Lord, set me ever free
And wake me from the dead
That I may rise forevermore to be
With you, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever;
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

¹⁷Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered.

They will not come to mind.

¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.

Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness,

and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,

and I will rejoice over my people.

The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again,

nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,

or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,

for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man,

and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and live in them.

They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They will not build a house and have another person live in it.

They will not plant and have another person eat the crop,

for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree,

and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor only to receive nothing,

and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster,

for they will be offspring who are blessed by the Lord,

and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer.

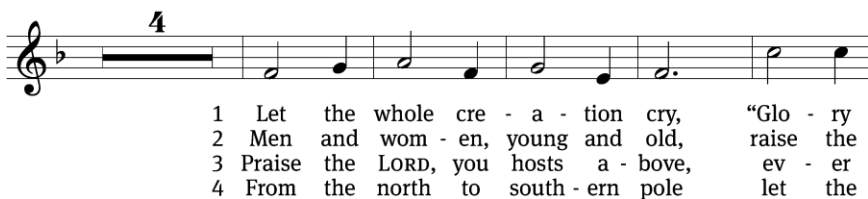
While they are still speaking, I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together,
 and lions will eat straw like cattle,
 but the serpent will eat dust as its food.
 They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy
 mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

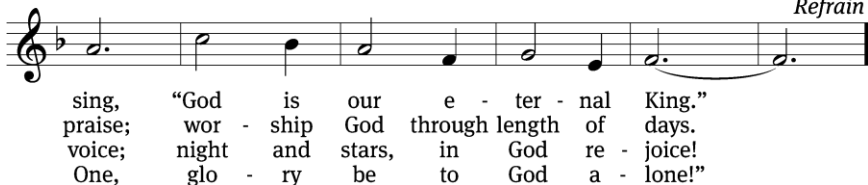
Psalm of the Day

148D Alleluia! Praise the LORD

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Second Reading

Revelation 22:1-5 (EHV)

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ²In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

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Gospel

Luke 20:27-38 (EHV)

²⁷Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸They asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰The second took her as a wife, ³¹and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. ³²Finally the woman died too. ³³So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷“Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Be seated

Children’s Lesson

Hymn of the Day

END TIME

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Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from
4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The
lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And
care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The
God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I
all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er
song of them that feast; And they who with their
ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -
in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures
lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er
bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.

Sermon

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering *(Please write your name in the little red Friendship Registers. Thank you.)*

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. Your perfect life alone allows us to be considered worthy to experience the resurrection from the dead—to be sons of God. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering. Deliver those who suffer hatred, harm and grief because they follow you.

C: Give us power and wisdom to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn



837 When Will I Walk

1 When will I walk the shin - ing streets of gold
 2 When will I wear the robe of bril - liant white
 3 When will I win what Je - sus won for me—

which lie be - hind the mas - sive gates of pearl,
 and raise a - loft the vic - tor's branch of palm,
 a par - a - dise of rest - ful, won - drous peace,

where saints tri - um - phant live in bliss un - told,
 where long - for - got - ten is the no - ble fight
 where day is bright and night will nev - er be,

and all a - round the al - le - lu - ias swirl?
 and glass - y seas be - tray a per - fect calm?
 and joy - ful - ness will ev - er - more in - crease?

Refrain

My days, O Lord, are trou - ble - filled and few, and
 I'm not home un - til I'm home with you.

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Stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hello Church Family!

Do you hear what I hear? Haul out the holly . . . we are planning on decorating the church Fellowship Hall on December 7, after the church service. We'll be needing some volunteers to help. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the church Welcome Area, if you'd like to help . . . or just show up and do some **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**.

Thanks, in advance, for your help—

And **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!**

**(Please Ask the Decorating Leaders for Guidance:
Will & Brenda Rancour; Terry? & Linda Jandt.)**

CLOSING HYMN



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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -

my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,

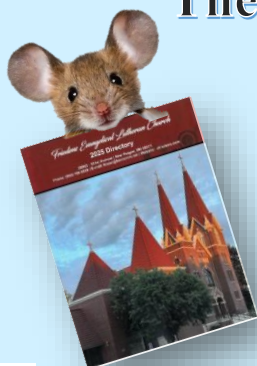
From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

The 2025 Directories are here!



Please see Heidi Gilsrud
for your copy!

Please Note: There are limited copies
(if you did not submit a photo),
so hurry while supplies last.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (11/01/25):	21
Sunday (11/02/25):	<u>88</u>
Total: 109	

Sunday, November 9	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 p.m.
Monday, November 10	OUTREACH MEETING	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 11	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12	Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, November 13	LADIES AID MEETING EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING (Prairie Quilters Meeting)	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 14		
Saturday, November 15	Men's Bible Study MLC YOUTH TOUR Worship	8:00 a.m. Meet at Church: 9:45 a.m. Noon
Sunday, November 16	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 p.m.
Monday, November 17		
Tuesday, November 18	Choir	7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2025				
DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
November 9	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
November 16	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storie	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
November 23	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg
November 27 (Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m.)	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Duane Jirik	Justin Storie
November 30	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson

Volunteer

2026



Dear Church Members:

In light of the response we received for more church events (from our congregational survey), the church Elders and Council realized we have to be more prepared with having our volunteer teams in place prior to the new year. We are asking our members to please see the new “**VOLUNTEER**” wall (across from the literature table) and sign up to be a volunteer for an event or two. **Go ahead and just feel free to fill up those sign-up sheets!** Then, we can keep having our wonderful events we enjoy so much.

THE NEW PLAN PER THE COUNCIL: Before the new year (2026), we'll see how many volunteers we have signed up. If we have all the volunteers we need for an event by **December 31, 2025**, that event will be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule. Sadly, if we do not get any or enough volunteers signed up by the Deadline (**December 31, 2025**), that event will not be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule.

Please Note: At any time, if anyone would like to host an event, they can always go to the Elders and ask.

Please and thank you!



Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser

POINSETTIAS- \$30 EACH

Pick up on Nov. 24-26 at
103 3rd Ave E, Shakopee

(Delivery available in Scott & Carver
counties for orders of 5 or more)

Order by November 10th

Scan code to order & learn more



All funds raised support
domestic abuse services
in the community!



the reason for the season



Christmas Begins with Christ

Advent by Candle Light

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Doors open at 4:30pm

Dinner at 5pm with Program to follow

Sponsored by Woven

St. Paul Lutheran

100 6th St. W.

Jordan MN 55352

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**Please let Heidi Gilsrud know if you'd
like to Host a table for this special
Advent by Candlelight service.**

URGENT COMMUNITY FOOD COLLECTION

STARTS NOW UNTIL ?

There is a rectangular table in the Welcome Area for Peace Center (New Prague, MN) food donations. Please consider bringing a food donation. We'll make sure your donation gets to the Peace Center for our community needs. Please take one of the Community Meeting sheets (on the table) for ways to give to our community. On the table is SNAP and FISH info and links, too.

"This is the FISH Network's link for people to donate money for those needing help with food. Both FISH and Scott County links would be fine for us to use. People have other options, as well as donating food itself at Friedens, or designating special cash gifts to be sent through us.

This problem for our neighbors in need (42% of SNAP recipients in the county are minor children) is an opportunity for us to show God's love for our neighbors in tangible ways; 111 households in New Prague (that may be just the Scott County half of the city) use SNAP. Ten times as many use SNAP in Shakopee."

Pastor Koch

 952-440-3600  FISH@fishpartnernetwork.org

♥ FISH — Meeting real needs, right now.

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Scott County



From: "FISH" <fish@fishpartnernetwork.org>
To: "FISH" <fish@fishpartnernetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:43:29 AM
Subject: URGENT COMMUNITY UPDATE – SNAP Benefits Interrupted During Federal Shutdown



Families & Individuals Sharing Hope
A PARTNER NETWORK

UPDATES

As many of you have seen, the federal government shutdown means **SNAP benefits are temporarily unavailable** for thousands of individuals and families in our community. This is not just a headline — it means children, seniors, and vulnerable neighbors may go without food in the days to come.

At FISH, our mission is to *meet real needs, right now*. If there has ever been a moment our community needs this network, **it is now**.

To respond quickly and compassionately, **FISH has created an urgent SNAP Relief Fund via PayPal**.

💙 Every dollar will be used **immediately** to help individuals and families who are suddenly without access to food.

We are ready to be the safety net our community deserves — but we can only do that with your partnership and support.

👉 **Please donate using the link or QR code below.**

No amount is too small — together we can ensure **no neighbor goes hungry**.

And please, **share this message with your networks** — friends, churches, businesses, neighbors — anyone who wants to help and wants to know their contribution will directly support those most in need in Scott County.

This is what our network was built for.

This is how we show up for one another.

Together, we will get our community through this moment — with dignity, compassion, and hope.

Thank you for being part of the heart of Scott County.

Let's stand together and feed our neighbors.

♥ *FISH — Meeting real needs, right now.*

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Hi,

My name is Joann Pomije, and I'm the Mankato conference area representative for the MLC Auxiliary. We have been slowing dwindling down since the spring meetings were eliminated, but after years of discussion and prayer, we have decided to bring back gatherings in a few different ways. Those meetings played a vital role in finding area reps and collecting money for our yearly MLC projects not supported by the budget. One of our jobs is to communicate Auxiliary information with each congregation through your church contact person. My first step is to contact each of you and ask that you find someone who has a great love for MLC and wants to share our information with their church family. Please have them contact me through phone, text, or email 952-201-8301 (or impomije@gmail.com) with their name and contact information so we can get started on a fantastic year. Share in your church bulletins or with your women's groups.

Thanks and God Bless,

Joann Pomije

Christmas for Kids

Children will Learn About
The Birth of Our Precious
Savior & Lord Jesus!

2025

December 6
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall



Games!
Singing!
Crafts!

Christmas for Kids is open to any child from 3 years old (potty trained) through 5th grade.

To sign your children up to attend Christmas for Kids, please fill out a registration form for each of your children. There are registration forms on the website (efriedens.com under the "Ministries" tab), or on the literature table in the Welcome Area of the church (by double-glass doors). Please give your completed registration forms to Cindy Koch. You can also e-mail them to the church office at flcsec@bevcomm.net. You can also just come early on December 6 (12:45 p.m.) to register the same day as the event. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Koch at (952) 564-9496 (christmascin@gmail.com).

We are always looking for volunteers!

See sign-up sheets in Welcome Area for opportunities to help.