

A BIG THANK YOU to the following for donations to the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner: W2's for sausage, Matt and Teresa Widboom family for hamburger, Al and Doris Selberg for cranberry sauce, Gary and Sherri Randgaard for beet pickles, Karen Buchman family for cool whip, Bob and Bonnie Bents candy, Kathy Craun the brown gravy, KWOA for all of their advertising, Daily Globe for their advertising, All who donated rice pudding, cookies, butter, etc. for the dinner, ALL who volunteered their time to help with the dinner and for Natalie for all of her extra help. This dinner does indeed take all of us to make it a success. This is God's Work, Our Hands. Thanks Be to God for all of you.

Blue Christmas Service will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm. This service is for those who have experienced loss in their lives.



Don't forget that a purchase of a Hy-Vee or Fareway gift card helps our general fund. The more we sell, the more we can deposit into the general fund. These make great gifts.



Members: Gene Wachter, Mary Kraft, Dale Koob, Jerry Anderson, Craig Nienkerk, Dennis Selberg, Betty Nelson, Norma Radenbaugh, Dianne Sanderson, Diane Sletten, Edna Marsh, Sandra Marsh, Joan Tofteland

Members in Nursing Homes: Leanna Lundquist, Delores Amundson, June Boots, Nancy Zuehlke, Helen Beckman, Arlene Muse

Members in Care Facilities: Gloria Widboom, Bobbie Elvin, Eldon Good, Dorothy Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Adeline Larson, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Traci Feit (Darcy Poppema's sister), Moses & Matilda Hofer (friends of Arnold), Nicole McKenna (Granddaughter of Lola), Brad Martens, Todd Bach, Vickie Bierman, Bill Dobson, Mary Elsing, Vivian Oakes, Pat Termunde, Donnie Wiff, Smokey Brandt, Julie Garvin

Our service men and women

Our Missionaries: Chuck & Sybil Rounds in Costa Rica and Love INC.

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December 10, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Services

PRELUDE Bell Choir – Christmas Medley
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE
*CALL TO WORSHIP
*PRAYER OF THE DAY
*GATHERING SONG ELW 263, "Savior of the Nations, Come"
*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
ADVENT WREATH SONG "Now We Wait"
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
ANTHEM Bell Choir – Christmas Songs
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 581-582)
SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (p. 988-989)
CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Jeanette
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142) "Alleluia"
*GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 (p. 812)
SERMON Pastor Jeanette
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 256, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
APOSTLE'S CREED
OFFERING
OFFERTORY ELW 186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"
OFFERING PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE P: Lord in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.
*LORD'S PRAYER
*BLESSING
*SENDING SONG ELW 267, "Joy to the World" (vs. 3)
*DISMISSAL

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ACOLYTES: Cadence Van Ede/Nicholas Schroeder
USHER: Sophie Wietzema
NURSERY: Julie & Stephanie Bauman
LECTOR: Ed Philipp
GREETERS: Al & Doris Selberg (N)
Jim & Paula Laffrenzen (B)
SOUND: Linda Towne
POWERPOINT: Marj Broich
ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk
ASSISTING MINISTER: Lonnie Myrom
COFFEE: Don & Kathy Craun/Todd & Darcy Poppema
VAN DRIVER: 12/10 – Leroy Merkel
12/17 – Jay Myer
BUSY BAGS: December – Pam Fleming
January – Kathy Craun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 137 Attendance a year ago: 119

Attendance Last Wednesday: 30

Card Ministry meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month after evening church service (6:30). Men and women of all ages are welcome to join us! Check out our display of cards for sale in Centennial Hall. All cards sell for \$1.00. If you need a special card, let us know in the suggestion box. Proceeds from the cards will go to the coffee fund.

Lock-In 2017- 7th-12th grade lock-in is scheduled for December 27-28. We will meet at First on Wednesday, December 27 at 7 pm and will be done on Thursday, December 28 at 9:00 am. Cost is \$20. Sign-up on the youth board. Friends are invited!

There will be a multi-family event today. We will be going to Lasertag at Galaxy Gaming in Sioux Falls. Cost is \$15. We will leave First at 1:00 and be home around 5. All family members are invited.

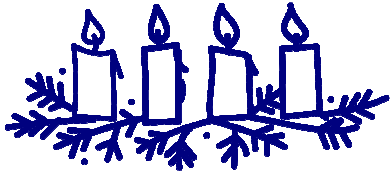
December 24 – 9 am service – 4th Sunday of Advent.

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 11 – December 17, 2017

Monday	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
11	6:00PM	Worship & Music Committee
Tuesday	6:00PM	Boy Scouts
12	6:15PM	Youth Team
	7:00PM	Day Care Association Meeting
		<u>EVANGEL DEADLINE</u>
Wednesday	3:30PM	KFC
13	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
	6:30PM	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30PM	Youth Group
	6:30PM	Card Ministry
Thursday	9:15AM	Coffee Time Bible Study (Ladies)
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Friday		Pastor's Day Off
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Saturday	9:30AM	Worship & Music Team Rehearsal
16		
Sunday	9:00AM	Worship – Christmas Cantata
17	10:00AM	Sunday School

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Emmalynea Isabella Randgaard who passed away on August 15, 2011 by Sherry & Gary Randgaard.

Cherish All Children is looking for volunteers to pray for our youth. If you are not already signed up for this important ministry, please talk with Carrie Adams, Erin Makela, Jon Wendt or Pastor Jeanette. You will be given a book with daily messages to pray for a particular youth in our church. All you have to do is pray!



Wednesday Advent Services
6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer for Advent



Merry Christmas

Christmas Services
Sunday, December 24
4:00 PM

Traditional candlelight communion service with choir singing and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns.

9:00 PM

Traditional candlelight communion service and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns.

Monday, December 25
9:00 AM

Intimate traditional communion service with singing of traditional Christmas hymns.

Christmas Cantata

December 17 will be the Christmas Cantata. Come join us at the 9:00 service to see the Christmas story as you haven't seen it before.

Christmas Eve service at Grace will be at 6:00 pm on December 24. Their youth pageant will be presented. All are invited to come and worship with them.

Annual Reports are due to the church office by Friday, December 29.

2017 Offering – The last day to get your offering in for 2017 will be Sunday, December 31 to have it included in your offering for this year. If you are unable to make it on that Sunday, please drop them off in the office by Friday, December 22.

Gift Cards will not be available in the office December 25 – January 1.

Posadas: Join us on Friday, December 22 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm for a Las Posadas which is a traditional Mexican/Latin American Holiday. Come join us as we remember Mary and Joseph's journey to find a place in the inn! Worship, music, games and more!

The Widow's Ministry will meet Monday, December 11 at 2:00 pm at the American Lutheran Church on Winifred. Gretchen O'Donnell will be sharing a Christmas Message. Please bring a few treats to share for our coffee time. For more information call Peggy 376-4869 or Marlene 727 5817.



On Monday, December 25, & Tuesday, December 26 the office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.