



# THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation

January 2024

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*We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share His Word and the promise of salvation. Matthew 28*

## Welcome to the New Year - 2024



Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is a good time to take stock of life. What has gone well for you? What would you like to change? What are the priorities in your life and household, and should they be realigned?

I would challenge you to ask these, and other, questions of yourself as we look at the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024. Reflection is a good thing, especially if it is acted on.

At First Lutheran, we do a similar process. What has gone well in the past year? What impact has our ministry had on the community, on individuals, on the families of First Lutheran? What would we like to see happen in the future? Are there projects we should tackle, classes that you would like to see offered, events and opportunities, for people of all ages? Be thinking about these things, so you can share them with me and the council in the future. I, as pastor, and the council alone, cannot do all of the ministry of First Lutheran. It takes all of us to work together to do what God is calling us to do, in this place, at this time.

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To do ministry, it takes people, and it takes funds. If you have been taking note of the “box score” in the bulletin and The Voice, you will notice that giving has been consistently lower than hoped for in 2023. Lower income does influence the kind and amount of ministry that we can do. So, I would ask you, as you are looking at your priorities and budgets for 2024, to consider an increase in your giving to First Lutheran. It doesn’t have to be by a lot, but everything helps.

There are many ways to give, such as: using offering envelopes on Sunday mornings (or mailing them in); using the QR code on the website, on the service slide or in the bulletin on Sunday during worship; using the envelopes in the pews (if you put your name on the envelope, we can credit your offering to you); using Simply Giving (information on the church’s website at <https://firstlutheranpipestone.org/simply-giving>); using bill pay through your bank; put loose cash into the offering plate, and other options!

Blessings as you consider the end of 2023 and look forward to 2024!!

Pastor Ann



## WHY WE GIVE: RIGHT REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING

Where does giving fit in with wise financial planning? These days it seems that pastors, churches and ministries are constantly asking for my money. In the process, they’re always talking about the importance of giving and telling me that it’s a crucial part of the Christian life. I’m not sure I buy this argument. What’s your perspective?

For Christians, the decision to give is not primarily *financial* in nature. It’s rooted in 1) the nature of God and 2) our relationship with Him.

John 3:16 tells us that “God so loved the world that He gave ...” This declaration isn’t simply an evangelical promotional slogan or an effective witnessing tool. It’s a revelation of the heart of God and a summation of the meaning of the Christian life. If there’s one thing the New Testament teaches us, it’s that God is love, and that those of us who claim to believe in Him ought to love one another as He has loved us (1 John 4:8, 11). And the message of John 3:16 is that love gives.

This, then, is the *theological* or *spiritual* basis for Christian giving. But how does it work itself out in the context of everyday life? On the *practical* level, we give because we know something. In Christ, we have realized three inescapable truths: 1) *we belong to God*; 2) *we have received much*; and 3) *money matters*. Let’s take a closer look at each of these important biblical ideas and find out how they mold our motivation to give.

### **1. We Belong to God**

“Do you not know,” writes Paul to the Corinthian church, “that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit ... and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price.” (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). Christians, according to Scripture, are the Lord’s special possession – a “peculiar people,” as the Authorized King James Version puts it (1 Peter 2:9). If, as believers, we have no claim even to our own persons, it’s safe to assume that we must also forfeit ownership and control of our possessions. Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from the Creator of our souls – after all, “what do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)

This is not to mention that even in a larger and more general sense – in a way that has implications even for those who are not part of the family of faith – God is the Owner of everything that exists. Ultimately, it all belongs to Him. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness,” writes the psalmist, “the world and those who dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1).

If God owns everything, it should be obvious that He alone has the prerogative to determine how it should be distributed and used. And if His purposes can be summed up in the single word “love,” we can safely assume that

He intends His wealth to be applied to the task of blessing other people. Our role is to act as faithful stewards of the abundance He has poured out upon us by giving in accord with His will.

## 2. We Have Received Much

God's grace toward us is abundant – excessively so. If we would simply stop and take stock of our blessings, we would quickly see how truly overwhelming the Lord's generosity toward us is. This statement applies to believers in every condition and situation, for in Christ we have become heirs of God's kingdom (James 2:5; Romans 8:17) and of the unlimited assets that pertain to it: "For all things are yours ... and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Corinthians 3:21-23).

According to the Bible, abundant blessings imply weighty responsibilities; "for everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48). The message is clear: our possessions are to be used not merely for our own enjoyment but for the benefit of the world around you. "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

Of course, this doesn't mean that giving is to be approached as a grim, oppressive duty. "Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Our *responsibility* to give is primarily a *response* to God's generosity. It's an expression of joy and gratitude for the bounty of God's goodness – like the gift of the woman who demonstrated her indebtedness to Jesus by anointing His feet with a jar of costly ointment. She loved much, Jesus said, because she had been forgiven much (Luke 7:47).

## 3. Money Matters

Finally, if we want to make sure that our giving is thoroughly biblical in nature, there's one last observation we'll need to add to the other two. Although the generosity with which we express our response to God's grace entails everything we are and everything we have – our mental, emotional, and spiritual assets as well as the physical – we dare not miss the point that the Lord is especially concerned about the way we use our *material* wealth. As Randy Alcorn points out in his book *The Treasure Principle*, 15 percent of everything Christ ever said relates to the topic of money and possessions – "more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined."

Why should this be so? Because the God of the Bible, unlike the gods of many other religious systems, attaches great value to the physical, material aspect of His creation. The physical world belongs to Him because He made it; and He made it in such a way that it declares His glory (Psalm 19:1) and reflects His invisible attributes (Romans 1:20). That's why, at the end of the sixth day of Creation, He was able to look at everything He had accomplished and conclude that it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

This is why James tells us that it is not enough to give in a spiritual sense only. When we minister to others, we have to minister to the body as well as the soul: "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:16) Herein lies the real significance of money from the biblical perspective. While it's true that the love of money is "a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), it should be equally obvious that money is a powerful tool – the most powerful tool we have at our disposal when it comes to providing for basic material necessities.

All of this sounds good in theory, of course. But the joy of giving can't begin to flow in our lives until we make a commitment to put these scriptural principles into practice.



### **Noisy Offering for December was collected for:** **ELCA Good Gifts (aka – God's Barnyard)**

The total amount collected was: **\$1,418.72**.

Noisy Offering for January will be collected for Southwest Crisis Center (see pg 11).

*Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.*

# December 2023 Offerings

Weekly Offering – December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Weekly Offering – December 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering –December 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – December 24 <sup>th</sup> (AM service)	
Weekly Offering – December 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve service)	
Weekly Offering – December 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$

Now there are THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

1. Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week, or monthly through electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account.
2. Below is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's web page.
3. Good ol' offering envelopes.



**If you need more offering envelopes, please stop in to the church to pick up another book.**

**Christian stewardship** involves the faithful management of all gifts God has so generously given us including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources. Creating a new endowment fund or contributing to an existing fund is a diligent way to ensure these gifts continue in perpetuity and the legacy of the giver lives on forever. Gifts of cash; partial or full value of securities, stocks and bonds; personal property or real estate; life insurance policies; trust agreements; or charitable gift annuities are some examples that can be used to fund a new or existing endowment. The principle amount given from any of these assets is always retained with only the earned income used to meet the endowment's stated objectives thereby making the gift perpetual. Please contact your estate or financial planner or First Lutheran Church's endowment committee with questions.

**"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."**

*- Jane Goodall*





## **First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Members Present:** Craig Thies, Pastor Ann, Mike Straw, Nicole Weber, Cristy Appel, Ingrid Wielenberg, Marit Sterud, Thad Reinert, Kristy Henriksen and Marah Lytle.

**Call to Order:** President, Craig Thies, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Devotions:** Devotion was led by Ingrid W. Next month Craig T. will lead devotion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Thad R. went over the bills and discussion was had on what ICON Systems is. Cristy A. made a motion to pay the bills and Ingrid W. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Ann handed out her report for October and this was reviewed.
- The Council reviewed Pastor Ann's upcoming date list, from her October report. A few notes are Pastor will be gone November 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Friday and December 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> for family Christmas. Council approved that Pastor's remaining Sunday of vacation be carried over into 2024 for more flexibility when her mom has surgery.

### **President's Report:**

- Have Lori Ilse come to Council Meetings and be paid for her time? Council agreed, so that way questions can be answered right away.
- Combine committees? Need to still have a quorum.
- Building fund becoming Repair fund for replacing/fixing old appliances and maintenance
- Got toys in the Fireside room and by the entryway for the kids during church.

**Vice-President's Report:** none

### **Committee Reports – Round Table:**

- Congregational Life – Ingrid W. – Nov 19<sup>th</sup> “Faith, Fun, and Fair” after worship.
- Worship – Cristy A. – Providing bars after the Nov 19<sup>th</sup> evening Community Thanksgiving service. Plans for decorating for Christmas.
- Mission & Outreach – Kristy H. – Delivered Halloween baskets with Meals on Wheels. Noisy offering this month is going to the Kiwanis Christmas Fundraiser.
- Property Management – Mike S. – The youth room's egress window is wet, needs rock, and wood repainted. Trim down the bushes and flowers before winter. Also, a few shingles need to be replaced. AED machine needs to be put up.
- Adult Ed – none



- Youth – Nicole Weber – 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can go to SDSU Faith meeting in January
- Sunday School – LIFT is singing in church on Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Planning for the Christmas program. Request to have the automatic locks on the Sunday School rooms be taken off and for LIFT leaders to get keys to the LIFT door.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Need to purchase a bulk email service to be able to email more than 100 people at once. Christy A. made a motion to authorize the purchase of the bulk email service and Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Elementary Booster Club would like to sell Coborn's coupon books at the Meatball Supper. Christy A made a motion to let them sell Coborn's coupon books as long as they have a separate table and a person to sell. Kristy H 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
- Formal thank you for fair stand donations be sent out.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

*Marah Lytle, Secretary*



# Church News & Events



MailChimp

By now, you all should have been receiving a Friday Flash email every Friday from Pastor Ann (via the office & MailChimp). That is if your email is up-to-date here in the office – also check your junk email folder. This is just another way for us to try to let everyone

know what is going on here at First Lutheran each week. Please make sure to check your emails for these messages. At some point, we hope to also do these messages via text messages but one thing at a time! You do have the option to opt out of these as well, but we hope you don't. We are trying our best to keep everyone 'in the know' but we can't read

the information for you so please do your part. As with everything, your thoughts, opinions and ideas are GREATLY appreciated so don't be afraid to share with us. We can't fix or change things unless we know what you are looking for. THANK YOU in advance and blessings on the year ahead!



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The Annual meeting for First Lutheran Church is set for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30am worship service. PLEASE, PLEASE do not miss this very important meeting. Some of the agenda items are:



- ~Minutes from 2023 meeting (January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
- ~Reviewing 2023
- ~2023 Financial Reports
- ~Our goals for First Lutheran in 2024
- ~Budget for 2024
- ~Election of new Council members for 2024

This is YOUR church – our future depends on you giving us your input – what you would like to see for you and your family down the road. We hope to see you there!!

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Make sure to join us for Fellowship in the Narthex after worship every Sunday!! It's a great time to visit with visitors to our church as well as other members. If you would like to bring goodies to pass or help serve, there are sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you can contact Lori in the office!!







# Community Events

## Pipestone Area Calendar of Events

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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lights at the Lodge Drive Through	2	3 Lu Bosna Retirement Open House	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Omelet Breakfast	15	16	17	18 Museum's Monthly 'Coffee Talk'	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pat Donohue & Friends	29	30	31			

**Be sure to check the Pipestone Area Chamber website for any updates to their calendar!**

<https://business.pipestoneminnesota.com/events>



# F.L.C.W News & Activities

**January 2024**

Dear FLCW,

Happy New Year!! Thank you for all you did in 2023. We accomplished some great work.



The December FLCW meeting was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm for coffee and goodies. A recap of the Kaffi-Ti was held. Kaffi-Ti was a success as we sold out our bake table and made over \$2000! People LOVED the Christmas Cranberry Cake. We sold several cookbooks that included the recipe. Kaffi-Ti will be back in 2024 and will again be in the afternoon. We will need to have more baked items to sell, that is for sure!

The 'That's My Pan' order arrived, and all items were claimed. Our profit was just a little over \$200. THANKS to all who purchased items.

We sold over a dozen quilts in 2023 and rugs continue to sell. Thank you to all who create and purchase these items to help fund our programs.

Quilting is back and scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. More helpers are always welcome. We have some great teachers and good conversations! No tests and no judges – just great fellowship!!

The ThankOffering letter and envelope was in the Kaffi-Ti mailing. The envelopes are due back to the church on Epiphany, which will be celebrated on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have already returned them, so THANK YOU!!!!

At the December meeting, we also discussed a thorough cleaning and painting of the kitchen area after Meals On Wheels are in their new location. We will pay for the painting so please watch for more details on that project.

The January FLCW meeting will be on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. Soup will be served so bring anything you like to eat with your soup! We will also be studying the January Gather Bible. The magazine should be arriving soon.

The First Lutheran Church Annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following our 9:30am worship. Please plan to attend this very important meeting of our congregation.

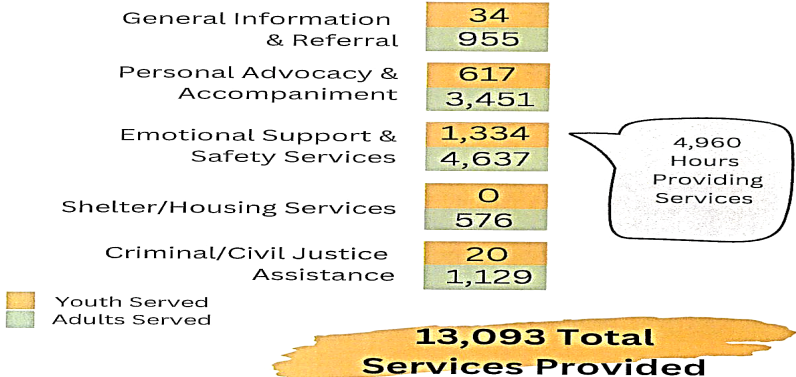
THANK YOU SO MUCH for all that you do for First Lutheran and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**See you in church,**

*Kristy*

# SERVICES PROVIDED

OCTOBER 2022 - SEPTEMBER 2023



■ Youth Served  
■ Adults Served

455 Adults Served



**Southwest Crisis Center**  
SUPPORT. ADVOCACY. HOPE.

The Noisy Offering for January will go to the SW Crisis Center

November 2023

Dear Faith Leader,

As a nonprofit agency serving communities throughout Southwest Minnesota, the Southwest Crisis Center is a **trusted resource** for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and child abuse. When kids and families experience violence or abuse, having access to trauma-informed services in their own community is vital.

In the last year, the Southwest Crisis Center **served over 700 individuals, families and children** as they navigated their paths toward healing and justice. Services included things such as emotional support, safety services, safe housing, forensic interviews, court accompaniment, classroom presentations, emergency services and support groups. In total, **we provided over 13,000 services in Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, and Murray counties.** Behind these services are real people who daily help us understand our true impact:

*"I felt more confident and in control of my life because of the support I received from SWCC."*

*"Sometimes the SWCC are the only people a survivor has to talk to."*

*"They've always been there and helped keep me from drowning."*

*"I would recommend SWCC to a friend or family member."*

*"They helped me start chapter 2 of my life."*

As 2023 comes to a close, please consider making a donation to help ensure that kids and families in our communities continue to receive the support, advocacy, and hope they deserve in order to heal. If you want or need more information about what our organization does, I'm **happy to speak to your congregation, council, or other interested persons or groups involved in your church about our organization and how we serve our communities.** You can also find out more about us at [www.mnswcc.org](http://www.mnswcc.org) and/or follow us on social media.

Sincerely,   
Sara Wahl, Executive Director  
507-360-2432 / [sara@mnswcc.org](mailto:sara@mnswcc.org)

# Shetek Happenings

January 2024



14 Keeley Island Drive  
Slayton, MN 56172  
507-763-3567  
camp@shetek.org  
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



*Join us for our Winter Family Camp*

*Or just come out and see the beauty of the season here.*

## Wish List

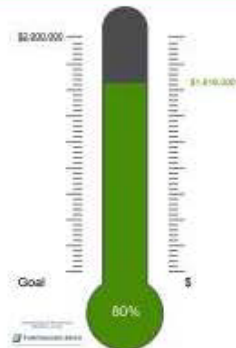
- Vest style life jackets
- Extension Cords
- Volunteers
- **Summer Staff -**  
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

## Mark your Calendar

- January 17-21 Quilt and Craft Retreat
- February 23-25 Winter Family Camp
- Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,616,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



**Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!**





**SHETEK**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES  
*Quilt & Craft Retreat*  
January 17-21, 2024

**Wednesday** Arrive in the Afternoon  
**Thursday** Arrive anytime 6:00 Supper  
**Friday** Arrive anytime 9:30 Brunch  
 6:00 Supper  
**Saturday** 9:30 Brunch  
 6:00 Supper  
**Sunday** 10:00 Brunch  
 and Departures

Enjoy quilting and crafting at SLM! Spend time in a relaxed, Christ-centered environment crafting, bonding with others, and enjoying delicious food. Be inspired and share inspiration with others!

Participants stay in the Lakota Retreat Center, which also serves as the main "creation station" for the retreat and provides a relaxing and comfortable setting for the weekend. Lakota features lakeside views, cozy meeting spaces, and 17 sleeping rooms, each with a private bath. Linens provided.



Register online at [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or complete the registration form below.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you are interested in a beginning quilting class \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE**  
**Cost: \$220 (Wed- Sun), \$190 (Thur-Sun)**  
**\$160 (Fri-Sun)**

Please mail your registration & \$50 non-refundable deposit by January 10, 2024 to:  
**SLM**  
**14 Keeley Island Dr.**  
**Slayton, MN 56172**

Registration fee includes private housing, meals, snacks, make & takes, and retreat leadership. You provide the projects and creativity!

*As a participant in a SLM Retreat Program, I agree that the camp or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents arising while at camp. I also give permission for the use of photographs, videos, and electronic images of myself.*

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Questions? Contact SLM at (507)763-3567 or [jean@shetek.org](mailto:jean@shetek.org)*

**SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES Winter Family Camp**

**Join us Feb. 23-25 for Family Camp!**

**Family Camp Details**

- Family Camp will begin at 5:00pm on February 23 and will go to 1:00pm February 25.
- Families will stay in the comfort of our Retreat Center.
- During Family Camp you will get to spend quality time with family while doing a variety of camp activities.
- Adults will get to engage in Bible Study with a Bible study leader while the Shetek staff lead Bible study with the youth.
- You will get to try out snowshoeing and cross country skiing (weather permitting).

**Visit our website [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) to register today**

**Cost for Family Camp**  
 \$175 per adult, \$115 per child, Max Cost \$435

**All Flyers are posted on the Bulletin Board by the office as well as in the Narthex and on our social media sites!!**



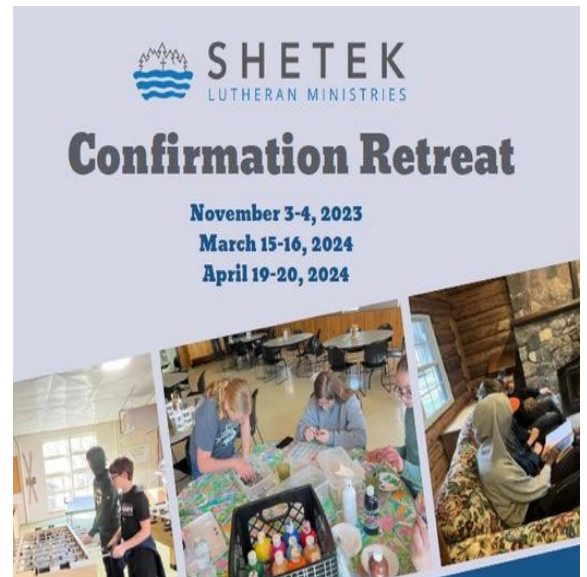
## ATTENTION FLC

### Confirmation Crew:

2024 is here and we are looking ahead to our confirmation retreat at

Shetek coming up in March.

Parents and students – make sure to keep March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> open and your eyes peeled for more information to come as that date gets closer!



Don't forget that we have a specific place (as well as a calendar) on the First Lutheran Church website just for you!

Make sure to check that out so you don't miss out!!

**\*\*Grades 6-12 – DON'T FORGET THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY  
January 7<sup>th</sup> AT 6:00PM HERE AT THE CHURCH**

Games, Fellowship, Fun....oh and some pizza & ice cream too!



## How can we get our kids more involved with service projects in Church?

- ❖ *Make and deliver cards for local fire & police personnel.*
- ❖ *Making friendship bracelets for kids in other countries.*
  - ❖ *Assembling school supplies for kids in need.*
  - ❖ *Making holiday cards for soldiers.*
- ❖ *Donating their shoes, clothes or toys for other kids in need.*

These are just a few things that our youth could do to make an impact both here in our community as well as other areas in the U.S. and in other countries! If you would be interested in helping to organize or to volunteer with any of these projects, contact your church office so we can get a plan in motion! It takes a village...

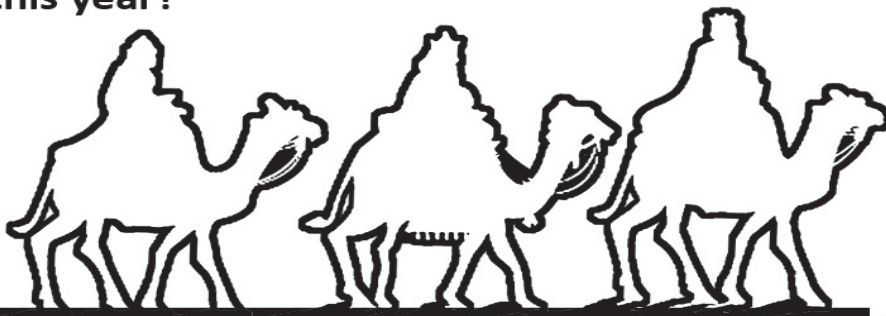




Every Child is designed by  
God to be a leader!!

## Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Epiphany Word Search



J	A	N	U	A	R	Y	R	H	Q	T	B	M	E	Q	M	X
C	L	S	D	J	O	A	X	M	S	W	J	T	V	Z	G	T
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## Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
<b>1-7-2024</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Dave Dulas	Bryer Evans		*Scott Barduson (cpt) ~Wade Smith -Jake Velde -Edison Dengler family -Wade Newgard	Mark Zinnel
<b>1-14-2024</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.		Rowan Heidebrink	Cristy Appel	*Scott Barduson (cpt) ~Wade Smith -Jake Velde -Edison Dengler family -Wade Newgard	Neil Johnson
<b>1-21-2024</b>	9:30 a.m.			---	*Scott Barduson (cpt) ~Wade Smith -Jake Velde -Edison Dengler family -Wade Newgard	Mike Straw
<b>1-28-2024</b>	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde		---	*Scott Barduson (cpt) ~Wade Smith -Jake Velde -Edison Dengler family -Wade Newgard	Jason Weber

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## January Anniversaries

1/14

~Bill & Diane Leslie

*Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.*

## January Birthdays



<b>1-2</b>	Tishawna Rohlk	<b>1-20</b>	Kayli Borman    Katie Scotting
<b>1-3</b>	Scott Sterud	<b>1-21</b>	Bob Hubner    Mavis Pierson
<b>1-4</b>	Kaden Mastbergen    JoAn VanderPol	<b>1-22</b>	Connor Thode
<b>1-5</b>	Dan Buffington    Brady Claussen	<b>1-23</b>	Dave Boucher    Grace Boucher Jocelyn Burnett    Ben Lee Tony Wacker    Alex Willey
<b>1-7</b>	Valgean Johnson    Harper Royer		
<b>1-8</b>	Miley Jansen	<b>1-24</b>	Barb Benz    David Blom
<b>1-9</b>	Samantha Davis	<b>1-25</b>	Cole Erickson
<b>1-10</b>	Cristy Appel    Zach Boucher Nicole Weber	<b>1-26</b>	Reece Houselog
<b>1-11</b>	Hudson Burnett	<b>1-27</b>	Kaden Musch    Ainslee Wade
		<b>1-28</b>	Karen Boehm    Chester Tollefson
<b>1-13</b>	Gavin Smidt	<b>1-29</b>	Brayden Baartman    McKenzie Jansen Kristen Lee    Levi Skyberg Caleb Velde
<b>1-14</b>	Bob Douty    Jen Prouty		
<b>1-16</b>	Mark Christensen	<b>1-30</b>	Mieko Douty    Brady Legler
<b>1-18</b>	Boyer Bouman    Tami Taubert	<b>1-31</b>	Tamryn Chaulsett    Eli Stevens Nelson VanderPol
<b>1-19</b>	Darrell Artz		

*On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ~1:00pm – Food Shelf meeting ??	3 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer time  ~6:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation resume  ~7:30pm - Church Council mtg	4 ~4:00pm – Worship Committee mtg	5	6  EPIPHANY
7 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)  **ThankOffering envelopes due in for FLCW  ~6:00pm Youth Christmas Party (gr 6-12)	8	9	10 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer time  ~6:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation	11	12	13
14 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	15 	16	17 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer time  ~6:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation	18 ~8:00am Pastor Ann @Synod meeting	19	20
21 ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed)	22 ~NO SCHOOL In-Service Day	23	24 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer time  ~6:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation	25 ~Noon – FLCW meeting	26	27
28 ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed)  Annual Meeting Following worship!   Annual Congregational Meeting	29	30	31 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer time  ~6:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation			

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- Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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