

**January 5** - Six-hour fun night with the Methodist Church!!! Stay tuned for more information!!!

**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!

**LOVE INC UNMET NEEDS LIST:** Boots of all sizes for Coat Ministry, Gas cards for medical appointments and incentives for class participants, women's shirts size large, women's pants size 13-14, size one & two diapers, baby wipes and shower chair with arms and a back. For more information check the flyer on the bulletin board off of Centennial Hall or call Love Inc. at 727-7291.

**Happy  
New Year!**

The office will be closed on  
Monday, January 1, 2024 for the  
New Year's Holiday.

**Did you know there is transportation in your area?** United Community Action Partnership and Southwestern MN Opportunity Council work together to meet transportation needs in Nobles County through Prairieland Transit System Public Transit and volunteer drivers. A special transportation program exists for people who are 60 or older who have barriers to accessing transportation. For more information give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email [communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org](mailto:communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org).



**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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**December 31, 2023 – Lessons & Carols**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT SONG

ELW 253, “He Came Down”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*OPENING HYMN

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

\*PRAYER

\*LORD’S PRAYER

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

SONG

ELW 257, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs 1 & 3)

READING: Genesis 22:15-18 (p. 16)

SONG

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

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

SONG

ELW 279, “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 & 2)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Lisa Waldner

READING: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 (p. 558)

SONG

ELW 272, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vs. 1 & 2)

READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38 (p. 831)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

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

OFFERING PRAYER

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

SONG

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

READING: Luke 2:8-16 (p. 833)

SONG

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

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

SONG

ELW 300, “The First Noel” (vs. 1 & 2)

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

SONG

ELW 283, “O Come All Ye Faithful”

PRAYER

BLESSING

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Matt Russell  
**ACOLYTE:** Trey Milbrath  
**SOUND:** Kevin Fleming  
**POWERPOINT:** Terry Morrison  
**PIANIST:** Cindy Anderson  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 12-31 Matt Russell (360-5835)  
1-7 Midg White (360-3215)  
**GREETER:** Marie Mews  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Debbie Koob  
**COFFEE:** Sandy Poppema, Fern Burmeister & Diana White

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 0                      Attendance a year ago: 56  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 0                  Facebook Live: 0

**Gift Cards** will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!



**Members:** Mike Vosburgh, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Craun, Kathy Summers, Rosemary Merkel, Glenda Lais, Doris Selberg, Val Veen, Pearl Aaker, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Sandra Jones, Roger Larson, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson, Sandra Marsh

**Members in Care Facilities:** Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

**Family Members & Friends:** Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Hunter Dodds (Nephew of Becca & Ryan McGaughey, Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Stan Elsing (Merle Elsing's dad), Tammy Hector (Merle Elsing's cousin), 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 January 1-7, 2024

		<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
Monday		
1		
Tuesday	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
2	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b>
Wednesday	3:30PM	KFC
3	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship
	6:30PM	Property Team
	6:30PM	Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	7:30PM	Youth Group
Thursday	10:15AM	Sunshine Worship
4		
Friday		Pastor's Sabbath Day
5	4:30-10:30PM	Youth Group Fun Night
Saturday		
6		
Sunday	8:45AM	Sunday School
7	9:30AM	Worship/Communion – Baptism of Our Lord

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** (Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)  
In celebration of Don & Kathy Craun's Wedding Anniversary.



**The 2023 Annual Meeting** of First Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 10:45 am in Centennial Hall. A brunch will be served by the youth.



**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.