

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jeanette will be leaving shortly after the service to get to Grace Lutheran for their service.

The money received from your Christmas offering envelope along with the loose offering given at the Christmas Eve services supports outreach ministry. Thank you for your generous donation that supports local Christian outreach ministry!

The office will be closed Friday, December 29 & Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year Holiday.

2023 Offering –The last day to get your offering in for 2023 will be Sunday, December 31. If you will not be able to make it here that Sunday, please drop off your offering by Wednesday, December 27, 2023 by 4:00 pm to have it included in 2023.



PayPal Link: To make donations to First Lutheran, please scan the QR code here or visit our website at felcwgtn.org and hit the donate button on the bottom of the home page.



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

There will be no Wednesday night service on December 27.



ATTENTION TEAM CHAIRS - Annual Reports are due in to the church office by Thursday, December 28 by 4:00 pm.



Christmas Eve Service

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

1200 4th Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187

Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

December 24, 2023; 4:00 pm

PRELUDE MUSIC Paul Summers
ANNOUNCEMENTS
*ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 283, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
*GREETING
ADVENT SONG ELW 253, “He Came Down”
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)
*PRAYER OF THE DAY
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 555)
SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14 (p. 969)
CHILDREN’S SERMON
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION TFF 45, “Emmanuel”
*GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 (p. 832-833)
SERMON Pastor Jeanette
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 270, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
*APOSTLES CREED (p. 104)
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
OFFERING Sanctuary Choir, “Et in Terra Pax” (Purifoy)
OFFERTORY ELW 288, “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1)
OFFERING PRAYER
*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)
*PREFACE/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)
*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)
INVITATION TO COMMUNION/COMMUNION/LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION ELW 279, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
ELW 282, “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” & ELW 277, “Away in a Manger”
(Please pick up a candle on the way back from communion.)
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW 290, “Go Tell It On the Mountain” (vs. 3)
POST COMMUNION PRAYER/SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)
CANDLELIGHT SOLO Soloist, Ashley Hein - “O Holy Night”
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CANDLELIGHT HYMN ELW #281, “Silent Night, Holy Night”
*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS
*CHRISTMAS EVE BENEDICTION
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE MUSIC

Christmas Eve Servants

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Lonnie Myrom

ACOLYTE: Trey Milbrath

SOUND: Pat Demuth

POWERPOINT: Ryan McGaughey

ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish

GREETER: Doug & Julie Christensen

FACEBOOK LIVE: Carrie Adams

TRUMPETS:

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Your offering envelopes for 2024 are in your mail box. If you didn't get a box but would like envelopes, please contact the church office. Your envelope numbers have changed for the year, so please do not use them until after January 1. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS: The poinsettias adorning our sanctuary this Christmas Season are given to the glory of God by the following people:

In memory of Ray & Betty Lu Kaiser by John & Nora Leinen.

In memory of Larry & Jeanne Leinen by John & Nora Leinen.

In memory of loved ones by Kevin & Pam Fleming.

In gratitude for all of God's blessings by Kevin & Pam Fleming.

In loving memory of Barb Waage by Al Waage & family.

In loving memory of parents, Martin & Janette Waage & Sam & Ruth Casper by Al Waage & family.

In loving memory of Clarence Wasmund by Marie Wasmund Mews.

In loving memory of Vernon Mews by Marie Wasmund Mews.

In memory of Phillip Zeiner, John Zeiner, Charles Zeiner, Russell Kurtenbach, Greg Martens & Jake Veen by Arlene Zeiner, Gale Kurtenbach & families, Valerie Veen & families, Butch & Deb Zeiner & families, & Joanna Zeiner & families.

In loving memory of our parents, Nancy & Cal Zuehlke & the treasured memories of 1st by the Zuehlke family.

In memory of loved ones by Lonnie & Nancy Myrom.

In memory of loved ones by Sandy Diepenbrock.

In memory of Keith Larson by his family.

In loving memory of Allan, Alvin & Jerry Larson & Fred & Rose Hurlbut by Brenda Hurlbut & family.

In loving memory of Byron by Cindy Swart.

In loving memory of Mitchell Benson by Cindy Swart.

In memory of David Bender by Jeannie Bender & Jeff & Thereas Rotert.

In memory of cousin Carrole, uncles Dan & Dick, mom & dad by John Kramer.

In loving memory of John Vihlen by Vona Mae Vihlen.

In memory of Lloyd & Viola Johnson by Diana White & family.

In memory of Keith Larson by Mary & family.

In memory of Dick Frisch by Shirley Frisch.

In memory of Myril Ferguson by Mary.

In memory of Ray & Mary Vosburgh by Mike & Margaret Vosburgh.

In memory of Fred & Rose Hurlbut by Mike & Margaret Vosburgh.

In memory of Barb Waage by her family.

In memory of Olaf & Henritta Vogen & Harold & Lorna Benson by Bob, Jane, & Ryan Benson & Kirk Vogen.

In memory of loved ones by Larry & Norma Woodbury.

In memory of Craig Nienkerk, Merle & Lois Nienkerk & Iven, Helen & Eugene Wachter by Lori Nienkerk & family.

In memory of Bob Stumpf, Dave Livingston & loved ones by Marge Livingston.

In memory of loved ones by Pat & Lynette Demuth.

In loving memory of Winora Hallstrom by Ron, Scott, Todd & Jeff Hallstrom.

In memory of loved ones by Doug & Julie Christensen.

In memory of loved ones by Ardys Jacobson, Lynnette & Jeff Faragher family, Lynnea Faragher family and Mark & Susan Jacobson family.

In memory of Donald & Gunnie Mahlberg by Rolf & Joan Mahlberg.

In memory of Dale & Gertrude Eckerson by Rolf & Joan Mahlberg.

In honor of Pastor Jeanette.

In memory of loved ones by Keith & Linda Towne.

In loving memory of husband/dad, Glen Faragher by Lynnea, Shelby, Tyler & Jon Faragher.

In memory of Joyce Lemke by Tanya Wagner.

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