

THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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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

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The season of Advent is upon us, the 4 Sundays before Christmas Day. This year is the longest Advent possible, since Christmas Day is on a Sunday. Next year will be the shortest Advent possible, with the 4th Sunday of Advent also being Christmas Eve.

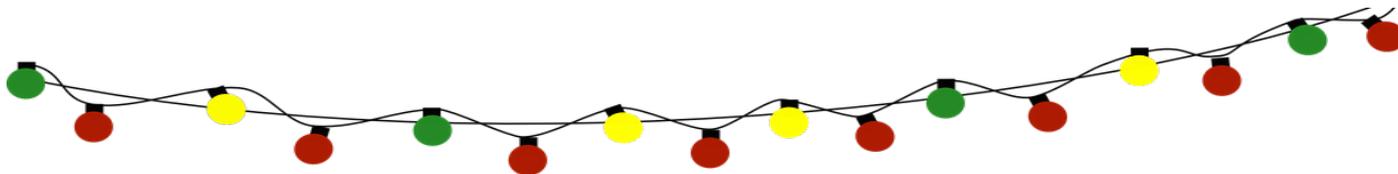
I love the season of Advent! I love the contemplation. I love the looking forward to/preparing for Christmas. I love the gift buying. I love the Advent music (though I have nothing against Christmas music!). I love the candlelight, getting stronger as the candles of the Advent Wreath are lit each week. But mostly, I love the story.

We tend to mash together “the story” of Christmas into what we remember from childhood Christmas Pageants, with Angel Gabriel talking to Mary, Joseph having dreams, Mary visiting Elizabeth, John jumping for joy at the sound of Mary’s voice, the journey (on a donkey) to Bethlehem, angels announcing Jesus’ birth to nearby shepherds, Anna and Simeon in the temple, the wise men coming from the east as they follow the star, the escape to Egypt, and somewhere a grown-up John the Baptist fits in there. Yes, all of these things are in “the story” of Christmas, “the story” of the depth of God’s love for us that God/Jesus came to earth as a tiny human baby, who grew up, taught, preached, and healed, and ended up being crucified on a Roman cross, but then rising from the tomb.

There is so much richness in the different parts of “the story” that often gets overlooked! I would invite you to take each of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and read their beginning chapters carefully. There are some commonalities in some of the versions of the story, but there are also distinct differences in each! Matthew is Joseph’s perspective, and Magi. Mark has no nativity story, just a strange grown-up John doing baptisms. Luke is Mary’s perspective, and shepherds. John is more ethereal, talking about the Word, made flesh. Each gospel writer had their own audience in mind, each gospel was written at a different point in time, and each gospel made its own point because of the specific message it was trying to get across. Are all the gospel accounts true? Yes! Are all the gospel accounts factual? Not necessarily. Yet, they all are true in the grand scheme of “the story.”

I hope you will take the opportunity to tune in to First's Facebook and/or website through Epiphany (January 6th), and read each day's devotion. This is a devotion I wrote a couple years ago, and updated this year, which takes "the story" from the beginning in Genesis, through psalms and prophets, to each of the gospel versions. Also, if you are on Facebook, look up the page Wandering Wisemen. This is a page that is done each day from the First Sunday of Advent through Epiphany, following the adventures of the 3 magi and their faithful camel Hezekiah as they see and follow the star. It is a whimsical journey, one I have followed for several years. I enjoy their adventures, and the comments are so different from anything else on Facebook – very positive, encouraging, and fun.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, God with Us!



Worship opportunities

Advent began on Sunday, November 27th. There are four Sundays in Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas. On November 27th, we talked about time, and being ready. On December 4th, we will talk about John the Baptist. On Sunday, December 11th, we will take a look at Joseph, who often seems to be overshadowed by Mary and other characters in the nativity story.

Please join us on Sunday, December 18th for the children's Christmas Program! It is always fun, and meaningful, to re-experience the Christmas story through the eyes and songs of children. There will not be communion on this Sunday.

Christmas worship will be a little different this year, with Christmas Eve being on a Saturday, and Christmas Day being a Sunday. Join us for Christmas Eve worship at 4:00, complete with communion and candlelight Silent Night. There will not be a later service on Christmas Eve night.

Then come back and join us for Christmas Day worship at our usual Sunday 9:30 worship time. This will be a laid-back service, with plenty of songs and carols, and maybe even a story for children of all ages! Christmas sweaters and/or fuzzy slippers are optional! There will not be communion at this service.

The week after Christmas is New Year's Day, where we will be continuing our Christmas story coverage as we explore the visit of the Magi at our usual 9:30 am service. There will be communion on this day.

Then on Sunday, January 8th, we will leave the baby Jesus behind, as the adult Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John, as he starts his ministry. There will be communion celebrated at this service.

I look forward to seeing you at worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons, and into the season of Epiphany, when we discover how Jesus' identity is made known.

Peace,
Pastor Ann



Generous Congregations – December 2022

Stories of Generosity

As we come to the end of the year it is not only time to think about the holidays and Christmas – but also time to start reorganizing church leadership. Some members of our council stayed on an extra year to help make it a smooth transition to a new Pastor. I want to thank the Council for the work they did in the past year to make the mission of our church continue smoothly even in unsettled times.

More “thank you’s” are due to those who organized and worked at the Annual Meatball Supper. We proved that we could work through changes and still

have a successful event. All the help, fellowship and cooperation at the event makes it a foundation of congregational life. The “moving Pastor Ann 2.0” morning was another generous contribution of time and effort to help keep the church moving forward. Thank you to those who assisted with the move.

Can’t forget the group who keeps our church decorated for the season – The Christmas decorations look great. Thanks for setting them up.

Called to Serve – First Lutheran needs you.

Time to start thinking about what part of First Lutherans mission is most meaningful to you, and where your skills, leadership, ideas and time can make a difference. We have several Council and Committee positions open. Every committee can always use more workers to enhance and expand the work they can accomplish and for special projects. Being on the Council is also a great way to make new friends and get to know members. If you want to find out more about any committee, contact Craig Thies, Nancy Johnson, Tami Taubert or Dave Dulas.

Open elected positions for 2023:

Vice President – with intention to step up to president in 2 years. You’ll learn a lot about 1st Lutheran.

Secretary – Write minutes for all Congregational meetings.

Treasurer – Appointed position to supervise the finances of First Lutheran.

Worship Committee – coordinate services with the Pastor on worship planning.

Congregational Life – Promote fellowship, stewardship, and Christian growth of members.

Adult Education – offer programs to nurture faith.

Property Management – Maintain the property of the church.

Sunday School – Support and develop Christian education for young children.

Youth – Programing for Youth 6th grade and older

Please prayerfully consider taking a part on the Council or as a committee member.

Financial Update

The discussion session after church on Nov. 6th showed that some members of the congregation are interested in looking deeper into the replacement of the fair stand. The Council decided that to make an educated decision on any replacement more information is needed, including a plan and estimated cost of replacement, any further grants that may be available and additional insurance payments. More investigation is appropriate before any decision can be made by the Council or a congregational vote is requested. Further information is being sought and will be shared as it is available.

Yay! The parsonage is done with just a few minor touches to be completed. That means the bills are being totaled up and paid as they are approved. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the work –watch for any information on a final drive if needed to cover the costs.

“There is only one thing more precious than our time and that is what we spend it on”. Leo Christopher

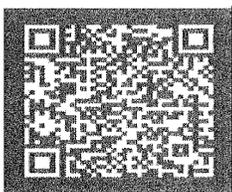
Merry Christmas everyone!

Nancy Johnson, Congregation President

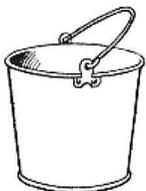
November 2022 Offering

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. Free Mobile Giving App enables your church offerings to be made securely from anywhere, with 1-tap. Plus, it's completely **FREE!**
3. 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.



If you need more offering envelopes, please stop into the church narthex or contact the church office to get another book.



Noisy Offering for December is currently being collected for: God's Barnyard

The total amount collected for World Hunger in November was \$121.92.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022

Members Present: Nancy Johnson, Craig Thies, Chris Hollingsworth, Pastor Ann, Tami Taubert, Tim Stanga, Kristy Henriksen, Dave Dulas, and Diane Leslie.

Call to Order: President, Nancy Johnson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Devotions: Nancy J. lead the devotions from the Nehemiah Study book, chapter 1. Tami T. will do the devotions next month using chapter 2. The Council introduced themselves to Pastor Ann and she to them.

Treasurer's Report: Tim S. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. These were reviewed and discussed by the Council. The bill for Skit Guys will come off the accounts payable report, because it was paid by the Visa card on the 1st. The insurance payment for the fair stand has not been deposited yet. It will be deposited this month and listed on the Reserve Fund report as a separate line item. Tami T. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and pay the AP Report with the Skit Guys invoice removed. Dave D. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Dave D. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. Kristy H. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Ann is living in the parsonage basement. She moved in on Sept. 27th – there was a large crew who helped. Once the parsonage is done, she will need help moving her stuff from the garage to the house. Pastor Ann is slowly figuring out who does what. She helped with Lyft the last 2 weeks. She is excited to be here and has been here for 12 days.

President's Report

- Treasurer Options – Nancy J. has been checking out the different options to fill the Treasurer position. They have been advertising for the position. Nancy J. & Lori I. went to Kinner and Meulebroeck to discuss their firms doing the Treasurer duties. Both are familiar with church accounting and could start right away. We would still need a Treasurer, but not as extensive as before. Nancy will rewrite the job description and it will be more of an appointed, overseeing position. Tim S. will stay until January, or until the new appointment is made. The Council discussed the rates of the 2 firms and how to proceed. Dave D. made a motion to start with Kinner on November 1st. Tami T. 2nd the motion. Before it was voted on, Dave D. withdrew his motion. Dave D. then made another motion to hire Kinner ASAP, keep Tim on as Treasurer through November, and make the Treasurer position an unpaid position as of December. Tami T. 2nd the motion and it was approved. Dave D. made a motion to make an amendment memorandum of understanding to change the church bylaws to match Treasurer services. Kristy H. 2nd it and it was approved.

- Plans for 2023 Council election – nominations – The Council reviewed the Committee Member elections. According to the church constitution, ½ the Council should be replaced yearly. Dave D. and Tami T. volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. Still need 4 voting members to be on the committee. Dave D. & Tami T. have stated that they will not be seeking another term on the Council. Nancy J. distributed her committee ideas for the new year – how the committees could be combined to work on similar projects.

- Memorial Donation – The Council discussed the memorial donation from Darlene Dahlin. This is a yearly donation over the next 10 years that will be received in the Fall. Tami T. made a motion to use this year's donation for the parsonage updates. Dave D. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Vice-President's Report

- Parsonage Update – Craig stated that the painting is done. Carpet will be finished this week. A different vinyl floor covering had to be picked out, because the current pattern produced too much waste. Pastor Ann has picked this out. Scott S.'s wife helped pick out the fixtures and blinds. Melissa Burnett will clean the house when the project is done. Plumbing, electrical, and cabinets are left to do. Hope to move Pastor into the rest of the house by the end October. The Council discussed the funding balance for this project.

Committee Reports – Round Table

- Nancy J. stated that the year-end committee reports and 2023 goals are due in December.
- **Congregational Life** – Dave D. - No report.
- **Worship** – Tami T. – They will be meeting with Pastor Ann tomorrow.
- **Mission & Outreach** – Kristy H. – The location has been changed for helping with the Banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, to the West side. Noisy offering received a \$3,000 check to help the local child with health equipment needs. Next month the noisy offering will be for hurricane relief. Kristy is checking on the local coat collection. The Kiwanis toy collection will be promoted in November. The harvest bags have been packed, but the Fire Chief is too busy to distribute them. Tami T. will take the bags to the local elevators tomorrow.
- **Adult Ed** – Diane L. – They started the book reorganization. The Council discussed donating books and letting people loan them out. Pastor Ann will decide what books of her own that she wants in her office. Bible study will meet once a month. Last Sunday was the first time they have met in awhile.
- **Property Management** – Scott S. – No report.
- **Youth** – Erin M. - No report.
- **Sunday School** – No report.

Old Business

- **Online Church Member Directory** – send your pictures in so Lori can add them.
- **Fair Food Stand** – Gen Velde will clean it out and Musch Construction will demo the building. We need to get input from the congregation on what to do with the fair stand. Gen can get a building proposal. The Council discussed the building requirements and what has changed at the fair since the destroyed fair stand was grandfathered in many years ago. There will be a congregational informational meeting on Sunday, November 6th after church. Nancy will put a notice in the bulletin. There are 38 pies that were purchased for the fair. The Council decided to sell these after the Church services for a few weeks, starting this Sunday. Nancy will have Lori make a sign. Nancy will ask Rusty to come to the fair stand meeting on November 8th and Craig will ask Skip to come.

New Business

- Nancy presented a request from Lori for a standing desk that will cost \$178. Tami T. made a motion to purchase a standing desk and Dave D. 2nd the motion. The motion passed.
- Annual Meeting – Nancy stated that the annual meeting is scheduled for January 29th, with a snow date of February 5th. There has to be 60 days for constitutional changes.
- Equipping Congregations – Pastor Ann is going to this on Saturday, November 5th. There will be information in the bulletin this week.

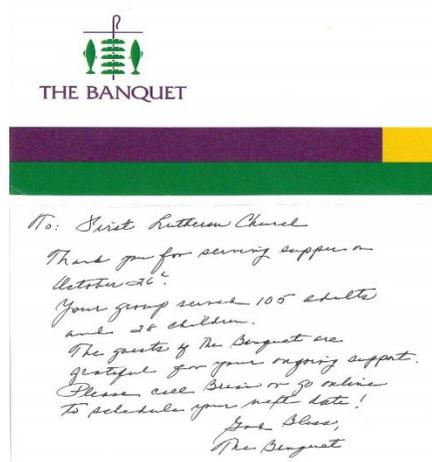
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm, with the Closing Prayer.

Chris Hollingsworth, Secretary

Church News & Events



Our continued thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Justin Rops. Justin passed away on Thursday, Nov. 17th and his funeral was at First Lutheran on Tuesday, November 22nd.

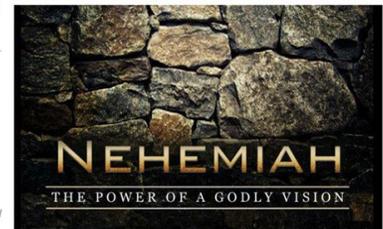


A note of THANKS
from The Banquet

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP
The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah

COMING SOON

Praying and waiting go hand in hand. You haven't really learned to pray until you've learned to wait.
— Charles R. Swindoll



All are welcome to join in on our book study! Contact the church office to sign up or to order a book.

Books can also be purchased on Amazon.

Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:

December 11th, January 8th, February 12th, March 12th and April 16th



Bomgaar's Coat Drive

Do you have some good, gently used coats? First Lutheran has begun collecting coats for Bomgaar's. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Deadline for the coats will be forthcoming.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022



Our church directory is available to view on your computer as well as your mobile device (aka. Phone or tablet). Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a member website and a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices.

~ For your **home computer**: Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

MOBILE DEVICES:

~To download the app to your Apple device,

click here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

~To download the app to your Android device, click here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, contact Lori in the church office so it can be added or updated. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in or log-in:

~on your **computer**: you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too.

~On your **mobile device**: the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app.

For more information about the members' website, go here:

<https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>

Members also should have received an email with this information along with a QR code that you can also scan. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



Parsonage Project:

We are so thankful to have our new pastor in our parsonage and we are making progress with the project. Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project. Identify your check as going toward the **parsonage project**. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel entirely through generous donations from our members and from funds available in accounts held within the church. Having an updated home for our Pastor supports our ministry in the community. Please consider contributing to our mission in this way. The total amount donated to this date is \$69,470.00. *Thank you for your support of this mission.*

Noisy Offering for December

Noisy Offering for December will be the ELCA Barnyard, which is similar to Heifer Project. It will be a bit different than the 2 buckets in the Narthex. Watch for details in the church bulletin and during announcements at worship. Some of the LIFT students have a wish list for ELCA Barnyard. Stay tuned.

God's Global Barnyard



F.L.C.W News and Activities

First Lutheran's **Annual Kaffi-Ti**

Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am – 11:00am

in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex, or you can contact the church office to let us know what goods you would like to bring.





December 2022,

Dear FLCW,

Here we are in the last month of 2022. Busy time for everyone, especially at church. Plans are underway for Kaffi-Ti and Christmas worship services. Please check the bulletin and VOICE for times and details.

Kaffi-Ti is Saturday, December 10th from 9-11 am. Please contact me or the church office if you are able to help. There is only 1 shift on Saturday and set-up on Friday evening at 6:30pm. The letter with volunteers and donations is what we had when the letter needed to be sent. If your name is not on the list and you would like to help-please do so! Cookies need to be at church by noon on Friday, December 9th to be plated by the committee. There will be no craft table this year. Please label what your item is and a recommended selling price. The bake tables will be placed throughout the Fellowship Hall and labelled by category (lefse, cookies, breads, candy, etc.). This worked well the past two years when we were dealing with Covid-19. The serving table is back with fewer decorated tables due to the smaller crowds lately.

Enclosed in the Kaffi-Ti letter is also the Thank-offering letter and envelope. Read it over and give whatever you decide. These envelopes are due back at church by Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, 2023.

Quilting will not be held until January.

Our next event is Kaffi-TI. No definite plans are made for a January meeting. I have to mention that the November meeting was cancelled due to weather. I am really good at planning things and getting snow the same day! It continues from earlier this year.

My knee surgery went well. My recovery is easier this time for which I am grateful. I just have to go slow and steady. Easier said than done in December.

Thank you for all you do for FLCW, First Lutheran Church, and the Lord! Merry Christmas to you and yours.

See you in church,

Kristy



Confirmation students and Acolyting

Beginning December 4th, confirmation students will all be assigned to do acolyte duties on Sundays when there is Holy Communion. Confirmation students should have all received a letter from Pastor Ann about this in November. If you are unsure of the date your student was assigned, the student and/or the parent will receive an email and/or a text reminding you a few days before. Otherwise, you may also check this link:

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DA4AB2EABF85-december>)

or go on to our church website to access that link: [Worship Information](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)

([firstlutheranpipestone.org](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)). We also have a "What-To-Do" list posted in the Acolyte

closet. But here is a copy of that as well for parents to review with your child:

1. Please be at Church at or before 9:15 a.m.
2. Go to the Acolyte closet and find a suitable rope that fits your height. Grab the rope for the waist and tie, add the cross.
3. Light the candle lighter from the eternal flame (red candle on the altar) OR use a lighter from the usher stand in the narthex. (To put out the candle lighter, pull the wick back).
4. Sit on the Right side of the altar. Sit up (NO SLOUCHING). NO CELL PHONES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Pay attention and be respectful during the service.
5. Helping with offering: during the offering, when the pastor goes up to the altar, acolytes should go to the front steps and stand facing the congregation. When the ushers bring the offering plates, take the plates from the ushers, then turn, carry the plates to the table behind the altar, and return to your designated seat. *If there is special music during the offering, please stay seated until the special music is over.*
6. Communion: During communion, acolytes should stand beside the altar. Acolytes will be in charge of bringing the bread and wine to the servers as needed. You are welcome to have communion if you wish.
7. Go up to the altar at the end of the last hymn and immediately put out the candles. DO NOT BLOW THEM OUT!! Use the snuffer at on the lighter pole. ALSO – DO NOT PUT OUT THE ETERNAL CANDLE (the red one on the altar)!!
8. You are responsible for properly hanging up your own gown and rope each time you use it.

Never be afraid to ask someone if there is anything else you can do to help OR if you are unsure of what to do!! If you have any questions, or problems, please call Pastor Ann (763-742-3119).

Make sure to Register Online by **December 16th**:

<https://shetek.org/go/winter-fun-day>

Deposit of \$10 is required to register.

WINTER FUN DAY

December 27, 2022
9:30am-3:30pm

OPEN FOR ANY 3RD-6TH GRADER

COME ENJOY A DAY FULL OF FUN OVER WINTER BREAK!

ENJOY ACTIVITIES OUT IN GOD'S CREATION SUCH AS SNOWSHOEING AND CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AS WELL AS OTHER INDOOR CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY AND MORE!

December 2022 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers	Sound
12-4-2022 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Tami Stevens	Zack Sneller	Cristy Appel	*Joel Carpenter (Cpt) -Mick Myers -Craig Thies -Thad Reinert -Austin Carpenter	??
12-11-2022	9:30 a.m.	Cynthia Portz	---	---	*Joel Carpenter (Cpt) -Mick Myers -Craig Thies -Thad Reinert -Austin Carpenter	Jason Weber
12-18-2022	9:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program	---	Scott Sterud	*Joel Carpenter (Cpt) -Mick Myers -Craig Thies -Thad Reinert -Austin Carpenter	Neil Johnson & Brandon Willey
12-24-2022 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	4:00 p.m.	Wendi Weber	Troy Chaulsett	*Gen Velde *Kristen Brockberg *Cynthia Portz	*Joel Carpenter (Cpt) -Mick Myers -Craig Thies -Thad Reinert -Austin Carpenter	Mark Zinnel
12-25-2022 Christmas Day Service	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde	Troy Chaulsett	*Gen Velde *Kristen Brockberg *Cynthia Portz	*Joel Carpenter (Cpt) -Mick Myers -Craig Thies -Thad Reinert -Austin Carpenter	Mark Zinnel

VISITATIONS



If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office@ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.

Kay Buranen Good Samaritan, Pipestone
 Bernice Jacobson..... Good Samaritan, Pipestone
 Carol Foss.....Good Samaritan - Prairie Creek, Sioux Falls
 Darrell Foss..... Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls



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| 12-1 | Devon Eslick
Lauren Smidt | 12-18 | Doug Kaffar
Ella Skyberg |
| 12-5 | Daniel Lee
Morgan Skyberg
Chase Wilson | 12-20 | Ava Boucher
Renae Carpenter
Tyrone Carpenter |
| 12-6 | Annette Carpenter | 12-22 | Laura Burkard
Carol Foss
Pam Schloendorf
Steve Werner |
| 12-7 | Ingrid Wielenberg | 12-23 | Teresa Jansen
Taylor Skyberg |
| 12-8 | Dennis Peterson | 12-25 | Mick Hollingsworth |
| 12-10 | Rhonda Horton | 12-26 | Darla Christensen
JoAnn Straw |
| 12-11 | Brandee Hubner
Tammy Oye | 12-28 | Randy Claussen |
| 12-12 | Scott Barduson
Janet Gustafson
Connor Ilse
Ray Staatz | 12-29 | Nick Harms |
| 12-14 | Abigail Hollingsworth | 12-30 | Scott Heidebrink |
| 12-15 | Troy Heidebrink
Rhylin Ilse | 12-31 | Alex Wilson |
| 12-16 | Krystal Berentson
Trevor Chaulsett
Carol Johnson | | |



Happy Anniversary



Matt & Breanna McCorquodale
 Eric & Kristen Brockberg

Dec. 5th
 Dec. 10th

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ~ Toy Drive drop-off deadline ~1:00pm P.I.M mtg	2	3
4 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	5	6	7 ~6:15pm – L.I.F.T ~Church Committee mtgs	8	9	10 Kaffi-Ti 9 – 11am
11 ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed) *10:30 Bible Study meets	12	13	14 ~6:15pm– L.I.F.T ~8:00pm - Church Council mtg	15 Pastor Ann out of office for Conference mtg.	16	17
18 ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed) CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	19	20	21 ~ <u>NO</u> L.I.F.T	22	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 4:00pm ONLY w/Communion
25 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ~9:30am Worship- (live-streamed) (NO communion)	26	27 ~Winter Fun Day @Lake Shetek Grades 3 to 6 9:30am – 3:30pm	28 ~ <u>NO</u> L.I.F.T	29	30	31 ~New Year's Eve 

You can view or listen to First Lutheran Church Services on:

*Radio – on KLOH (1050AM) at 10:30am every Sunday

*Television – Public Access TV (channel 3) at 12pm & 5:00pm every Wednesday.

*Facebook Page - Live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:30am.

PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning January 2023 – Communion will be served on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month.

Christmas Bible Quiz:

Read more: <https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/christmas-bible-quiz-20-good-questions/#ixzz7m4R5tan7>

Joseph and Mary

- 1 Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
- 2 True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
- 3 What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem? The answer is not a taxicab.

Jesus

- 4 Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
- 5 In the accounts announcing the birth of Christ (Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2) how many times did an angel or angels appear?
- 6 Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
- 7 Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible? Some on my list are from Old Testament prophecies.
- 8 What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?

Shepherds and Wise Men

- 9 The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
- 10 What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
- 11 When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
- 12 How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
- 13 Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
- 14 How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
- 15 What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?

Miscellaneous

- 16 Which emperor ordered all the young children be killed?
- 17 What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
- 18 What was the name of the unkind innkeeper who would not allow the pregnant Mary to lodge in his inn?
- 19 What is the name of the priest who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?
- 20 Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?



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