

January 2, 2022  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
Baptism of Our Lord  
10:00 AM



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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**WORSHIP NOTES**

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. [www.flcbothell.org](http://www.flcbothell.org)
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

**Assisting With Today’s Service:**  
 Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg  
 Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne  
 Ensemble Leader: Richard Edmonds  
 Piano: June Condra  
 Children’s Message: Roger Steinke

Greeter	Tamara McIntyre	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE:** *Forest Green (Ralph Vaughn Williams)*

**MEDITATION:** *The Storm (Mary Oliver)*

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW 275)*  
*Kaleb Brasee, Piano*



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Cold December Flies Away* (ELW 299)**

***Pacific Lutheran University Choral Union***

***Directed by: Richard Nance—Accompanied by: Daniel Schreiner***



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **THE WORD: John 1:19-34**

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

<sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the prophet?"

He answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

<sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

**Word of God,  
word of life.**

**RESPONSE: *Antioch (English Melody)***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 456)*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** *Dick Boyce, Gary Curtis And Derrick StaRosa, Vickie Shanks, Michael Shanks*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present Dick, Curtis, Derrick, Vickie and Michael, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in faith and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Dick, Gary, Curtis, Vicki and Michael the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

**Silence for self-reflection.**

Holy God,  
**we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✝ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686)**



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: *Angels, We Have Heard On High* (David Cherwein)

## CHRISTMAS 2021

This is our second pandemic Christmas. We thought this would be over so long ago. And still, we wear masks; we're physically distant; we can't be with friends and family as we used to do. And also, there's so much that's broken in this world, so much that tells us, "Why have hope? Just give up."

But we have a hope that's stronger than any of this, stronger even than death. The hope of God comes in the form of a tiny baby, a helpless child; nevertheless, who grew to a man and in his fragile strength was willing to die on the cross and was raised again.

I don't know what next Christmas will bring. I don't know what New Year's will bring. But I do know we have hope.

St. Paul put it this way: "May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may **ABOUND IN hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit."

**Merry Christmas**, dear church.

*Elizabeth A. Eaton*

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

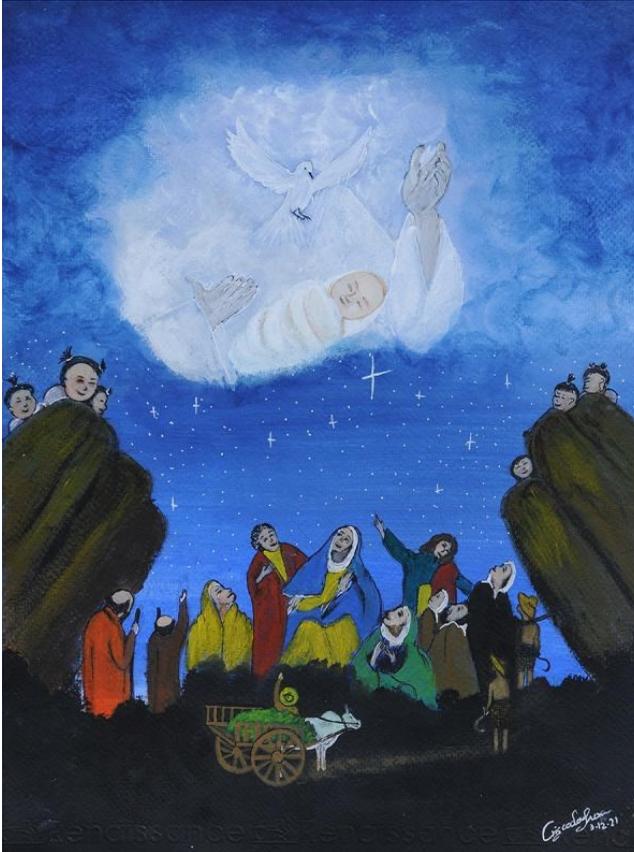


**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

# The Federation of Lutheran Churches in Myanmar contribute art depicting Christmas spirit

The 2021 Christmas card of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit to inspire Christ-anchored hope in Myanmar and the world.



“This Christmas is more meaningful than ever. God is continuing to strengthen us and showing us that God is in the midst of suffering and in the midst of injustice, with us,” said Mr Luke Andrew, General Secretary of the Federation of Lutheran Churches in Myanmar.

“This art really spoke to me because it depicts the real essence of hope that we find during Christmas.”

Using the chosen biblical text “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13), the artist Ms Seint Sanhtay created a scene guided by scripture and anchored

in culture. The art is painted on canvas with acrylic paints and brushes.

“I used the blue because it represents peace, but at the bottom of the painting the blue becomes darker and this represents the darkness of sin. The dove represents the spirit and the people are looking up to the one God in whom we have our hope,” said Sanhtay.

“As human beings we seek hope from other people - but that is an illusion of hope - in the end the real hope is only to be found in Jesus Christ - anchored in Jesus and prayer,” she continued.

## INFORMATION For the Week!

### Sunday, January 2 Second Sunday of Christmas, Baptism of Our Lord

NO Sunday School and Confirmation

10:00 am                      Worship

### Monday, January 3

**New Year's Day Observed**

**Church Office Closed**

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                    4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

### Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am                      Lectionary

4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                    4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

3:30 pm                      Weekly News Submission Deadline

6:00 pm                      Building & Property Committee Meeting

7:00 pm                      IT/Communications Meeting

Social Ministries Committee

### Wednesday, January 5

9:00 am                      4 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                    4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

### Thursday, January 6

9:00 am                      FLC Quilters

3 Year Old Preschool

12:15 pm                    5 Year Old Preschool

### Friday, January 7

Christmas Eve

9:00 am                      3 Year Old Preschool

### Saturday, January 8

9:00 am                      Garden Guild

Altar Guild

### Sunday, January 9 Baptism of Jesus

9:00 am                      Sunday School & Confirmation

10:00 am                    Worship

3:00 pm                      Journey Class—Learn more about the Poor People's Campaign! All are welcome!

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Mark** (Dick Boyce' son), **Duwayne** (Betty Magee's brother), **Everett** (Betty Magee's rother), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **MaryBeth** (Kathy Chester's Friend), **Jackie Gosanko** (member), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Frank** (Dick Boyce's friend), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Rich** (Mark Hatlen's friend), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Kory** (Beth Phelps' friend), **Dan** (Jane King's friend), **Norman Ray** (member), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Connie Wolter** (member).

### Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Kurt (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Valerie** (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Donna Benfield** (member), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Derrick** (Holly Batstone's cousin), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Scott Eiler** (member), **Karen** (Scott Eiler's sister), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Brian Hepler** (Tamara McIntyre's partner), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Jeanine** (Karen Thomas' sister-in-law), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jim** (Marilyn Kay's husband), **Kevin Kastning** (member), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Linford** (Karen Thomas' friend), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Marlis Pehling** (member), **John** (Valarie Cole's father), **Sheila** (Valarie Cole's mother), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Kristina** (Del Benson's granddaughter), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Gertrud** (Ryan Stute's mother), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother).

### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Marilyn Anderson (member), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane & Roy King** (members), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacquie Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

### Those Serving Our Country:

**AIR FORCE:** **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

**ARMY:** **Ben Souriall** (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

**MARINES:** **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

**NAVY:** **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

*We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.*

January 9, 2022

John 1:19-34 Voice in the Wilderness

### Weekly Financial Report

December 26, 2021

Attendance: N/A

December 26, 2021 General Offerings: n/a Capital Improvement: n/a

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,735