



THE PARISH NEWS



December, 2021

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ARTICLES DEADLINE is 20th of each
month.**

**Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to
know Christ and make Christ known through
Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism,
Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."**

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² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
"Behold, I send my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way,
³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'" Mark 1:2-3

Greetings! And a happy new church year! The season of Advent is upon us as we look forward towards Jesus' birth and back to a sense of waiting and watching. In the world around us, the consumer push begins earlier and earlier every year. By the time Christmas Day is here, decorating and shopping has been happening around us for months.

In the Church we are called to do the opposite. During the season of advent, we are called to slow down. The focus of the season of Advent is a time of holy waiting and watching for Christ's return and the celebration of his birth. Advent is a time set apart for the focus on salvation breaking into the world through the person of Jesus Christ. This time of waiting and expectant watching for the coming Messiah while our worship holds this tension between thoughtful waiting and joyful anticipation.

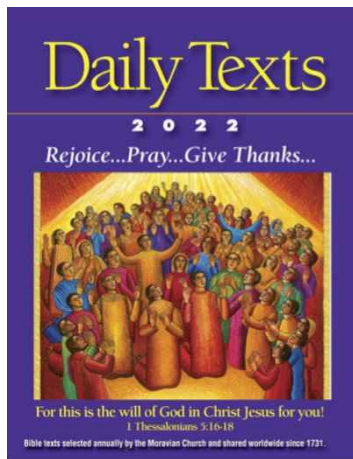
As I was reflecting on my personal devotions, I was taken back to the opening to the Gospel of Mark. The New Testament quote from Mark 1 above is a quote from the prophet Isaiah that describes a messenger who was to come before the promised Messiah. Many Isaiah passages, (which are featured prominently in the Advent season), bring words of hope to those discouraged by years of exile and the bleakness of the Jerusalem to which they returned. The ancient mythological imagery of God as the triumphant divine warrior bringing the exiles home through the wilderness served Isaiah as a word of hope. The good news in Mark is that those hopes have finally been fulfilled."

The call here to prepare helps to order our days leading up to Christmas. We just finished preparing for Thanksgiving, whether we had a huge feast or a small gathering, especially now many are focused on gift buying, party planning, visiting family & friends and so much more.

As a church family, Advent provides a yearly rhythm of slowing down to prepare for our coming King. A special focus during worship this Advent will involve the lighting of the Advent candles each week. We will have a time to slow-down and hear a reading and prayer about significance of the four candles of the Advent Wreath: Prophecy, Bethlehem, Shepherds, Angels candles.

May God bless your time of preparation as we await with expectant watching of the child in a manger.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck



Daily Text 2022

Looking for a new devotional resource? The *Daily Text* is a devotional that has been published yearly since 1731. The texts are prayerfully picked each year so that each day you can be guided by the Holy Spirit. The texts are chosen from both Old and New Testaments to help you see the connection between the verses.

The devotional also has additional materials including prayers written for each day's verse, pages to record your own prayer concerns, hymns for each week, a Bible reading plan and other prayer resources. We will have them available at the church office in December for \$9 each. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase one.



LCMC 3 Days of Prayer January 4-6, 2022

We would like to invite everyone to join us in the LCMC 10th Annual Three Days of Prayer that will take place on January 4, 5, 6, 2022. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to their parents sharing concern, victories, defeats and every part of life.

The focus of this year's prayer will be the following:

January 4

This day is focused on Confession

January 5

This day is focused on Intercession

January 6

This day is focused Mission

We will be encouraging all those who participate to pray wherever they are and set aside some time each day (whether 15 minutes or more) or short time each hour throughout the day. The church will also be open from 9 am to 3 pm for private prayer. There will be a booklet available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use a prayer resource by December 24.

There will be a prayer service offered on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the church and online for us to join together as the Church and pray with our LCMC brothers and sisters in Christ.



FLC Confirmation



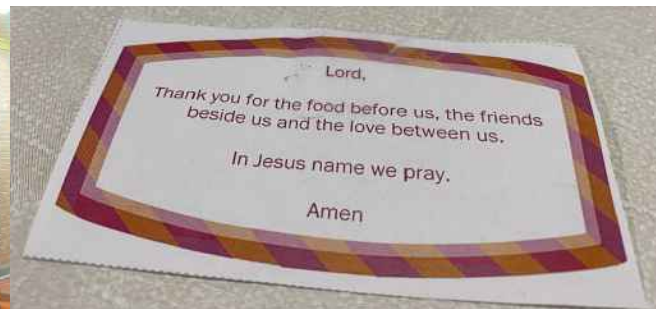
It is hard to believe that we are over halfway complete through this confirmation year. I think it is important to keep the congregation aware of what we have been doing in confirmation this year. We have made some adjustments in the structure of our confirmation program. The first has been the curriculum that we are using for our Wednesday nights (as shown above) **Grow Students** by the company called *Stuff You Can Use*. The images also included here are the Big Ideas or main point for each lesson that students get to explore as a confirmation class. There is also a Discipleship focus for each quarter of study. Our focus so far this year has been a focus on Spending Time with Others. The strategy and focus in the fall, is developing the spiritual on habit of Christlike community when teenagers are beginning a new school year, making new friends, and getting plugged into new small groups. Since we have over 20 students registered, we also break the students into smaller groups every confirmation night.

We also focus on the traditional elements of the Small Catechism in an accelerated format which we are calling Theology Nights. We had our first Theology Night in November focused on the 10 Commandments. The students did a great job studying the 10 Commandments and summariz-

ing each with the question, "what does that mean" and they also discussed how they can apply each of the commandments to everyday life.

We would not be able to do what we do without our great Confirmation Team! I am especially thankful for them this year and how they are investing their energy, time and heart into these young Christ followers. Our Café Team: Maybell Job and Claudette Ness who provide amazing meals for the students each week (as well as many others who give yummy treats and bars ☺). Our small group leaders: Judy Beaudry, Steph Mann, Sharon Nelson and Jeff Schmidt who lead their small groups every week. We are also blessed with many who have been willing to pinch-hit when someone is out sick or has a scheduling conflict: Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen, Lexie Solomonson, Emily Retterath. For our theology night, Theresa and Brent Petersen did a great job exploring the 10 commandments with Steph and myself rounding out the team. This ministry would not be possible without each of these volunteers. THANK YOU!

Finally, we wanted to share some of the fun, discussion and learning that students have been able to have during confirmation this year in pictures! Pictures will be throughout the newsletter.





FLC CHOIR PRESENTS

“SONG OF JOY”

Celebrate God’s Gift of
Salvation this Christmas!

Arranged & Orchestrated by Marty Hamby

Created by Dale Mathews

Sunday, December 12
9:30 AM





Please have all committee reports for the annual meeting booklet to the church office by noon on January 5, 2022.

Drop them off at the office or email them to flc@westriv.com. Email is preferred.

Annual booklets will be ready to pickup one week before the annual meeting which is yet to be determined as of the printing of this newsletter.



Jeannette will be getting the 2022 offering envelopes ready to hopefully be put out by December 12th. If you have been receiving a set and do not wish to get them anymore, please let her know soon. Likewise, if you have not received envelopes and would like some, let Jeannette know.



As of November 21, 2021:

Our envelope giving is \$205,530.75 with a yearly budget of \$195,000.00. \$31,655.79 ahead of budget.

The plate giving is \$6,116.82 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00. \$1,462.31 behind budget.

Thank you for your giving.



PLEASE HELP FIRST LUTHERAN DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY AND PURCHASE THE OUTDOOR GREENERY

This year First Lutheran is filling the Poinsettia Tree with Poinsettias purchased from Java Rose. We are asking that you fill out this form, bring it to the church office and pay \$18.00 each to purchase a Poinsettia on the tree. There are a total of 30 Poinsettias to purchase. This way we will have enough of the correct size to fill the tree and will save you a trip to the store to buy one. After Christmas, if you purchased a Poinsettia, you are welcome to take one off the tree to take home with you. You are welcome to purchase one from some other place and fill out this form. That Poinsettia will then be setting someplace else throughout the church.

In order to have your gift recognized in the bulletin, we need to have the form and money or your own poinsettia or floral gift to the church **by NOON on Tuesday, December 21st.**

_____ Plant(s) or Floral Gift
(number of)

_____ Outdoor Greenery Donation - \$ Amount

Donor/Giver(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

() To the Glory of God

A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 19

10:30 AM

Followed by Potluck



... there was no room
for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7, KJV



STEWARDSHIP



"Again Jesus spoke to them saying,
I am the light of the world,
he who follows me will not walk in darkness
but will have the light of life."
John 8:11

Most of us are familiar with the Advent traditions in churches. Because of the commercialization of the Christmas season, many have found that celebrating the Advent season in their homes may also add to their book of Christmas memories and customs. Perhaps you want to light an Advent candle each week and read part of the Christmas story as a family. Your children may deepen their appreciation of the true meaning of this Holiest of Seasons.

Like so many of our Christmas customs, Advent ceremonies are an adaptation of practices that date back to even pre-Christian times. Some of you may know that back then candles were lighted around a wheel during the festival of the winter solstice to celebrate the return of gradually lengthening daylight. The symbolism of this ancient ceremony takes on an entirely new meaning for us as we anticipate the birth of Christ and the enlightenment his coming brings to our lives.

The Advent wreath: In keeping with the ancient customs, some Advent candleholders have remained circular in shape. However, you can center your Advent ceremony around any of the new contemporary candleholders. Some holders come with a fifth candle which is white. It can be lit on Christmas day in celebration of his coming, bringing the hope of eternal life to the world.

How will you celebrate Advent this year? I pray that you will find your family Advent ceremony will become one of your families favorite customs.

Have a beautiful Advent and don't forget Jesus is the reason for the season! Merry Christmas!

One final note: Please remember to attend the annual meeting in January, 2022 as there will be lots to discuss and the board always wants your input!

In Christ

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Trustee

SUPER SUNDAY SUPPER FIRST NIGHT

December 31, 2021

7:00 PM - ???

First Lutheran Church

Families, Card & Game Players

Join us for:

Fun, Food, Prizes &

A Snowman Making Contest



Bring your cards
and favorite game
to play.



McLean Family Resource Center Food Pantry has ongoing needs. Items can be dropped off at the Resource Center.

Sugar, flour, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, paper plates, laundry detergent, hand soap, oil, kid snacks, crackers, cheese, salad dressing, ranch dressing, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, cereal, ready to serve meals, pizza, pasta, tomato sauce, tomato bits, canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, stove top, canned fruit, hot dogs, salami chubs, pudding and jello mixes, pickles, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap, salt and pepper, juice, eggs, shelf stable milk, \$10 gas vouchers and grocery vouchers

FLCW NEWS

December, 2021

Executive Board:

Donna Gunderson
Judy Beaudry

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

LeAnn Richard

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Gwen DeMontigny
Marlys Knell

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Mary Ann Beeks

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller
Meals on Wheels
Lions Bake Sale
Alli Sheldon
Goodies From the Heart

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks

Growth (Confirmation & Graduation Tea and 3rd Grade Bibles):

Janet Hanson
Margaret Rasmussen

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
Linda Zeller

Lefse, Cards, etc.:

Donna Kroll
Marlys Knell

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain Chairmen:

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Chuck Mann
Jeannette Rost

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest
Melissa Chrest



Executive Board Members Needed

Donna Gunderson and Marlys Knell will go off the executive board in January. We are seeking someone to serve in Donna's role as co-chair and Marlys' role as secretary. Be prayerful and consider taking one of the positions by calling either Judy at 220-4410 or Donna at 315-0275.

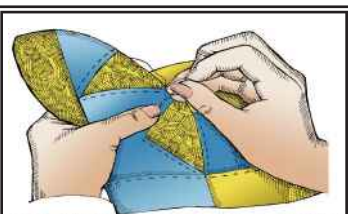
No Quilting in December. Our quilters need a break and a thank you for your service.

DECEMBER

- 4 FLCW Advent Breakfast – 9:30 am Work Group 3 serves
THREE WISE WOMEN
- 12 Choir Cantata - 9:30 am - Work Group 4 serves coffee hour
- 19 FLC Sunday School Program – 10:30 am
“A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY” A Christmas Play
Potluck follows - Work Group 2 serves

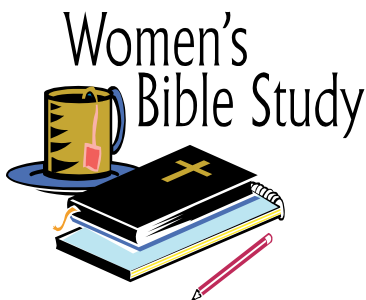
Judy Beaudry and Donna Gunderson, Co-chairs

B-E-E-E-E
PATIENT, KIND, GOOD, FAITHFUL, GENTLE,
FULL OF LOVE, JOY AND PEACE.



QUILTING GROUP

No quilting in
December



Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

Study will be Episode 6, Lesson 3

Deborah Bible Study

December 16

9:30 AM

at the church

Mary Ann Beeks Host
Please bring Christmas
Goodies to share.

First Lutheran Church Women Executive Board Meetings October 20, 2021 and November 8, 2021

October 20, 2021

Members Present: LeAnn Richard, Donna Gunderson, Judy Beaudry, Janet Hanson, Gwen DeMontigny, Jackie Olson

Treasurer's Report – FLCW bank balance of \$4,098.19

New Business –

- ~ It was suggested that we should have a job description for each position in FLCW. Maybe each person should write their own job description and what it entails.
- ~ The action group put together and sent: 46 quilts, 25 health kits, 65 baby kits and 141 school kits. It was suggested that we work out some criteria to determine who should be eligible for receiving quilts - maybe just current members of our church family.
- ~ It was recommended that FLCW board members should try harder to attend our four meetings per year so all can have an input on discussions.

- ~ November 8th at 7:00 pm was set up to plan next year's calendar.
- ~ It was discussed and decided that LeAnn would get Jeannette Rost a plant as a thank you for all she does for us.
- ~ November 21st is Harvest Festival Sunday. There will be special music for service and Pastor Chuck will provide basic opening with communion. Service will be at 10:30 am. FLCW will have a special offering. Workgroup 5 will be in charge of potluck.
- ~ Advent breakfast is December 4th. Schmidt family suggested for music. Donna suggested 3 Wise Women skit. Food was discussed but not decided.
- ~ Church Thanksgiving dinner 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We will serve turkey, potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, squash and pies. Help is needed. Also need to ask our community to come, eat and support us.

Respectively submitted,
Gwen DeMontigny
Acting FLCW Secretary

November 8, 2021

Members Present: Donna Gunderson, Janet Hanson, Judy Beaudry, LeAnn Richard, Margaret Rasmussen, Marlys Knell, Peggy Moran

Donna opened our meeting.

Old Business –

- ~ The FLCW Executive Committee officer job descriptions were reviewed as presented. Action Committee will submit theirs at a later date.
- ~ Reviewed activities for the Fall Harvest Festival Worship Service which is November 21st followed by a potluck. Workgroup 5 serves. No lefse sales this year.
- ~ Activities for the Advent Breakfast on December 4th at 9:30 am were reviewed. There will be a skit and special music. Workgroup 3 serves.

New Business –

- ~ December 12th, FLCW choir will present their Christmas cantata during the church service. No potluck.
- ~ December 19th the Sunday School Program will present their Christmas program followed by potluck. Workgroup 2 serves.
- ~ Positions for a new co-chair, secretary and service secretary are open.
- ~ The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing and updating the FLCW handbook to reflect changes and upcoming events for 2022.

Meeting adjourned.

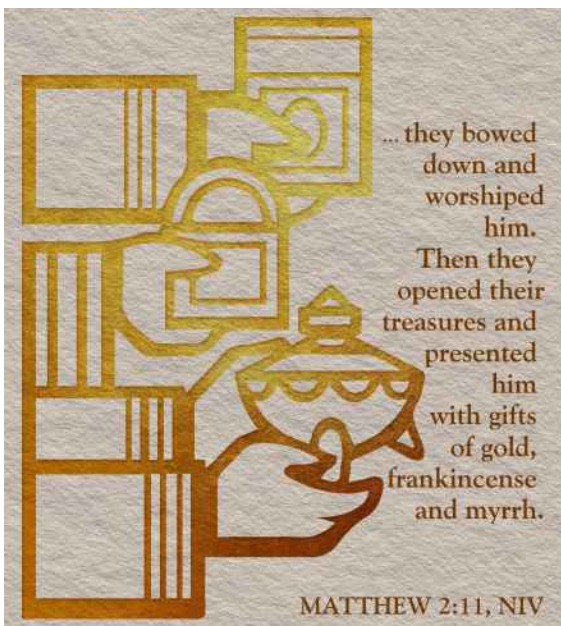
Respectively submitted,
Marlys Knell
FLCW Secretary



THREE WISE WOMEN

FLCW ADVENT BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 4
9:30 AM



... they bowed
down and
worshiped
him.
Then they
opened their
treasures and
presented
him
with gifts
of gold,
frankincense
and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV

All women and girls are
welcome. Bring a friend or
more.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY October 31, 2021



Stacy Boeshans, Donna Sommer, Janet Hanson, Kathy Keller, Bella, Step, Isaac & Pastor Chuck Mann, Lee Kugler, Melanie Beckman and Mac Beaudry after presentation of gifts and laying on hands with prayer.



Pastor Chuck & Steph with cake served during coffee hour.



Pre-K thru Grade 6 Sunday School singing during October 31, 2021 worship service.



Education Report

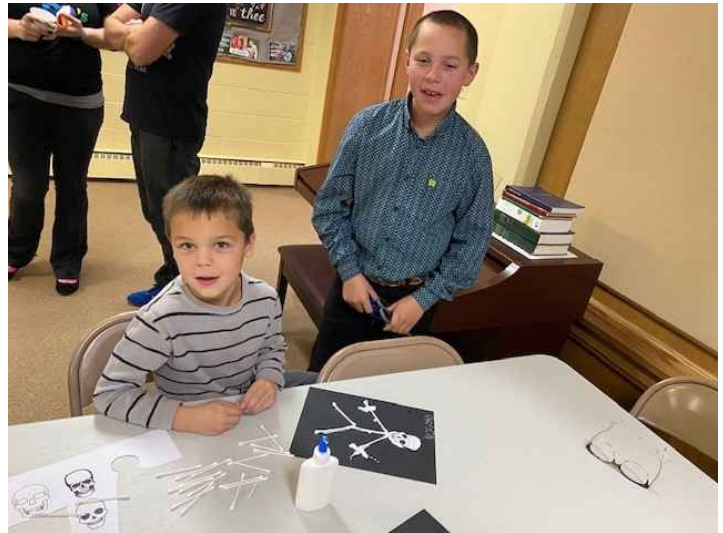
Stacy Boeshans



As we approach the Christmas Season, our memory verse for this month is from Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

- **Fall Teacher Meeting.** We had our fall teacher meeting recently and were able to discuss how the new curriculum is going. For the most part feedback was good, but we are looking at making a few tweaks to improve the lessons in the Preschool and Kindergarten classes. We also got the chance to discuss the upcoming Christmas Program.
- **Valley of the Dry Bones.** On Halloween Sunday the kids heard the story of the Valley of Dry Bones and followed up with crafting skeletons out of Q-tips. It was a good way for us to commemorate All Saints' Day in a way that kids could appreciate. And it was an opportunity for our older students to help the younger ones. We love having all the kids working together!
- **Christmas program** is set for December 19th during the service. Service will be moved to 10:30, with Sunday School at 9:30 that day. The title of our program is "A Christmas Journey".
- **Advent Program.** The Education Committee along with Pastor Chuck, has planned an Advent Presentation during the church service the 4 Sundays leading up to the Christmas Program on December 19th. These presentations will take the place of the children's sermon and will include a bible reading done by a student, a short devotion from Pastor Chuck followed by students placing ornaments on our special Advent Tree.
- **STAY CONNECTED WITH THE REMIND APP**
 - We will continue to use the Remind app to inform families about activities going on in Sunday School. If you are not currently getting reminders on this app, please contact the church to let us know and we will get you connected!
- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMEBERS**
 - I would love to find 2 more people to serve on the Education Committee! We need more heads with ideas and hands to help with projects. We meet once every month or so and the work is mostly helping plan events for teachers and/or Sunday School.

OCTOBER 31, 2021 VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES S.S. PROJECT





NOVEMBER 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

(Council did not meet in November, therefore no minutes. Next meeting is December 7 at 7:00 pm.)



OCTOBER 31, 2021 VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES - S.S. PROJECT



WORSHIP REPORT

Jeff Schmidt - 701-202-1211

Hello to you all. **Save this memo!!** Below is a list of past readers and communion assistants. We will need updated contact information you prefer to have placed on a log sheet, preferably by Friday, February 5, 2022. Home phone, cell phone, or email are all acceptable forms of contact. If you do not provide an update, we will assume your previous contact is your current contact. Each of the people on the list will have a call sheet placed in their mailbox on February 6, 2021. If you cannot fulfill the appointment, please call someone from the groups to swap dates. These groups will rotate each year accordingly. **If you are not on the list and would like to be, we'll gladly welcome you! The more, the merrier!**

When a scheduled swap is made and it is one or more months out, contact Jeff or Jeannette to insure the newsletter and bulletin are accurate. **DO NOT** call about swap until the month prior to service date. I am always willing to fill in when in a difficult position, as are a host of others on this list. A few lucky folks are doubled up throughout the course of the year, so all in all, I'd say that is a success. Variety is good!! Thanks so much for the awesome service you've provided so far and will continue to do for First Lutheran Church.

If you alone are positioned on a first or third Sunday, both duties are assigned to you.
R = Reader; C = Communion Assistant

January, February, March

Joe Sheldon - Jan. 2 (R & C)
Steph Mann - Jan. 2 (C)
Alli Sheldon - Jan. 9 (R)
Randy Hanson - Jan. 16 (R & C)
Janet Hanson - Jan. 16 (C)
Kathy Keller - Jan. 23 (R)
Sunday School - Jan. 30 (R)
Alexis Solomonson - Feb. 6 (R & C)
Melanie Beckman - Feb. 6 (C)
Donna Sommer - Feb. 13 (R)
Peggy Wollmuth - Feb. 20 (R & C)
Val Swanson - Feb. 20 (C)
Sunday School - Feb. 27 (R)
Arden Wagner - March 2 (R & C)
Mac Beaudry - March 2 (C)
Dean Bergstedt - March 6 (R & C)
Sonja Bergstedt - March 6 (C)
Peggy Moran - March 9 (R)
Tyge Sheldon - March 13 (R)
Sharon Nelson - March 16 (R)
Kellie Sheldon - March 20 (R & C)
Melanie Beckman - March 20 (C)

Brad Sheldon - March 23 (R)
Sunday School - March 27 (R)
Suzanne Swanson - March 30 (R)

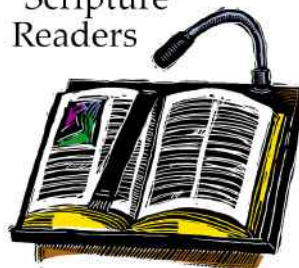
April, May, June

Alexis Solomonson - April 3 (R & C)
Aaron Solomonson - April 3 (C)
Peggy Wollmuth - April 6 (R)
Jeff Schmidt - April 10 (R)
Suzanne Swanson - April 14 (R & C)
Jeff Schmidt - April 15 (R)
Dewey Oster - April 17 (R & C)
Brad Sheldon - April 17 (C)
Sunday School - April 24 (R)
Suzanne Swanson - May 1 (R & C)
Peggy Moran - May 1 (C)
Gwen DeMontigny - May 8 (R)
Margaret Rasmussen - May 15 (R & C)
Dwight Rasmussen - May 15 (C)
Randy Hanson - May 22 (R)
Wendy Miller - May 29 (R)
George Swanson - June 5 (R & C)
Leilani Olafson - June 5 (C)
Dick Bickert - June 12 (R)
Brent Petersen - June 19 (R & C)
Drew Petersen - June 19 (C)
Rick Richard - June 26 (R)

July, August, September

Emily Retterath - July 3 (R & C)
Kris Schmidt - July 10 (R)
Luke Retterath - July 17 (R & C)
Cathy Sheldon - July 24 (R)
Sharon Nelson - July 31 (R)
Rick Richard - Aug. 7 (R & C)
Haley Anderson - Aug. 14 (R)
Willie Ziemann - Aug. 21 (R & C)
Stacy Boeshans - Aug. 28 (R)
Leilani Olafson - Sept. 4 (R & C)
Steph Mann - Sept. 4 (C)
Rick Richard - Sept. 11 (R)
Peggy Moran - Sept. 18 (R & C)
Val Swanson - Sept. 18 (C)
Sunday School - Sept. 25 (R)

Scripture
Readers



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October, November, December

Alexis Solomonson - Oct. 2 (R & C)

Aaron Solomonson - Oct. 2 (C)

Wendy Miller - Oct. 9 (R)

Steph Mann - Oct. 16 (R & C)

Mike Nelson - Oct. 16 (C)

Arden Wagner - Oct. 23 (R)

Sunday School - Oct. 30 (R)

Emily Retterath - Nov. 6 (R & C)

Suzy Jacobson - Nov. 6 (C)

Randy Hall - Nov. 13 (R)

Gwen DeMontigny, Kellie Sheldon & Suzanne Swanson - Nov. 20 (R)

Emily Retterath & Suzy Jacobson - Nov. 20 (C)

Wade Boeshans - Nov. 23 (R & C)

Stacy & Tolya Boeshans (C)

Sunday School - Nov. 27 (R)

Peggy Wollmuth - Dec. 4 (R & C)

Cantata or S.S. Program - Dec. 11

Cantata or S.S. Program - Dec. 18

Kellie Sheldon - Dec. 24 @ 4pm (R & C)

Brad Sheldon & Joe Sheldon - Dec. 24 @ 4pm (C)

Jeff Schmidt - Dec. 24 @ 9pm (R & C)

Dewey Oster - Dec. 25 (R & C)

Rick Richard - Dec. 25 (C)



A SEASON OF WAITING

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God's purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven - cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets - we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn't truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had" (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you're in a season of waiting — including Advent! — consider what you're thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you're feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.

—Janna Firestone



DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Wade & Stacy Boeshans Family
12 - Joe & Kellie Sheldon
19 - Youth **10:30 am Worship - S.S. Program**
26 - George Swanson & Jordan Swanson

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

5 - Peggy Wollmuth
12 - Cantata
19 - Sunday School Program
26 - Matt Gardner

ACOLYTES

5 - Ava Schmidt & Parker Jacobson
12 - Hannah Klabunde & Beckett Kadrmas
19 - Brooke Knutson & DJ Winter
26 - Oscar Wood & Tanner Fiedler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5 - Peggy Wollmuth, Mac & Judy Beaudry

ALTAR CARE

Theresa Petersen

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Keith & Suzy Jacobson
12 - FLCW Work Group 4 - Cantata
19 - No Coffee Hour - Potluck after 10:30
S.S. Program - FLCW Work Group 2
26 - Ken & Maybell Job

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:30 PM

USHERS/GREETERS

Rick Richard & Matthew Richard

ACOLYTES

SCRIPTURE READER

Dewey Oster

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Wendy Miller, Brent Petersen & Dean Bergstedt

9:00 PM

USHERS/GREETERS

Lee & Melissa Kugler

ACOLYTE

SCRIPTURE READER

Jeff Schmidt

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Jeff & Amanda Schmidt

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Rick & LeAnn Richard



The following list is the service group scheduled for **January**. The group coordinators are **Randy & Gwen Hall**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) service in January works best for you and give Randy or Gwen a call at 462-8629. If Randy or Gwen calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Chris & Nicole Albers
Melanie Beckman
Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson
Jane Gutknecht
Doug & Mary Haugtvedt
Dallas & Chance Havig
Jim & Kathy Kaiser
Aaron & Beth Knutson
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
Mike & Sharon Nelson
Claudette Ness
Darrell & Stacey Scheresky
Wes & Pat Sick
Kollin & Char Syverson
Amanda Vetter

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Peggy Wollmuth and Norma Petersen for helping fold and tape the November newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you Don & DJ Winter, Nate Fiedler, Melissa Rothe and Dwight Rasmussen for taking on the responsibility of making sure we had YouTube Live this past month.
- ☺ Thank you Maybell Job, Judy Beaudry, Theresa Petersen, Pastor Chuck, Steph Mann and LeAnn Richard for your help with Pizza Day.
- ☺ Thank you Peggy Moran and Peggy Wollmuth for going through the pew cards and pencils.
- ☺ Thank you so much on behalf of the Laren Holznagel family for all the prayers, love & support. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated from the food to the visits and especially all the prayers.
- ☺ Another month of delicious mouth watering desserts were provided by these ladies for our Wednesday night confirmation students. We Thank You and Appreciate each of you: Linda Wohlk, Theresa Petersen, Nadine Berger, Judy Beaudry, Brenda Ankenbauer and Cindy Thiel.

May the Lord repay you for what you have done.
May you be richly rewarded.
Ruth 2:12

In Christ with Love,
Claudette Ness & Maybell Job

- ☺ I collected 1809 socks and 244 pairs of gloves. I also received \$700 in donations. That \$700 purchased another 700 pairs of socks and 145 pairs of gloves for a total of 2509 socks and 389 pairs of gloves.

Places who received socks/gloves from that total.....Welcome House, United Way, Heavens Helpers, Community Action all of Bismarck.
McLean County Resource Center Washburn
Mercer County Women's Action and Resource Center Beulah
Men's Winter Refuge Minot
Ruby in Pine Ridge

Many, many thanks to all who purchased items or donated toward Kole's cause. My goal was

1500 socks and that goal was definitely met. God's blessing on all of you and all those helped by this service project.

Thank you so much!

Kole Albers

- ☺ Thank you everyone that filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. FLC filled 56 shoeboxes. Thank you Melanie Beckman for taking on this project and seeing that the shoeboxes got to Bismarck.



- ☺ Thank you Country Strings band, Orlin Larson, Dave Mettler and Jean Hauser and also Wendy Miller for your special music during the Fall Harvest Festival Worship.



CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

December 3-4 Dickens Guest House
December 10-11 Dickens Guest House

January 15 Adult Art Day
January 19-23 Crafting Weekend
January 28-30 Men's Retreat

February 23-27 Crafting Weekend

March 5 Adult Art Day
March 9-13 Crafting Weekend
March 18-19 4th-6th Grade Bash
March 25-26 7th-9th Grade Bash

April 6-10 Crafting Weekend

**** BOARD MEMBER NEEDED** – February 2022 – Peggy Moran will have fulfilled two 3-year terms, maximum allowed by the Constitution and Bylaws for Camp of the Cross. Since I represent an LCMC congregation, a replacement needs to come from an LCMC congregation. For the last almost two years, our meetings have been on ZOOM, with only one in person meeting at the camp a year. Besides the board meetings, board members are assigned to committees and most of the time they have been ZOOM as well. Let Peggy Moran know if you would like to consider running for the Board at the next Annual Meeting.

**** SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER** – what a quaint setting to kick off the holiday season with a delicious meal. Hope those who attended enjoyed themselves!

**** DICKENS VILLAGE GUEST HOUSE** – After a fun-filled day/evening at the Dickens Festival in Garrison, staff will welcome you each evening with dessert, while you relax before the fire in the cozy comfort of our Retreat Lodge.

**** TWICE BLESSED CAMPAIGN** – It's a blessing when you give a gift to others. We're honored to be working with St. Joseph's Community

Health Foundation to double your blessing during our TWICE BLESSED campaign. From November 15 through the end of December, the gifts you make to our organization are eligible for a match. Help us earn our 1-1 match by going to twiceblessednd.com to donate. All gifts are welcome. The goal set for us this year is \$2,500 in matching funds which will mean \$5,000 for CCM! Credit Card fees will be paid for by the Foundation. If you would like to send a check, please consider sending it directly to the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation on our behalf to 308 2nd Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701, noting it is for CCM on the memo line of the check. Thank you for your support.

**** ADULT ART DAYS** – 9 am to 3 pm. More information coming soon!

**** CRAFTING WEEKENDS** – Options: 2 nights, 3 nights & 4 nights. Crafting Retreats continue to be popular, so register early to get in on all the fun – quilting, scrapbooking, making cards, needlepoint, paint, knit, crochet, whatever your craft, you are welcome to attend! There are short mealtime devotions, games, fun demonstrations laughter, fellowship, and good food!

**** MEN'S RETREAT** – Come for a weekend full of worship, adventure, service, discussion, and fellowship with some other guys trying to live out their own faith.

**** SUMMER 2022** – I see camp dates on the website under Upcoming Events so you can start planning for next summer!

Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, with questions. Go to www.campofthecross.com to register or for more information.

Thank you
Peggy Moran

PINE RIDGE DONATIONS

A reminder to hold your donations for Pine Ridge at your home until further notice. First Lutheran does not have room to store the items. A notice will go out in advance once we know a date when someone will be going to take donations to Pine Ridge. Call the church office with questions.



The following First Lutheran members and friends of the congregation who have entered into eternal life this past year were remembered on All Saints' Sunday, November 7:

Shirley Nelson, Christopher Ness,
Mary Schulz, Patricia Lindell,
Richard "Dick" Tweeten, Isaac Sheldon,
Diane Rasmussen, Janet DuToit,
Rodney Jaeger, Julia Kiefer,
Darrel Kiefer, Nels Narum,
Haley Beaudry, Sheila Koehler,
Justin Johnson, Briana Hinkelman



The following new members since July 28, 2019 were recognized on November 14th during the worship service:

Pastor Paul & Susanne Krueger
Patty Winn
Lesli Fiedler and children, Tanner & Kylee
Kathy Farstad
Eric & Sara Rosenquist and daughter, Alexis
Melissa Rothe
Mike & Jamie Nelson and children,
Mya, Brady & Kale

Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

First Lutheran December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in December. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Jack Carvell Devin Hanson Anthony Schauer Lynsey Schirado Misty Stockert	2 Alexis Berube Sienna Berube Melanie Malsam Seth Teigen	3 Taiton Carlson	4 Darrell Kinnischtzke
5	6	7 Paisley Lorentzen Zach Schenfisch Colbie Swanson	8 James Nordquist Jaelyn Schauer Sande Wagner	9 Julie Bentz Chuck Mann	10 Kathy Keller	11 Nicolette Borlaug
12 Jordan Swanson	13 Steven Kalliokoski Sage Philbrick Liam Solomonson	14 Sharon Chrest Donna Kroll Kirk Vollmuth Korey Winkler	15 David Nodsle	16 Jeff Leidholm	17 Carter Knutson	18 Cody Maier McKenzie Miller
19	20 Ted Doe	21 Theresa Petersen Hadley Wilson	22 Aubrey Holznagel Grant Wisdom	23	24 Stephanie Maier Laura Tweeten	25
26 Carol Doe Carson Richards	27 Kathy Kaiser Doug Thomas Pat Wolf	28 Garver Malsam	29 James Chrest Emily Westrick	30 Howard Johnson	31 Caden Albers Jonathan Melvard	



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, October 31 - Sunday, November 21. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.

- ♦ Tanner Brunsell
- ♦ Family of John Mann - Uncle to Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Family of Tom Thacker on his death
- ♦ Gary Gunderson - Cousin to Terry Gunderson
- ♦ Family of Lindsay Hovey on her death - Cousin of Carissa Klabunde
- ♦ Becky Matthews
- ♦ Lynn Sommer
- ♦ David White - Brother-in-law to Norma Petersen
- ♦ Friends of Gary Millett on his death
- ♦ Family of Marilyn Wohlk on her death
- ♦ Family of Laren Holznagel on his death
- ♦ Family of Tom Schulz on his death
- ♦ Guidance by our pastor & family as they lead our faith
- ♦ Family of Jaclyn West on her death
- ♦ Brandy Rahr
- ♦ Alexis Smith - Cousin of Steph Mann
- ♦ Pam Macumber - Aunt of Steph Mann
- ♦ Howard Johnson
- ♦ Grandpa & Grandma Holiday and granddaughter, Erica Kraft
- ♦ Russ Leidholm
- ♦ Kathryn Johnson
- ♦ Reid, Kayla and baby Buckley
- ♦ Diana McCree - Friend of Laura Gardner
- ♦ Roque Corral - Husband of Wendy Miller's Niece
- ♦ Donna Doepke
- ♦ Mary Jo Olson - Cousin of the Olson's
- ♦ Monte Miller
- ♦ Jake Miller
- ♦ Joyce Risan
- ♦ Roger Hall - Brother to Randy Hall
- ♦ James Tolbert
- ♦ James Johnson Jr. - Steph Mann's brother
- ♦ Judy Ondicho
- ♦ Tom Thacker - Brother to Kathy Key
- ♦ Connie Lawson

- ♦ Dennis VanHoorn
- ♦ People of Haiti, Afghanistan, Jerusalem and the USA
- ♦ Kathy Key
- ♦ Karen Goehring
- ♦ Pat Anderson
- ♦ Mardella Aanderud - Mother to Melanie Beckman
- ♦ Ross Lorentzen
- ♦ Keith Hammerbeck - Family friend of the Kugler's
- ♦ Deborah Davenport - Mother of Laura Gardner's friend
- ♦ Virgie Emineth
- ♦ Ruby from Pine Ridge
- ♦ Claire Boucher
- ♦ Jamie Baumann
- ♦ Taylor Gardner
- ♦ Elaine Renfrow - Mother to Lynette Sondrol
- ♦ Laren Holznagel
- ♦ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ♦ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in The Military and the National Guard:

- ♦ Sgt. Bryce Rost – Army National Guard – Deployed
- ♦ Olivia Retterath - National Guard

Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:

- ♦ Col. Warren Pauling – National Guard
- ♦ Dustin Enockson – National Guard
- ♦ Emily Johnson - Air Force
- ♦ Spc. Josiah Johnson - Army
- ♦ Bryar Anderson - Marines
- ♦ 1SG Jordan Ternes - Army National Guard - Deployed
- ♦ Tech. Sgt. Andre Austin
- ♦ Hunter Feigum - National Guard



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Kim & Joan Zimmerman and family on the death of Joan's sister, Jaclyn West
- ⇒ Joan Holznagel and family on the death of Joan's husband, Laren Holznagel
- ⇒ Linda Wohlk and family on the death Linda's mother-in-law, Marilyn Wohlk
- ⇒ Kathy Key and family on the death of Kathy's brother, Tom Thacker

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, October 31 to Sunday, November 21)



Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Building Fund\$30.00

Virgil & Deb Wisdom..... Alvin Schwarz
Rick & LeAnn Richard Laren Holznagel
Rick & LeAnn Richard John Mann

Camp of the Cross.....\$0.00

Decorating (Church).....\$0.00

General Fund\$490.00

Elaine Carr Clay Carr
Elaine Carr Gary Doecke
Elaine Carr Meinhardt Kleingartner
Elaine Carr Gary Millett
Sharon Chrest Tom Schulz
Brad & Cathy Sheldon Gary Millett
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Justin Johnson
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke Diane Rasmussen

The following are all in memory of Alvin Schwarz:

Duane & Marlys Knell
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
Orlin & Iva Dell Larson
Mac & Judy Beaudry

The following are all in memory of Rodney Jaeger:

Duane & Marlys Knell
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
Orlin & Iva Dell Larson
Elaine Carr
Mac & Judy Beaudry
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke

The following are all in memory of Laren Holznagel:

Elaine Carr
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Sharon Chrest
Claudette Ness

Global Missions.....\$0.00

LWR\$120.00

Dewey & Wanda Oster Rodney Jaeger
Dewey & Wanda Oster Alvin Schwarz
Dewey & Wanda Oster Lyle Grueneich
Sylvia Thompson Rodney Jaeger
Sylvia Thompson Tom Schulz
Sylvia Thompson Laren Holznagel

Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Music\$315.00

Virgil & Deb Wisdom..... Rodney Jaeger
Terry & Norma Petersen..... Alvin Schwarz
Arlene Schwarz Prayer Partner Alvin Schwarz
Gwen DeMontigny Isaac Sheldon
Jeneen Loe..... Tom Schulz
George & Val Swanson Rodney Jaeger
Wes Sauer..... Tom Schulz

The following re all in memory of Laren Holznagel:

Virgil & Deb Wisdom
Arden & Sande Wagner
George & Val Swanson
Jeneen Loe
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
John & Helen Samuelson

Parking Lot Fund\$75.00

A.J. & Doddie Kuntz Keith Kuntz
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz Janet DuToit
Mary Ann Beeks Alvin Schwarz
Brad & Cathy Sheldon Alvin Schwarz

Pizza Day.....\$40.00

Randy & Janet Hanson..... Janet DuToit
Randy & Janet Hanson..... Rodney Jaeger

Relief Missions\$0.00

Sunday School.....\$165.00

Dick & Barbara Brewster Laren Holznagel
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke Isaac Sheldon

The following are all in memory of Rodney Jaeger:

Larry & Kathy Keller
John & Helen Samuelson
Anonymous
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Tom Merkel

US/Local Missions.....\$0.00

World Hunger.....\$0.00

Worship\$40.00

Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke Dick Tweeten
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke Justin Johnson

DECEMBER

2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Pizza Day 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir FLY	2 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study	3	4 9:30 AM FLCW Advent Breakfast
5 Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Holy Baptism 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 5:00 PM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	8 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir FLY	9 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study	10	11 5:00 PM Staff Christmas Party
12 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Cantata 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	14 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	15 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir FLY	16 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Sunday School Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School Program Followed by Potluck 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	20 Noon Newsletter Deadline	21 10:00 AM Mommy's Group NOON Poinsettia Deadline	22	23 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study	24 Christmas Eve 4:30 & 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day 
26 First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	27	28 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 7:00 PM Super Sunday Super "First Night" Card & Game Night	

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Christ known through
Worship, Christian
Education, Evangelism,
Caring Ministries, and
Service.”***

Merry Christmas to:

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December 4 - 9:30 AM - Advent Breakfast

December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Bible Study
9:30 AM - Worship w/Holy Communion
Holy Baptism
10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour
10:45 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Bible Study

December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Choir Cantata
10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour
10:45 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Bible Study

December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Sunday School Program
Followed by Potluck
**Please note change in time of
Worship, Sunday School and Bible Study.**

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 PM & 9:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
w/Holy Communion

December 25 - Christmas Day

No Worship Service

Merry Christmas