



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.



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



Members: Gene Wachter, Mary Kraft, Dale Koob, Jerry Anderson, 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), 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 24, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Services

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*GATHERING SONG

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

*GREETING (p. 138)

*KYRIE (p. 138)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (p. 139)

ADVENT WREATH SONG

"Now We Await"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE GIFT OF THE ADVENT WREATH STAND

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT WREATH SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10-14 (p. 833)

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (p. 245)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 16:25-27 (p. 926)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 831)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 266, "All Earth Is Hopeful"

APOSTLE'S CREED

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ELW 186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

ELW 248, "People, Look East"

*DISMISSAL

Lutefisk Committee will meet on Sunday, January 14, 2018 after the service.

SUNDAY SERVANTS
ACOLYTES: Nicholas Schroeder/Aria Larson
USHER: Aaliyah Schaffer
NURSERY: Brenda Hurlbut
GREETERS: Doug & Julie Christensen
SOUND: Doug Frisch
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Towne
ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk
VAN DRIVER: 12/24 – Midg White
 12/31 – Jay Myer
BUSY BAGS: December – Pam Fleming
 January – Kathy Craun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 167 Attendance a year ago: 44
 Attendance Last Wednesday: 25

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

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.

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

2018 Offering Envelopes are in your mailboxes. If you didn't receive one, but would like one, please contact Natalie in the church office.



The office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's Holiday.

On January 7 at 10:30 am there will be a presentation by Dr. Cari Lee Skogburg Eastman on Immigration. Light lunch provided.

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 25– December 31, 2017

Monday 25	9:00AM	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Christmas Day Service
Tuesday 26		<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
Wednesday 27	6:00PM 7:00PM	Worship 7 th – 12 th Grade Lock-In Starts
Thursday 28	9:00AM 9:15AM	7 th – 12 th Grade Lock-In Ends Coffee Time Bible Study (Ladies)
Friday 29		Pastor's Day Off <u>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</u>
Saturday 30	9:30AM	Worship & Music Team Rehearsal
Sunday 31	9:00AM	Worship – 1 st Sunday after Christmas <i>New Year's Eve</i>

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Merry Christmas by Gary & Sherry Randgaard.

Our sympathy goes to Lola Geisendorfer and family at the recent death of her granddaughter, Nicole McKenna.

Christmas Eve Service tonight at 6:00 pm at Grace Lutheran. Their youth pageant will be presented. All are invited to come and worship with them.



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.

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