

“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 Starbucks beverage. Friends are invited to come to this gathering of fun. Activities begin at 6:30 pm and end around 8:00 pm.

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



### **Christmas Services**

**Friday, December 24**

**4:00 PM**—Traditional candlelight communion service 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.**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. 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 entrance under the canopy on the NORTH side of the building.

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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**December 5, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

\*GATHERING SONG ELW 737, “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

\*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: Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM: Psalm 1:68-79

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

\*GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 256, “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

\*NICENE CREED (p. 104)

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

OFFERING SONG

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

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)

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\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 145)

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\*LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

\*COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 250, “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

ELW 246, “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

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SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

\*A PEACEFUL BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG

ELW 248, “People, Look East”

\*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Matt Russell  
**ACOLYTE:** Ayden Schaffer  
**SOUND:** Doug Frisch  
**POWERPOINT:** Glenda Lais  
**ORGANIST:** Lori Nienkerk  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 12-5 Midg White (360-3215)  
12-12 Matt Russell (360-5835)  
**COFFEE:** Judy Selberg, Diana White & Sandy Poppema  
**GREETERS:** Matt & Alisa Russell  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Terry Morrison

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 97      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:** 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)

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## FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 6 - 12, 2021

Monday 6	<b>9:00AM</b> 2:00PM	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> Meadow's Bible Study
Tuesday 7	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
Wednesday 8	3:30PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	KFC Meal Worship Confirmation Card Ministry Sanctuary Choir Youth Group
Thursday 9		
Friday 10		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday 11		
Sunday 12	9:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 6:30PM	Worship – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent/Christmas Program Sunday School Evangelism team Encounter @ Hy-Vee <b><u>EVANGEL DEADLINE</u></b>

**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!