



Poinsettias will again 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 will be \$10. **The deadline to have your order in is Monday,**

December 4. Thank 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.

Christmas Salad Buffet – The women of American Lutheran Church would like to invite all women of First Lutheran to the annual Christmas Salad Buffet on Tuesday, December 5 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!



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: 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 3, 2017 – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

Sanctuary Choir, "Creator of the Stars"

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ADVENT WREATH SONG

Sanctuary Choir, "Now We Wait"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT WREATH SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (p. 555)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 606)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p. 926)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 244, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (vs. 1-3)

*APOSTLES CREED

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ELW #182, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FOR ERICA BERGER

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE/PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION/LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 482, "I Come With Joy"

ELW 464, "Bread of Life, Our Host & Meal"

ELW 730, "Lord Our God, With Praise We Come"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

*SENDING SONG

ELW 267, "Joy to the World" (vs. 1 & 2)

*DISMISSAL

SUNDAY SERVANTS
ACOLYTES: Aria Larson/Dawson Frodermann
USHER: Stephanie Bauman
NURSERY: Winora Hallstrom/Paula Laffrenzen
LECTOR: Julia Berger
GREETERS: Pat & Lynette Demuth Family (N)
 Linda Towne (B)
SOUND: Kevin Fleming
POWERPOINT: Julia Berger
ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk
ASSISTING MINISTER: Erin Makela
COFFEE: Lutefisk Dinner
VAN DRIVER: 12/3 – Jay Myer
 12/10 – Jay Myer
BUSY BAGS: December – Pam Fleming
 January – Kathy Craun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 106 Attendance a year ago: 172
 Attendance Last Wednesday: 25

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- We are holding a lock-in December 27-28 (during break) from 7 pm-9 am. This lock-in is for all youth who are in 7th grade and up. We will have games, studies and exciting adventures. Cost is only \$20/youth, and friends are invited. Sign-up is on the youth board and permission forms will be available. You will need both since we will be leaving First and going out into the world. Join us for this fun event!

We would like to thank everyone who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. It couldn't be done without you. What a great job. Bob & Jane Benson

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 4 – December 10, 2017

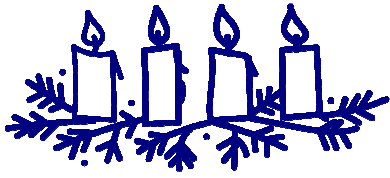
Monday 4	9:00AM 6:00PM	Bulletin Deadline Cherish All Children Meeting
Tuesday 5	2:00PM 5:00PM 6:00PM	Staff Meeting Bell Choir Boy Scouts
Wednesday 6	3:30PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	KFC Meal Worship Confirmation & Youth @ 507 Sanctuary Choir Property Team
Thursday 7	9:15AM	Coffee Time Bible Study (Ladies)
Friday 8		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday 9	9:30AM	Worship & Music Team Rehearsal
Sunday 10	9:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 2:00-4:00PM 3:30PM	Worship – 2 nd Sunday of Advent Evangelism Committee Sunday School Retirement Party for Ron & Winora Family Game Time

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: For being so blessed by Jay & Kathy Myer.

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!

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

We are looking for large round glass serving trays for the kitchen. If you would have one that you would like to donate to the church, please leave on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you!



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. We need youth to act and speak. If you are interested and you want to help, let us know a.s.a.p. We perform the service at the 9:00 service with a short celebration in Centennial Hall after. If you are not a youth but wish to help, let Jon know. Otherwise, come join us at the 9:00 service on December 17 to see the Christmas story as you haven't seen it before.

I would like to thank Pastor Jeanette for the visits and prayers, for the church's prayer chain and the get well cards. It meant so much to me during my illness, thanks again. Ardie Jacobson

"Going, going, gone!" Yep, it's that time of year when on **Saturday, December 9, Worthington Christian School** (located at 1770 Eleanor Street) will host its Annual Donation Fundraiser Auction. Doors open at 9:30 am for all those who would like to support children learning in the light of God's Word. The live & silent auctions start at 10 am. Homemade rolls & coffee are the perfect accompaniment to raising that hand for the special auction items (like toys, tools, handcrafted items, & gift certificates). When you get hungry again, a smoked pulled pork lunch (with amazing **HOMEMADE** pies & bars for your sweet tooth) will be served from 11 am-1 pm. All auction items are donated by students & families of WCS or school supporters & great local businesses. We can't wait to see you there!

