

**2024 Offering** –The last day to get your offering in for 2024 will be TODAY.

**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!



**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 29, 2024 – Lessons & Carols**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH & CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

ELW 715, “Christ Be Our Light”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*OPENING HYMN ELW 269, “Once in Royal David’s City” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\*PRAYER

\*LORD’S PRAYER

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

\*BLESSING

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 (p. 2-3)

CAROL ELW 288, “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs 1 - 3)

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18 (p. 16)

CAROL ELW 267, “Joy to the World” (vs. 1 & 4)

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (p. 555)

CAROL ELW 270, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vs. 1 & 3)

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4 (p. 756)

CAROL ELW 279, “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 & 4)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Lisa Waldner

FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 602-603)

CAROL ELW 300, “The First Noel” (vs. 1 & 2)

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1, 3-7 (p. 832-833)

CAROL ELW 277, “Away in a Manger” (vs. 1 & 2)

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 (p. 833)

CAROL ELW 289, “Angels We Have Heard on High” (vs. 1 & 2)

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11 (p. 783-784)

CAROL ELW 296, “What Child Is This?” (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE ELW 294, “In the Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 3)

OFFERING PRAYER

\*NINTH LESSON: John 1:1- 14 (p. 862)

CAROL

ELW 283, “O Come All Ye Faithful”

PRAYER

BLESSING

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Linda Towne, Paula Laffrenzen & Matt Russell

**ACOLYTE:**

**SOUND:** Paul Summers

**POWERPOINT:** Glenda Lais

**ORGANIST:** Nancy Hofstee

**VAN DRIVERS:** 12-29 Daren Bauman (360-9275)

1-5 Midg White (360-3215)

**GREETER:** Clinton & Alison Nixon Family

**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Ethan Nixon

**COFFEE:** Robert & Bonnie Bents & Ed Philipp

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 58      Attendance a year ago: 50

Attendance Last Wednesday: N/A      Livestream: 312



**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:** Marjorie Larson, Eric White, 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:** Jude McGaughey (mother of Ryan McGaughey), 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), 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 30, 2024 – January 5, 2025

Monday 30	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>
Tuesday 31		
Wednesday 1		<b><u>OFFICE CLOSED</u></b> <i>Happy New Year</i>
Thursday 2		
Friday 3		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday 4	5:00-10:00PM	Youth Fun Night/Christmas Party
Sunday 5	8:00AM 8:45AM 9:30AM	Grace Lutheran Worship Sunday School Worship/Communion – Boy in the Temple

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

**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!

**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!