

Attention High School Youth: On Friday, December 28 (during break) from 6 -8 pm we will be having an escape event at the church. This event is for all youth in 7th grade and up. Youth will have one hour to solve puzzles and break the code keeping them from leaving. Cost is only \$10/youth and friends are invited.

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!

2018 Offering – The last day to get your offering in for 2018 will be Sunday, December 30. If you will not be able to make it here that Sunday, please drop off your offering by Friday, December 21, 2018 to have it included in 2018.

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.

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.



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.

Beverages and Carols will be held on Thursday, December 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Duffer's. Come enjoy a beverage, food and some caroling.

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

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Ministers: All baptized members; Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

December 9, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent; 9:00 am Worship

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GATHERING SONG

Bell Choir, "Medley of Christmas Carols"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONGREGATION SONG

"A Candle Is Burning"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 778)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 953)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Erin Makela

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 834)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 239, "Hark! The Glad Sound"

*APOSTLE'S CREED

OFFERING

Bell Choir, "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow"

OFFERTORY

ELW 186, "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

ELW 263, "Savior of the Nations, Come"

*DISMISSAL

Thank you to Pam Fleming for all the years as Worship Planner & Visual Coordinator. She will be retiring at the end of the year.

Non-denominational Widow's Ministry will meet on Monday, December 10 at First United Methodist Church, 408 11th St., Worthington at 2 pm. Our program will be the local talented musical group, the Klassen Family Singers.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ACOLYTE: Hailey Como
USHER: Grace McGaughey
NURSERY: Lynette Demuth
LECTOR: Cindy Russell
GREETERS: Doug & Julie Christensen (N)
Rosann Boots (B)
POWERPOINT: Julia Berger
PIANIST: Cindy Anderson
ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Towne
SOUND: Doug Frisch
VAN DRIVER: 12/9 – Midg White
12/16 – Leroy Merkel
BUSY BAGS: December – Pam Fleming
January – Kathy Craun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 0 Attendance a year ago: 151
Attendance Last Wednesday: 25



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 10 – December 16, 2018

Monday	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
10	6:00PM	Worship & Music Team
Tuesday	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
11	5:00PM	Bell Choir
	6:15PM	Youth Teams
Wednesday	10:30AM	Meadow's Bible Study
12	3:30PM	KFC
	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship – Holden Evening Prayer for Advent
	6:30PM	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30PM	Card Ministry
	7:30PM	Youth Group
		<u>EVANGEL DEADLINE</u>
Thursday		
13		
Friday		Pastor's Day Off
14		
Saturday		
15		
Sunday	9:00AM	Worship – 3 rd Sunday in Advent
16		Christmas Program

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Florence Koster (Kathy Craun's mother).
(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.