



The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 – Friday, December 27 for the Christmas Holiday.

Interested in playing a larger role in life at First Lutheran? Join Church Council! Erin and Sandy's terms end at our next annual meeting (Jan. 26), and we are looking for two people ready to step forward and help lead our church. If interested, talk to Erin Makela, Todd Scripture, or any current Council member!

2024 Offering –The last day to get your offering in for 2024 will be Sunday, December 29. If you will not be able to make it here that Sunday, please drop off your offering by Monday, December 23, 2024 by 4:00 pm to have it included in 2024.

Want to donate to help with Wednesday suppers? Pick an apple (located in Centennial Hall) and bring the item back. We also need help preparing and serving the meals. See Brenda Richards for more information. THANKS!

Reminder of Winter Weather Protocol—If the schools are closed; the office will be closed. If there is an early out for the schools, there will be no after school programs and the office will also close. Notices will be posted through email, Facebook and the local radio stations. Thank you!

The Christmas Concert by Brule (Paul Summers & guests) on December 21, 2024 will be at 2:00 pm only (note change from Evengel) at First Lutheran Church. If you would like to usher, please let Kathy Summers or Natalie know.



ATTENTION TEAM CHAIRS - Annual Reports are due in to the church office by Tuesday, December 31 by 4:00 pm.

There will be no Wednesday night worship service on January 1.



The office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the New Years Holiday!

Klassen Family will present a Free Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm at Worthington Christian Church, 1501 N Douglas Avenue, Worthington.

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

1200 4th Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187

Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

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December 15, 2024 – Spirit of the Lord Upon Me

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT SONG ELW 257, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1, 5 & 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

*GATHERING SONG ELW 242, “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

*GREETING (p. 138)

*KYRIE (p. 138)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW 251, “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 142)

READING: Isaiah 61:1-11 (p. 603-604)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 262, “Wait for the Lord”

*GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-21 (p.835)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 267, “Joy to the World”

*APOSTLES CREED (p. 104)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE

OFFERING & CHOIR ANTHEM

“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” (Philip Doddridge; Mary Lynn Lighfoot)

OFFERING SONG ELW 295, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (p. 144)

*PREFACE/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION/LAMB OF GOD/COMMUNION (p. 146)

COMMUNION SONGS ELW 488, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

“For the Healing of the Nations” (Fred Kaan; Westminster Abbey)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 737, “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Ed Philipp
ACOLYTE: Trey Milbrath
SOUND: Kevin Fleming
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
ORGANIST: Lori Nienkerk
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish
VAN DRIVERS: 12-15 Matt Russell (360-5835)
12-22 Midg White (360-3215)
GREETER: Diana White
FACEBOOK LIVE: Erin Makela
COFFEE: Daren & Julie Bauman & John Kramer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 122 Attendance a year ago: 102
Attendance Last Wednesday: 12 Livestream: 331



Are you in need of a gift idea??? Do you need gas or groceries? We have Hy-Vee and Fareway gift cards you can purchase HERE and by doing so you are supporting the church. The more we sell, the more we can deposit into the general fund. These cards make great gifts. Gift Cards will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!



Members: Sue Isder, Karen Lewis, Sylvia Jacobson, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen
Members in Nursing Homes: Doris Selberg, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson
Members in Care Facilities: Pearl Aaker, Joan Doeden, Jean Bender
Family Members & Friends: Margaret Kruger (mother of Linda Neugebauer), Gale Kurtenbauch (sister of Val Veen), Chiara Philipp and Damien Philipp, (daughter-in-law and newborn grandson of Ed Philipp), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Cindy Anderson, Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Family of Kevin Ehlers (son of Sandy Diepenbrock), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Stan Elsing (Merle Elsing's dad), Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)
Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 16-22, 2024

Monday 16	9:00AM 2:00PM	Bulletin Deadline Meadow's Bible Study
Tuesday 17	7:00AM 6:00PM 7:15PM	Early Risers Bible Study Finance Team Church Council
Wednesday 18	3:30-5:15PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM	Kids for Christ (KFC) Meal Worship Sanctuary Choir
Thursday 19	9:30AM	Hannah Circle
Friday 20		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday 21	2:00PM	Brule Concert
Sunday 22	8:00AM 8:45AM 9:30AM	Grace Lutheran Worship Sunday School Worship – Jesus' Birth Announced

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Phillip Akerson by Keith & Linda Towne.
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

Christmas Services Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM—Traditional candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

8:00 PM—Candlelight communion service with Christmas hymns.

Wednesday, December 25

9:30 AM—Intimate traditional communion service with Christmas hymns.

