

GOOD NEWS AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 15th, the Sunday School

students, under the supervision of Marilyn Chindvall and music director Amy Adelman, presented 'Just a Little Christmas', an exuberant portrayal of the Christmas story. We are so blessed to have a thriving Sunday School and people who are dedicated to making these programs great. Supporting our youth through your stewardship giving is one of the most beautiful ways of expressing your faith, hope, and love for our future generations.

The Silence and the Sound, a

Christmas Cantata, under the direction of Lisa Berdan was presented on Dec 7 & 8 at The Abby of the Hills. Over 600 people attended the three performances. Performers ranged in age from 10 to 93. Soloists and instrumentalists made the performance extra special. What a blessing to join in song with voices and instruments from the around the area.

Christmas Eve Services are

scheduled for 2:30 at First English Lutheran Church with special music beginning at 2:00. If you are unable to attend this service, a second service will be held at Zion at 4:30. All are welcome at both services.

ZION PARTNERSHIP

First English Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church are entering into a 6-month interim pastoral agreement with Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Basset beginning January 1, 2025. She will be scheduled to lead services at both churches on all Sundays. Her designated office time here will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. She will continue to lead our joint confirmation programs. The executive committees of each church have proposed service times Lent and Easter week and also a new Communion schedule. This is Good News we hope all will embrace!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Pastor Cheryl will hold a non-denominational Blue Christmas Service at FELC on December 21st for those who mourn. A Blue Christmas service creates a safe place to join with others who mourn or struggle with loss and hear God's word of hope and healing calling you forward to the bright shining light of spring when new life will come again.