

On Friday, December 28 (during break) from 6 - 8 pm we will be having an escape event at the church for all ages. You will have one hour to solve puzzles and break the code keeping them from leaving. Cost is only \$10/youth and friends are invited.

## Christmas Services

Monday, December 24

4:00 PM

Traditional candlelight communion service with choir singing and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns. Special music will start at 3:30 pm.

7:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Traditional candlelight communion service and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns. Special music will start at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 AM

Intimate traditional communion service with singing of traditional Christmas hymns.



**The office will be closed** on Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday and on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for the New Year's Holiday.

**Gift Cards** will not be available in the church office from December 26 – 31.

**We are looking** for a volunteer to do the Confirmation Stoles for our youth. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Jeanette or Jon Wendt.

**2018 Offering** – The last day to get your offering in for 2018 will be Sunday, December 30.

**This is the first year the Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner** had to be postponed. Thank you to all who stepped in to help with the dinner. We had approximately 280 guests - the 2:30 pm was almost full. Thank you to the following who donated items: W2's - sausage; Matt & Teresa Widboom family - hamburger; Kathy Craun - brown gravy; Karen Buchman and girls - cool whip; Al & Doris Selberg - cranberries; Bob & Bonnie Bents – candy; Gary & Sherry Randgaard - beet pickles; everyone who donated cookies and butter. All of you who donated your time to help make lefse, meatballs and who came to clean and set up. Praise God!

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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**December 23, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

\*GATHERING SONG

ELW 266, "All Earth Is Hopeful"

"A CANDLE IS BURNING"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a (p. 756)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10 (p. 976)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lisa Waldner

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 801, "Change My Heart, O God"

\*GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55 (p. 831-832)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 272, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

\*APOSTLES CREED

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ELW 182, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*DIALOGUE (p. 144)

\*PREFACE (p. 144)

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p.145)

\*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 248, "People, Look East"

ELW 242, "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

ELW 254, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

BLESSING

\*SENDING SONG

ELW 267, "Joy to the World"

\*DISMISSAL

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ACOLYTE:** Aria Larson  
**USHER:** Dylan Sholes  
**NURSERY:** Kendra, Katelyn & Jessica Frodermann  
**LECTOR:** Ed Philipp  
**GREETERS:** Bob & Jean Dieter (N)  
Rolf & Joan Mahlberg (B)  
**POWERPOINT:** Pam Fleming  
**ORGANIST:** Nancy Hofstee  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Ryan McGaughey  
**SOUND:** Kevin Fleming  
**COFFEE:** Bob & Jane Benson/John Kramer  
**VAN DRIVER:** 12/23 – Ron Hallstrom  
12/30 – Jay Myer  
**BUSY BAGS:** December – Pam Fleming  
January – Kathy Craun

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 187      Attendance a year ago: 58  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 25



**Members:** Dustin Poppema, Gene Wachter, 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 24 – December 30, 2018

Monday		<b><u>Office Closed</u></b>
24	4:00PM 7:00PM	Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday		<b><u>Office Closed</u></b>
25	9:00AM	Christmas Day Service
Wednesday		
26		
Thursday	8:30AM-5:30PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders @ Shetek
27		
Friday		Pastor's Day Off
28	6:00-8:00PM	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades – Escape the Church Event
Saturday	9:00AM	Centennial Hall Reserved
29		
Sunday	9:00AM 11:00AM	Worship – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Ethiopian Group
30		

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

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries** is holding their annual "Winter Fun Day" for all 3rd-6th graders on December 27. We will go and enjoy the camp and all it has to offer for this day. Sign-up now if interested.

**Annual Reports are due in to the church office by Monday, December 31.**

**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.

**There will be no worship service on Wednesday, December 26.**