



Poinsettias will be used at our Christmas services. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact the church office at 376-6148. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the Christmas Day Service or if you will leave them here to be delivered to the shut-ins or nursing homes. Please leave the name of the person or persons you are giving one for. The cost of a poinsettia will be \$10. **The deadline to have your order in is Friday, December 7.** Thank you!

If anyone has good Christmas tree decorations that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them and bringing them to church. Linda Nelson has received a donation of over 20 new artificial trees to distribute to families who do not have a tree and it would be nice to have some decorations to be given along with the tree. Also, if you know of a family whose Christmas would be made brighter by receiving one of these trees, please contact Linda. Thank you so much!

CHRISTMAS SALAD BUFFET – The women of American Lutheran Church invite all women of First Lutheran to the annual Christmas Salad Buffet on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm. A delicious buffet of salads will be served in the Fellowship Hall followed by an inspirational program in the sanctuary. This evening is a wonderful way to begin our yearly journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please join us! You can enter the church through the South parking lot doors or use the ramp located on the North side of the building.

“Going, going, gone!” Yep, it's that time of year when on **Saturday, December 8** the Worthington Christian School (located at 1770 Eleanor Street) will host its Annual Donation Fundraiser Auction. **Doors open at 9:30 am** and the **live & silent auctions** start at **10 am**. Our families, students, society, & local businesses really support this amazing event by providing awesome items like homemade meals, tools, toys, gift certificates, meats, cheeses, handmade items, & so much more. Please remember that EVERY dollar you spend at this auction goes directly to helping our Worthington Christian School run & benefits each child as they learn in the light of God's Word. We can't wait to see you there! **“Who's hungry?”** There is never a shortage of good food at a Worthington Christian School event & the Annual Donation Fundraiser Auction is no exception. We will have homemade rolls & coffee to start the morning. For lunch, BBQ, hot dogs, & coney dogs are on the menu but don't forget the homemade pie & bars for your sweet tooth. Please come & enjoy all things yummy from 11-1pm.

The Worthington Area Youth Ministers Association invites all youth in 7th through 12th grade to the 507 Youth Rally on Wednesday, December 5 at American Lutheran Church, 915 Winifred, Worthington starting at 6:30 pm with free pizza, followed by a youth rally from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The rally is to unite youth and encourage them in their walk of faith. If you have any questions, please call American Lutheran at 507-376-5264.

A huge thank you from Love INC to the card-making team at First Lutheran! The cards you make for us are absolutely gorgeous and I know that our clients are blessed by the personal touch that each card represents. Thanks for the time, the energy and the care that goes into each card. What a blessing! Sincerely, Gretchen O'Donnell for Love INC.

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December 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday in Advent

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*GATHERING SONG

ELW 254, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*GREETING (p. 138)

“This is the Feast of Victory”

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 139)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“A Candle is Burning”

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 645)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 960)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

“Alleluia”

*GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 (p. 856-857)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 247, “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

*APOSTLES CREED (p. 104)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir, “Soon and Very Soon”

OFFERTORY

ELW 182, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*DIALOGUE (p. 144)

*PREFACE (p. 144)

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p.145)

*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 146)

*COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 723, “Canticle of the Turning”

ELW 264, “Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW 726, “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 257, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*DISMISSAL

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ACOLYTE: Aria Larson/Wesley Widboom
USHER: Riley Widboom
NURSERY: Paula Laffrenzen/Winora Hallstrom
LECTOR: Kathy Craun
GREETERS: Bob & Jane Benson (N)
Linda Towne (B)
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
ORGANIST: Kurt Haag
ASSISTING MINISTER: Lonnie Myrom
SOUND: Linda Towne
VAN DRIVER: 12/2 – Matt Russell
12/9 – Midg White
BUSY BAGS: December – Pam Fleming
January – Kathy Craun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 90 Attendance a year ago: 137
Attendance Last Wednesday: 0



Members: Dustin Poppema, Gene Wachter, Dale Koob, Betty Nelson, Diane Sletten

Members in Nursing Homes: Dianne Sanderson, Ruth Yeske, Sandra Marsh, Nancy Zuehlke, Arlene Muse

Members in Care Facilities: Norma Radenbaugh, Jerry Anderson, Bobbie Elvin, Dorothy Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Adeline Larson, Jean Bender, Wes Anderson, Edna Marsh

Family Members & Friends: Cam Aker (Rolf & Joan Mahlberg), Virgil Reed (Darcy Poppema's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's daughter), Gene Termunde (Lisa Waldner's brother), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son), Mary Elsing (Merle Elsing's mom), Pat Termunde (Lisa Waldner's mom), Julie Garvin

Our service men and women

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

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 3 – December 9, 2018

Monday 3	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday 4	7:00AM 5:00PM 6:00PM	Early Risers Bible Study Bell Choir Boy Scouts
Wednesday 5	3:30PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	KFC Meal Worship – Holden Evening Prayer for Advent 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation Sanctuary Choir Property Team Youth Group
Thursday 6	9:15AM	Coffee Time Bible Study
Friday 7	5:30-11:30PM	Pastor's Day Off 10 th Avenue North Concert
Saturday 8		
Sunday 9	9:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM	Worship – 2 nd Sunday in Advent Sunday School Evangelism Team

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of my parents by Pearl Aaker.
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio.)

Our sympathy goes to Matt & Alisa Russell & family at the recent death of Alisa's dad, George Pomrenke. His funeral was held on Friday, November 30 in Sibley.



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