

The Friendly Visitor

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Notes from the President:

December is upon us and soon we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus with the Christmas Season, and then welcome in a New Year. With the arrival of December there is also the first winter chill, and I'm happy to report that the new HVAC unit for the sanctuary is finally operational and

functioning!!! Thank you to Glenn Peavey for repainting the portion of the arch that was peeling so badly. Once again thank you to Vicky, Kristy, Sharon and Nancy for helping out in the office. David Patton has turned out to be a good hire in taking care of the custodial needs. Thanks as always to David McNease for continuing to arrange our pulpit supply and Pr Rich for providing pastoral needs. Our Annual Meeting is slated for Sunday, January 29, and we will have two vacancies to fill on the Council. I encourage anyone approached to serve to please consider it carefully. We will be entering a very intriguing time in First Lutheran's history, as hopefully we will be calling a new full-time pastor very soon in the upcoming year. Serving on the Council is relatively simple. Our meetings are once a month, generally the third Sunday, and if all someone can contribute is to be there and provide their voice and opinions then that is more than adequate. I wish you all a very blessed and merry Christmas! Peace, Paul.

December brings the season of Advent, the season of celebration anticipating Christ's coming. We are anxiously watching and waiting for the coming of the Savior. Our worship reflects this time and you may notice that the liturgy changes to reflect the seasonal emphasis of Advent and Christmas. We add the lighting of the Advent Wreath to the liturgy, one of the most visible signs that we are in the beginning of the Christian Year. The color of the paraments and worship banners changes to blue. We change to Liturgy Setting 9 to mark the change of season. As we sing familiar Advent hymns of hope and expectancy, we look forward to Christ's arrival. On our journey through this Holy season let us remember the words of hymn #238, *People Look East*, "People look east, and sing today – Love, the Guest, is on the way."

David McNease

Ancient peoples huddled in darkness waiting for the return of light and life to a bleak world. Today, we see Advent as a season of waiting and watching together, anticipating signs of life returning to not only a dark, dormant land, but also to our lives, waiting for the One who brings forth light and life to a broken world. During the Advent season, the sanctuary and the flowers on the altar will reflect this. A dark, dormant arrangement becomes greener and more alive each week until the light of the world returns with the birth of the Christ child. It is a gift to teach ourselves the ability to wait. Christmas is coming, it's just not here yet.

Larry Askins
Chair, Altar Guild



Announcements

Prayers and well wishes are asked for Em Joy, the director of the LYG, who will be having surgery in January. While she is recovering, Elana Rosenberg will be taking over her duties.
Sharon Lillie

As a gift to our customers this holiday season, the Food Pantry Volunteers want to have fresh, hot coffee available. To do this we need donations of: ground coffee, cups for hot liquids, sugar and powdered creamer. Any items you can bring, please put in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks! Sharon Lillie

There are two vacancies on the church council. If you are interested in serving, please see Jim Blincoe or Stephanie McCoy.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 29, with lunch immediately following. In case of bad weather, the alternate date is February 5. The deadline for reports to be included in the Meeting is January 15. Please send them to Nancy Brian at nbrian@bellsouth.net.

If you would like to use First Lutheran's wifi, you are welcome to do so.

Login ID: FLC_Guest

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At Christmas we will decorate the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias. The cost is \$15.00 each. The deadline to place orders is Sunday, December 11. Please place your check marked appropriately or cash for your poinsettias in the offering plate or send it to the office by December 15. Here is an order form.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Donor's name(s):

(Print names **exactly** as they should appear in the bulletin.)

Number of poinsettias you will purchase: _____

In memory of:

(Print names **exactly** as they should appear in the bulletin.)

In honor of:

(Print names **exactly** as they should appear in the bulletin.)

I will pick my plant(s) up after the Christmas Eve service: Y or N

The first craft day in November was a success! The next meeting will be December 14. Bring a project to work on and hang out and chat. You'll find us in Luther Hall.

Sharon Lillie



From Our October 30 PotLuck:



December Birthdays

4 Alivia Frank

6 Chris Wartschlager, Jay Lillie

7 Kyley Blincoe

10 Ed Gephart, Kristy Peavey, Vicky Frank, Cora France

26 Betty Ficks

28 Georgia Chhabria

29 Harley Butler

31 Drew Wartschlage

