

# FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Christmas 2023



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## **Merry Christmas and Welcome to First Lutheran**

We're glad you're here and we trust that the Good News of Christmas will bring light and life as we worship together. Please fill out a Connect Card and return it so we know you're here.

Here are a few things to know about worship today:

### **Children are always welcome in worship at First Lutheran.**

We understand that children may squirm or make noise, which is just fine; they're part of the family! However, if they (or you) need a wiggle-break, you're welcome to step out of the sanctuary and return as you're comfortable.

### **We celebrate Holy Communion at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.**

We recognize Christ's presence in this holy meal and welcome you to receive these gifts. As distribution begins, an usher will dismiss your pew. When you reach the communion station, you may extend an open hand to receive a small wafer. You'll then receive a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. The body and blood of Christ are present for you in these elements. Gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the server. If you're not communing, you may come forward and cross your chest to receive a spoken blessing. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we can bring communion to your seat.

### **We share an offering during worship.**

As we do each time we gather, we take time during worship to give an offering to respond to God's gifts, to put our trust in God's care, and to support the ministries of First Lutheran Church. Giving cards in the pews have information about online giving. For those who give electronically, these cards can be placed in plates during the offering. Thank you for your generosity!

If you'd like more information about First Lutheran or would like to visit with one of our pastors or staff, turn in a Connect Card, visit [firstlutheranbrookings.org](http://firstlutheranbrookings.org), or call the church office at 605-692-6521



# POINSETTIAS



*As we celebrate God's love in the gift of Jesus Christ, our thoughts often turn to other loved ones. The display of poinsettias is one way to remember those special people.*

## ***In loving memory of:***

Jan Bergan and Bob Abraham given by their children and grandchildren, Julie, Ross, Lucas and Ellie Abraham

Our parents given by Pat and Lyle Anderson

Matthew Otteson and Greg Lotysz given by Rolfe, Donna, Kennedy and Jenna Behrend

Willard Bretsch given by Joy Bretsch and family

Erin Brubakken Link given by Rich & Janet Brubakken, Eric and Caleb Marlene Thompson, Burt and Arlene Dahl given by Brad and Kim Dahl

Our Parents given by Eric and Kay Dahl

Jens and Clara Dahl given by the family

Edward and Gunda DeKraai given by Kathy, Michael, Dennis, Lisa, Ashley, Joe, David, Leighton and Charlee DeKraai

Hart and Ruth Erickson and Don and Mildred Wilcox given by Brad and Jennifer Erickson

Nancy Tobin Erickson and Drew Erickson given by LeWayne Erickson

Brad Ermel and Tristan Walker given by Mary Ermel

Lorna Foster given by Mark Foster and family

Wilmer Friedrich and Vernon Rude given by Cliff and Lisa Friedrich

Marsha Harming given by Monte Harming and family

Donald Hind given by Betty Hind and family

The Harvey/Short and Hornby family members who have gone to heaven given by Doris Hornby and family

Our husband and father, Harry Jones given by Helen Jones

Our dad & grandpa, Jim Hornby and mom & grandma, Pat Keizer given  
by Jason, Sarah and Jackson Keizer  
Wallace Knutson and daughters Debra and Kim given by  
LaVonne Knutson, children Steve, Gary and Rhonda  
Our parents, Edward & Clara Dupraz and Ervin & Grace Kurtz given by  
David and LaVonne Kurtz  
Eris Lenz and Jackie (Lenz) Bergquist given by Ron & Carol Lenz and  
family - Jenn & Greg  
Cindy Silva, Al Lunden and Mahrine Heiser given by the  
Lunden-Silva family  
Floyd & Verna Mae Duenow and Doris Folley given by the Melby family  
My parents, Ray and Joyce Nelson, given by Nancy Nelson  
Idella Parriot and Terry Brende given by Bill and Ina Parriott  
Ray & Rita Pederson and LeRoy & Elaine Osvog given by  
Tim and Peg Pederson  
My husband, Roger Pickett given by Gwen Pickett  
Norm Johnson, father of Beth Ribstein  
Barton, Mary and Renee Rosheim given by Terry Rosheim  
Vernon Rude given by Marian Rude  
My parents, Noble and Gerry Graversen given by Diane Spencer  
Virgil Bernstein given by Sheldon and Betty Stewart  
Roger Telkamp given by Barbara Telkamp  
Marion & Marlene Thompson and Burt & Arlene Dahl given by  
Hans, Laci, Evie and Elise Thompson  
John & Gladys Vander Wal and Dale E. Thompson given by  
Bob and Melody Thompson  
Merle Thue given by Pat Thue  
Merle Thue given by Rona Thue  
Jake and Norma Hofer given by Ken, Deb, Taylor and Trey Tiefenthaler  
Eldon and Delila Stanfield and families given by Jim & Marcia Vosberg  
Our loved ones who have passed given by Craig and Rhonda Vostad  
Our parents, Clara & Edward Dupraz and Mildred & Verle Wagner  
given by Phillip and Roberta Wagner  
Dan Winters  
Our parents and grandson

***In thankfulness for:***

Church musicians given by Pat and Lyle Anderson  
All the blessings we have received given by Glynn and Keith Bartels  
Our family and friends given by Bob and Julie Bell  
Jessica and Trey Daum and Diane Almos given by  
    Rolfe, Donna, Kennedy and Jenna Behrend  
Given by Charles and Mary Lou Berry  
Our children and grandson Miles given by Eric and Kay Dahl  
Our church family by Pastors Jess and Trey Daum  
Pat Friedrich, Marian Rude and Helen & Dwaine Minor given by  
    Cliff and Lisa Friedrich  
Our family by Jim and Suzanne Hegg  
Our family given by Dee and Rich Herrig  
Our mom & grandma, Doris Hornby and our dad & grandpa, Jim Keizer  
    given by Jason, Sarah and Jackson Keizer  
Our children, Becky and Dan and their families given by  
    David and LaVonne Kurtz  
Paul & Renee, Adam & Cami, Nick & Sarah and their families given by  
    Terry Rosheim  
Tim & Lizzy Melby and Geraldine Melby given by the Melby family  
Our daughters, Paula Forsyth and Rochelle Frei and our granddaughter,  
    Joslyn Frei  
The Soper and Anzulewicz families  
Our grandchildren, Troy Stanfield, Jeremiah and baby Arevalo given by  
    Jim and Marcia Vosberg  
Pastors Jess and Trey and the Church staff given by  
    Roberta and Phillip Wagner  
The miracle of Jesus given by Gwen Pickett

***In honor of :***

Dorian Walker given by Mary Ermel

Levi, Anthony, Hayden and Jackson given by Jon and Jill Heller

My children and grandchildren given by Beverly Kvamme

Our 51st wedding anniversary given by Jim and Debbie Pederson

Our daughters, Jill and Jodi given by Gwen Pickett

Our Rude and Petersen parents given by Marian Rude

Pat Thue given by Rona Thue

Our living loved ones given by Craig and Rhonda Vostad

Our children, John & Tracy, Tea & Andrew Wagner and Mark & Amy,

Cash & Fina Wagner and Steve & Kari Wagner given by

Phillip and Roberta Wagner

*Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas poinsettias this year.*

*Your participation is greatly appreciated. The front of the Sanctuary is filled with living symbols of love. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:30 am Worship Service on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or between 8am-2pm Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> (please use the coffee house doors). After Wednesday, poinsettias will be redistributed.*

*Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher, acolyte, and serve communion tonight. Thank you to the talented people who are sharing their gift of music with us. Thank you to all who have donated their time decorating the church, setting up tables and chairs, and preparing for the Christmas dinner tomorrow.*



# CALENDAR NOTES

## **Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25  
10:30 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

## **Community Christmas Dinner**

Monday, December 25  
11:15 am ~ 1:00 pm  
First Lutheran Activity Center

## **Tuesday, December 26**

FLC Offices and Mission Coffee House Closed

## **Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

FLC Offices Closed  
Mission Coffee House Open

## **New Year's Eve**

Sunday, December 31  
10:30 am Worship Service

## **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

FLC Offices and Mission Coffee House Closed

Journey to Discipleship Classes resume  
Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Confirmation classes and youth group resume  
Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>