

“Encounter”, the ecumenical youth group for grades 7 and up, is on Sunday nights. We meet at Hy-Vee where attendees are able to snack on food and have a soda or Starbuck beverage. Friends are invited to come to this gathering of fun. Activities begin at 6:30 pm and end around 8:00 pm.



*The office will be closed  
Friday, December 24 &  
Monday, December 27  
for the Christmas Holiday.*

**There will be no Wednesday night services on  
December 22 and 29.**



### **Christmas Services**

**Friday, December 24**

**4:00 PM**—Traditional candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

**8:00 PM**—Traditional candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

**Saturday, December 25**

**9:00 AM**—Intimate traditional communion service with Christmas hymns.



**Annual Reports are due in to the church  
office by Thursday, December 30.**



**The office will be closed on  
Friday, December 31, 2021  
& Monday, January 3, 2022  
for the New Year's holiday.**

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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**December 19, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

\*GATHERING SONG ELW 242, “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”

\*GREETING (p. 138)

\*KYRIE (p. 138)

ADVENT SONG

“A Candle is Burning”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 142)

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

\*GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 251, “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

\*NICENE CREED (p. 104)

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

Sanctuary Choir, “Gabriel’s Message” arr. By Carl Schalk

OFFERING SONG

ELW 257, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)

\*PREFACE/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 145)

\*LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 146)

\*LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

\*COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 487, “What Feast of Love”  
ELW 723, “Canticle of the Turning”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

\*A LOVING BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG

TFF 53, “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

\*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Erin Makela  
**ACOLYTE:** Kylee Milbrath  
**SOUND:** Pat Demuth  
**POWERPOINT:** Terry Morrison  
**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Eric Parrish  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 12-19 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)  
12-26 Ron Hallstrom (360-7891)  
**COFFEE:** John Kramer, Sandy Poppema & Judy Selberg  
**GREETERS:** Fern Burmeister & Eric, Kylee & Trey Milbrath  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Debbie Koob

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 85      Attendance a year ago: 0  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 10

**Gift Cards** will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!

**The church bus** will be running on Sundays from now on. If you would like a ride, please contact Natalie in the office by Friday morning to be added to the list.



**Members:** Don Grant, Todd Poppema, Dave Livingston, Linda Towne, Al Luing, Janice Berger, Sandy Rogers, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Lois Graf, Gunnie Mahlberg, Albert Mattisen, Bobbie Elvin, Sandra Marsh

**Members in Care Facilities:** Fred Wietzema, Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

**Family Members & Friends:** Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Arlene (Fern Burmeister's sister), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Maverick Thalberg (Fern Burmeister's great-grandson), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)

**Our service men and women and Love INC**

## FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 20-26, 2021

Monday 20	<b>9:00AM</b> 2:00PM	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Meadow's Bible Study
Tuesday 21	7:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Early Risers Bible Study Finance Team Church Council
Wednesday 22	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday 23		
Friday 24	4:00PM 8:00PM	Pastor's Sabbath Day <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service
Saturday 25	9:00AM	Christmas Day Service
Sunday 26	9:00AM	Worship – Lessons & Carols

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Gloria & Aaron Widboom by their family.  
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

**2021 Offering** – The last day to get your offering in for 2021 will be Tuesday, December 28. Please drop it off during office hours. All offering received through the mail will need to be in before Christmas. This allows us to get it deposited for this year. Thank you!

**2022 Offering Envelopes** are in your mailboxes. Please do not use them until after January 1, 2022 as your number has changed from 2021. If you didn't get a box and would like one, please let the office know. Thank you!

**There are historical** books on the tables in Centennial Hall from Gunnie Mahlberg. Please feel free to look through them and revisit some of the history of First Lutheran.