



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!



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.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Your offering envelopes for 2025 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!



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

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

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December 22, 2024 – Jesus' Birth Announced

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT HYMN ELW 257, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1, 5, 4 & 2)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*GATHERING SONG ELW 248, "People, Look East"

*GREETING (p. 138)

*KYRIE (p. 138)

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 142)

READING: Isaiah 41:4-5, 8-10, 17-20 (p. 583-584)

PSALM 113 (p. 491)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lisa Waldner

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 262, "Wait for the Lord"

*GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-45 (p. 831)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 265, "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

*NICENE CREED (p. 104)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

OFFERING SONG

ELW 295, "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 263, "Savior of the Nations, Come"

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Paula Laffrenzen
ACOLYTE: Lexi Kleve
SOUND: Doug Frisch
POWERPOINT: Glenda Lais
PIANIST: Cindy Anderson
VAN DRIVERS: 12-22 Midg White (360-3215)
12-29 Daren Bauman (360-9275)
GREETER: Todd Hallstrom
FACEBOOK LIVE: Carrie Admas
COFFEE: Dale & Debbie Koob & Linda Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 53 Attendance a year ago: N/A
Attendance Last Wednesday: 12 Livestream: 247



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), 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 23-29, 2024

Monday 23	9:00AM 3:00PM	Bulletin Deadline Meadow's Christmas Service
Tuesday 24	4:00PM 8:00PM	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday 25	9:30AM	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Christmas Day Service
Thursday 26		<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
Friday 27		Pastor's Sabbath Day <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
Saturday 28		
Sunday 29	8:00AM 9:30AM	Grace Lutheran Worship Worship – Lessons and Carols

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: (Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)
In memory of my mother, Florence Koster, by Kathy Craun.

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.

