

**Reminder of Winter Weather Policy:** Our policy for winter weather is that if the schools close or run late, then the office will be closed or run late. Wednesday schedules will also go along with the schools, so if they get out early, we will not have evening activities at the church. Announcement for closer will be on email, Facebook and Radio Works.

**Please let us know** if you would like to be added to the email devotion, prayer chain or happenings/scheduling list. A devotion is sent out daily Monday-Friday when Natalie is working. The email list is in regard to happenings and scheduling changes at First. There is also an email prayer chain list for prayer requests.



**The office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's holiday.**



**The 2022 Annual Meeting of First Lutheran Church** will be on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We will be voting on updates to the constitution to keep it up-to-date with the changes voted on at the ELCA convention. Please watch the bulletin for more

information to come.

#### **Recipe for a Happy New Year**

Clean thoroughly 12 whole months. Divide into 365 parts; set aside, preparing only one part at a time, as follows:

Mix well into each day:

1 part patience, 1 part work, 1 part courage

Add to each day:

1 part each of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness

Blend with:

1 part prayer, 1 part mutation, and 1 part good deed

Season the mixture with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cup of good humor. Pour mixture into vessel of love. Cook over radiant joy, garnish with a smile. Serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheer.

Yield = 1 Happy New Year

#### **First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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**January 1, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*ADVENT SONG

ELW 253, “He Came Back”

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*PRAYER

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

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

SONG

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

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

SONG

ELW 267, “Joy to the World”

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

SONG

ELW 279, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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)

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

OFFERING SONG

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

OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 288, “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

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

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE/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 SONGS

ELW 277, “Away In A Manger”

ELW 282, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 146)

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

SONG

ELW 294, “In the Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 1 & 3)

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

SONG

ELW 300, “The First Noel” (vs. 1 & 2)

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*SONG

ELW 283, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*PRAYER

\*BLESSING/DISMISSAL (p. 146)

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Ed Philipp  
**ACOLYTE:** Ashlyn Schaffer  
**SOUND:** Doug Frisch  
**POWERPOINT:** Terry Morrison  
**ORGANIST:** Lori Nienkerk  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Eric Parrish  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 1-1 Midg White (360-3215)  
1-8 Ron Hallstrom (360-7891)  
**GREETER:** Sandy Poppema  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Becca McGaughey  
**COFFEE:** Larry & Norma Woodbury & Ed Philipp

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: N/A      Attendance a year ago: 42  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 0      Facebook Live: N/A

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



**Members:** Trenton Stoyke, Roger Larson, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Linda Towne, Al Luing, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen,

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Mary Kraft, Dianne Sanderson, Pearl Aaker, Betty Nelson, Sandra Marsh

**Members in Care Facilities:** Rosemary Merkel, Winora Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

**Family Members & Friends:** Jace (Midg White's great-grandson), Mark Richards, Kiana Svoboda (friend of John & Nora Leinen), Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Arlene (Fern Burmeister's sister), 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 2-8, 2023

|           |               |                                      |
|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday    |               | <b><u>Office Closed</u></b>          |
| 2         |               |                                      |
| Tuesday   | 7:00AM        | Early Risers Bible Study             |
| 3         | <b>9:00AM</b> | <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>             |
| Wednesday | 3:30PM        | KFC                                  |
| 4         | 5:15PM        | Meal                                 |
|           | 6:00PM        | Worship                              |
|           | 6:30PM        | Confirmation                         |
|           | 6:30PM        | Sanctuary Choir                      |
|           | 6:30PM        | Property Team                        |
|           | 7:30PM        | Youth Group                          |
| Thursday  | 10:15AM       | Sunshine Worship                     |
| 5         |               |                                      |
| Friday    |               | Pastor's Sabbath Day                 |
| 6         |               |                                      |
| Saturday  |               |                                      |
| 7         |               |                                      |
| Sunday    | 8:45AM        | Sunday School                        |
| 8         | 9:30AM        | Worship – Baptism of Our Lord        |
|           | 10:30AM       | Evangelism Team                      |
|           | 6:30-8:00PM   | “Encounter” @ Hy-Vee (MS & HS Youth) |

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Gloria & Aaron Widboom by their family.  
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

**2023 Offering Envelopes** – Due to equipment repairs, our 2023 Offering envelopes have been delayed. The company is hoping to have them out by the first of the year. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Natalie will try her best to get them out as soon as they come in.