

GOOD NEWS AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS was held

on September 8th. This beautiful, sunny day started out with a short service. Ellie Helgeson led the service which emphasized the importance of turning our intentions into actions. Thank you, Ellie and all who helped make the service memorable.

Projects for this year included cleaning tomb stones at the Ortonville cemetery, putting together birthday-in-a-bag bags for the food shelf, making and delivering muffins to local facilities, making greeting cards, and ditch clean-up. All were treated to a pot-luck dinner following their efforts. We had a small group of volunteers, but each project was completed. Thanks to all who showed that Love is a Verb.

RALLY SUNDAY

will be held on September 15th. This day we celebrate the start of our Sunday School year. We are lucky to have a thriving Sunday School and youth program with excited children and enthusiastic teachers and helpers. If you see one of our Sunday School teachers, please be sure to thank them for their good work.



Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Basset began her ministry with Zion Lutheran and FELC on September 1st and will be preaching on alternating Sundays through December. Her first service week at FELC will be September 15th. She will be teaching our confirmation students, and will have office hours at FELC every Wednesday (11:00-6:30) and Thursday (10:00-3:00). The executive committees of each church are still working out the Thanksgiving and Christmas schedules. Leaders for the alternating services have also been filled. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this possible. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

September 22nd will be Bible Presentation Sunday. Each year our church presents Bibles to three-year-olds and third graders. This year there are 9 three-year-olds and 8 third graders. Reading is such an important part of learning about Jesus. Your stewardship giving makes these presentations possible. Thank you.