



FIRST THINGS

First Lutheran Church of Brookings, SD

...engaging life and the world, by and through God's grace.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout the fall we have been *getting ready*. We have focused on being Ready to Go, Ready to Know and Ready to Grow. In September we helped students get ready to go to school with a blessing of backpacks. In October, adults took part in a Lutheranism refresher course to be ready to know God's promises and grace better, while 10th graders celebrated Affirmation of Baptism for the same reason. November brought us a focus on how God calls us to be ready to give generously from what God has given us and get ready to grow in faith. We trust that God is continually preparing us for all that the future may hold. We wait and long to be truly ready.

When my babies were little and not yet sleeping through the night, I used to pray and pray for patience. Patience to rock them gently and sing softly and not lose my cool over the fact that I really just wanted to be sleeping soundly myself. I prayed for patience to clean up endless messes and listen carefully to babbling toddlers whose words were not clear enough to easily understand. I kept on praying for patience, until one day I realized through someone else's wise words, that praying for patience may mean God continues to give you experiences through which to grow your patience. I changed my prayers and asked directly for sleep, a break from cleaning, and an understanding of my children's coded requests. I've rarely prayed for patience since!

I like to think that a spiritual gift I have could be called Holy Impatience. Maybe you have this gift as well. You look at the world around you, at injustice and unkindness, division, disease, and poverty, and your patience runs thin. You want to demand God make these wrongs right and do so quickly. Our holy impatience has us crying out, "How long, O Lord!" May I suggest we not pray for patience with injustice, but instead we ask God to give us the means to bring forth God's kingdom in the here and now, and now and not yet, in which we live.

This Advent we will explore what it is to be Ready and Waiting. We will kindle and connect with holy impatience. With Scripture as our roadmap and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we will wonder what it is to be "Up All Night" watching and waiting for God's promised coming. We will see how baptism is our beginning place and preparation as we are "Washed in the Water." Then we'll get ready to respond to God's call to share the good news with our neighbors and take part in "Preparing the Way." We'll pay attention to the way God speaks to us as we are "Dreaming of the Day" that God's kingdom will be born in full among us.

Finally, as is always the case when it comes to Christmas, we will proclaim "Ready or Not: Jesus is Born!" No amount of preparation will ever make us fully ready. And, thanks be to God, Christ's arrival doesn't depend on our preparedness or lack thereof.

You are invited to join in the journey of preparation and holy impatience. Take up a prayer practice or read a Gospel this season. Show up to a Bible Study; they are always completely open spaces. Pick up an ELCA World Hunger Advent calendar for daily prompts from Scripture, hymns, and bits of knowledge about hunger and how to help. While we await Jesus' birth, let us allow our longing for his Kingdom to spur us to deeper connect with God and others.

May God's Spirit stir in you and make you ready, Pastor Jess



Advent 2022



Ready & Waiting



Up All Night

First Week of Advent
Beginning Sunday, November 27
Up All Night
Matthew 24:36-44



Washed in the Water

Second Week of Advent
Beginning Sunday, December 4
Washed in the Water
Matthew 3:1-12



Preparing the Way

Third Week of Advent
Beginning Sunday, December 11
Preparing the Way
Matthew 11:2-11



Dreaming of the Day

Fourth Week of Advent
Beginning Sunday, December 18
Dreaming of the Day
Matthew 1:18-25



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We asked for 430 and you delivered...and then some! Mark Foster, Dave Lenander and Pastor Trey delivered 612 cans of corn to Feeding Brookings. As of the printing of this newsletter we were waiting on the final total of the noisy offering, but will put it in the announcements when we have it.

peace
Luke 2:14



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

Longest Night Service
Wednesday December 21st
6:30pm FLC Chapel

A service for Healing, Wholeness and Peace
Come and join us for a time of reflection, release and remembrance as we pray for those we've lost, those who are ill (including ourselves) and those who suffer in any form.

DEPENDABLE GIVING

To help keep ministry around First Lutheran stable and secure, consider making a plan to give your offering in one of the following ways:

Online: To give a one-time gift, visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/give.

Automatically: Contact the church office to fill a form for automatic withdrawal.

By Mail: Send your gift to First Lutheran Church, BOX 300, Brookings, SD, 57006

“All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God’s creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.” ELW 266 All Earth is Hopeful

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS JANUARY MUSIC NEWS



Advent- a time of waiting and preparation. We are waiting Christ’s coming: planning and organizing for gatherings and worship services. “Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ’s coming disrupts- disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness.” - Sundays and Seasons

Please consider attending our Longest Night service December 21st at 6:30 in the chapel. This service is a contemplative service for any who may be experiencing loneliness and grief during the Christmas season.

During the season of Advent, our worship services reflect our waiting and anticipation of the birth of Jesus. The choir will be singing pieces that anticipate the birth of Jesus. The choir and hand bells have pieces ready for Advent and Christmas Eve services. On Christmas Eve at 1:30 there will be special music, 4:30 will feature the Sanctuary Choir, and 6:30 will feature Rick Jensen and the Abraham family. Holy Communion will be served at 1:30 and 6:30 on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day service is at 10:30 and will be a service of lessons and carols. Immediately after that service there is a free will Christmas dinner for any in our congregation and community.

In January we will observe Epiphany and return to a liturgy that is familiar to most people - Setting IV in ELW.

PASTORAL VISITS

Our Pastors are more than happy to meet with you, visit members in their homes, bring communion, or pray with our church family, especially those who have difficulty getting to church. However, we might not always know who would like a visit or if someone is in the hospital. If you (or a family member or friend) would like a pastor to visit for prayer, Holy Communion, or just to connect, don't hesitate to call the church office to get a hold of the pastors at 605-692-6521, or email them at pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org or pastortrey@firstlutheranbrookings.org

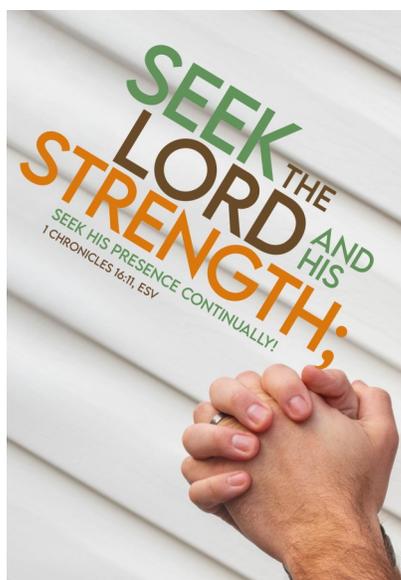




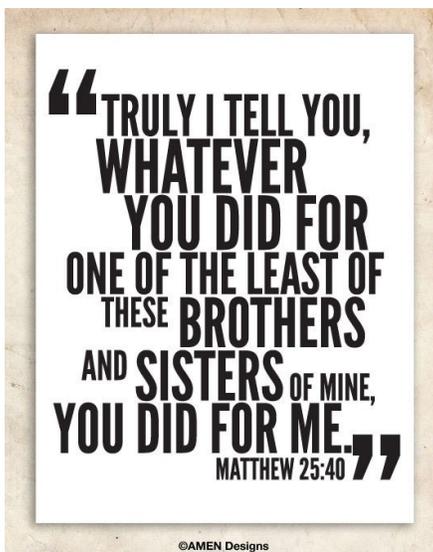
Table runners and toppers, wall-hangings, kitchen towels and hot pads, lap robes and quilts of all sizes: all these **hand-sewn items, designed by the FLC Quilters to support their ministry**, go on sale **Dec. 9 – 11** in the **Mission Coffee House**. This sale coincides with the Purses for a Powerful Purpose weekend hours. Shop for new Fair-Trade items in the Mission Market, too. All these gift items will have an increased impact through the financial mission support they provide!

Sheets and fabric – that’s what we’ve requested, and that’s what we’ve received! **Many thanks for your wonderful donations** of quilting materials. Your generosity inspires us to keep sewing. **Join us** anytime on Tuesday mornings; all skills levels are welcomed! **Together, we can share God’s love** with others!

Have you seen the **Dignity quilt??** Did you know it’s a **raffle item sewn by Deb Pederson with quilting by Dee Herrig?** Purchase your \$5 ticket before the drawing on Dec. 12. Tickets can be purchased from the quilters on Tuesday mornings from 9-12 or at the Purses event. Proceeds support the church’s quilting mission.



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



A huge **THANK YOU** to...

- ◆ All the people who decorated the Sanctuary and Mission Coffee House for the Christmas Season
- ◆ Everyone who met in the First Lutheran Cemetery in October and cleaned up in preparation for winter
- ◆ Everyone who assisted and participated in our Fall Fest
- ◆ Everyone who donated cans of corn for Feeding Brookings
- ◆ Mark Foster and Dave Lenander for taking all the corn over to Feeding Brookings
- ◆ All of the Journey teachers and assistants
- ◆ All of the confirmation mentors and youth group leaders
- ◆ All who volunteer their time in the coffee house
- ◆ Ushers, worship assistants, baptism representatives, choir members, bell choir members and band members
- ◆ Outgoing Council Secretary, Brenda Algood
- ◆ ALL who give of their time, talents or treasures

FLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON from First Lutheran Preschool!!

The students, staff, and I are very busy preparing for the holidays. This year, the teachers decided it would be fun for all the children to make decorations to decorate a tree for *The Festival of Trees*, put on by the Brookings Arts Council. The teachers chose one of the children's favorite characters, "Pete the Cat", as the theme for their tree. The children will get to go on a field trip to see all the beautiful trees.



Miss Pat and the children have been working hard and they are excited for the upcoming Preschool Christmas Concerts. They will be performed in the church Sanctuary during regular scheduled class times. There will be three separate concerts. They will be held on **Monday, December 12 at 10:30am and 2:30pm** and **Tuesday, December 13 at 10:30am**. We invite **everyone to attend**. It is always entertaining! The performances will also be filmed and uploaded to the Church's website, firstlutheranbrookings.org/media click on Preschool.

During this joyous season the staff and I are reminded of our many blessings. We are so thankful for the wonderful children and families that we get to work with every day. We also feel fortunate to be a member of and supported by the First Lutheran Church family.



Preschool will not be in session Monday, December 19 through Friday, January 6. Classes will resume Monday, January 9, 2023.

The staff and children from FLP wish everyone a very **BLESSED CHRISTMAS** and a **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Join us for **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

First Lutheran will be hosting a Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day from 11:15 am -1:00 pm in the Activity Center. We will need volunteers to help at this special event, people to contribute pies and people to deliver meals to those who can't come to join us! More information will be coming soon, please watch the Sunday announcements.





Children's Ministry Newsletter

December 2022- January 2023

It's that wonderful time of year when we prepare for the birth of Jesus...

Advent is a magical time, especially around the church. It's so easy to become busy and over-booked this time of year. FLC is a great place to slow down and feel the presence of God, especially during Advent & Christmas.

The Children's Ministry will start out a bit busy with practices and our **Christmas service (program) on Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am**. We are blessed to have resources to live stream and record the service. If you or someone you know is unable to attend the service in person or maybe needs a special pick me up during the season, direct them to our website or FB page to see the joy of children who have worked so hard to bring this program to all.

There will be **NO SUNDAY or WEDNESDAY JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP from December 11-January 18**. Our yearly Journey calendar can be found on the website under children files & forms.

Upon returning to our regularly scheduled programming we will continue with our theme, "You are invited to walk with Jesus."

HAVE YOU HEARD??



Children's Ministry needs help... We are looking for music leaders, Singers, or instrumentalists. Our children love singing, dancing, and learning the stories of God through song. **Qualifications:** Enjoy sharing the Love of God through song, dance, and music with youth.



Another thing to mention.....

At FLC we have a Children, Youth, & Family Team. This team is comprised of parents of children and youth of all ages, adults who have children and grandchildren and those who care about nurturing the faith walk of our youth. *The team strives to strengthen the relational fabric of faith with God and others for our children, youth, and families.* There are countless ways to contribute to this team's mission. If you would like to attend a meeting or find out more information, contact Kari York or Madison McCabe.

What is quickly becoming the most hopping place in the church?

A: The Nursery

That's right. Our nursery provides care for children ages 0-3 years old. We continue to see more and more children attending nursery. **THE NURSERY NEEDS HELP!!!** We are currently looking for a **paid nursery coordinator** to schedule nursery care workers, train new workers, hand in time sheets, schedule occasional deep cleans.

We are also in need of **nursery care providers**. Our nursery care providers are trained and **paid**. This position provides nursery care for our 0-3-year old's for a few hours a month. It would love to add college thru adult age care providers allowing our younger people an opportunity to attend Wednesday night activities and special events. **Please, don't hesitate, contact Kari York if you have any questions or an interest in these positions.**

We have a dream.....to provide childcare for children older than 3 years old. Giving families the ability to attend church activities, be present with their older children at church events, attend adult classes, support those with children, and help create a positive environment where friendships can form. If you believe in our dream, if you want to support this dream in anyway, contact Kari York or Pastor Jess and let's talk.

*As you search for some peace, a quiet moment, or a little Advent/Christmas magic...
I hope to see you at the Mission Coffee House enjoying a cup of soup, meditating in the chapel,
or enjoying a meaningful Sunday service...
Joyful Advent season to you all, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year.
Director of Children's Ministry Kari York*



CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS WITH US

DECEMBER 11

10:30 the Children of First Lutheran Church Perform

"How do you know?" written by our own Kari York

Following the Service we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with birthday cake in the Mission Coffee House

November 20th thru December 18th. drop off spots at sanctuary entrances will allow you to share the love of Jesus by dropping off baby essentials to gift to families in need. Diapers, formula, wipes, burp cloths, or other baby items are appreciated.

"O come let us adore Him"





Howdy howdy!

What a full fall we have been able to share together at First Lutheran. Thank you all for being present in the ways you are able to! I am so excited to dive into the season of celebration that is to come after an autumn of what feels like a new normal.

Confirmation 6-8th

So much has come to pass in the last few months! During confirmation this fall we have reflected upon the Apostles Creed as a form of understanding Lutheran doctrine. We have also focused on a story from the Old Testament: "Manna in the Wilderness" from Exodus. We have looked at this story through 3 lenses to get a more full understanding of the text: What was the context of the story, what was the context at the time of the story being shared, and how does this relate now? In December we will take time away and begin confirmation again in January looking at the story of The Prodigal Son in the New Testament using the same lenses we used to study the Old Testament story.

In October our Confirmation students helped to host our annual Fall Fest! Activity booths, face painting, food, trick or treating there was so much fun shared. Thank you to all the folks who joined us, we think we doubled in size from last year's attendance.



In Mid-November Pastor Jess, Madison McCabe and Cheryl Melby led a Confirmation retreat at NeSoDak Bible Camp with 15 confirmation students. The theme was “Coming Home” and in that space we reflected upon coming home to ourselves, coming home to our community and coming home to God. Fun games, great conversation, and lots of creating took place.



9th Grade

This year our 9th grade confirmation students are experiencing a new curriculum aimed at the unique place they are in their journey. On the second Wednesday of each month the 9th graders dissect and discover their faith through contextual conversation and experience. The Wellness Wheel is how we are connecting faith and life. In October we experienced and talked about intellectual wellness and in November we invited 3 members of our community to come and chat with our 9th graders about Financial Wellbeing. Thank you to Kathy McHenry – Lutheran Planned Generosity in South Dakota Synod, Wendy Flannery – FLC’s Treasurer, Tiff Lewis – Local banker, former council president of FLC.

Youth Group

This fall every week has looked a little different as we have welcomed a large group of 9th graders in to the mix. We have talked about our community and welcoming folks in to the space we reside with, along with regular check-ins and celebrations. We will end this semester with a Christmas party.

On Sunday January 8th starting at 3pm there will be a study space at the church for finals week, all high schoolers are welcome.

In January we will begin with a unit on mental health, faith, and how they can be closely connected. Youth group will begin again for the semester on January 18th.

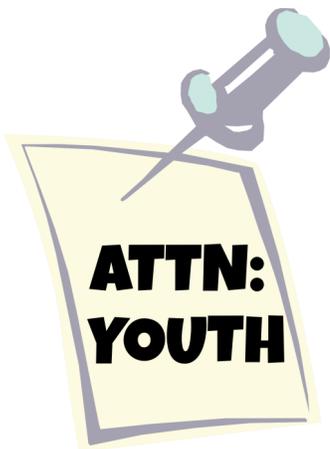
Summer Youth Trip 2023

Next Summer our Youth will be heading to Northwest Montana to go backpacking in God's beautiful creation. Our homebase will be Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Invite any 8th- 12th graders you know to chat with Madison if they might be interested.

Advent Fest

Advent Fest will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 30th to kick off the holiday season! Come and join us for a live band in the sanctuary. From 6-7:30. There will be experiences for folks of all ages, join in the festivities and mark your calendar.

In Peace and prayer, Madison McCabe Director of Youth Ministries



A message from LOSD: Summer 2023 Registration is now open

We are so excited to see you again at the camps of Lutherans Outdoors in 2023! Remember to visit losd.org to register for a wonderful faith-filled experience at a Lutherans Outdoors camp for the summer of 2023. **All registrations are done online at losd.org. Register now!** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Erica, our registrar, who will gladly walk you through the process.

Check out our [digital brochure](#) or browse our [website](#) and choose your camp week. So many great options for your summer 2023 plans!

Scholarships are available for summer 2023. If you want a scholarship, please complete our [online application](#). Call 800-888-1464 to talk with our registrar Erica if you have any questions, all requests are confidential.

[Visit losd.org for dates, pricing, and to register soon!](https://losd.org)

MEDARY CONFERENCE CHURCHES MAKE A **WORLD** OF DIFFERENCE TO THE **WORLD**



University Lutheran Center students and Pastor Cassandra Lamb brought their volunteer spirit to the October 2 mission projects ingathering at the parking lot of First Lutheran Church in Brookings. Here they and FLC members loaded thousands of items into a 55' semi-trailer on its way to the Lutheran World Relief distribution warehouses in the Twin Cities. Mission items, including health kits, quilts, school kits, fabric kits, will be repackaged, bundled, and sent to people in need around the world. Hospitals, schools, refugee camps and ministries in the Ukraine, South America, East and West Africa benefit from access to these gifts. The annual fall ingathering collects items from Evangelical Lutheran churches in the Medary Conference.



Volunteers in the church parking lot load the 55-foot semi-trailer with the collected mission items donated by churches in the Medary Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America. First Lutheran contributed **200 quilts and 100 health kits** to the ingathering.



Jack Hayne and FLC quilters with support from University Lutheran Center Pastor Cassandra Lamb and ULC students combined their muscle to help load thousands of mission items on the semi-truck headed to Lutheran World Relief distribution warehouses on October 2.

Quilters Brenda Hayne, Jean Stoebner, Faye Dahl, and Julie Bell transferred FLC donations from church storage closets to the curb for pickup.



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CENTER

THANK YOU!

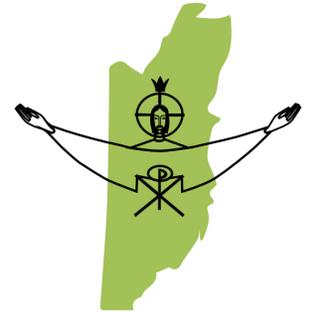
Because of your generosity, the tables of purses, jewelry and Christmas décor will be overflowing with beautiful, gently used items! The Belize Mission Team gratefully accepts these donations and invites all to come and see on **Dec. 9-11 in the Activity Center.** Hope to see you there!!

Lefse Sale to support mission:

Order your Christmas lefse now. 10 rounds for \$16. Send a text with your name and quantity to Dee Shanley at 605-690-8460.



belize



Greetings from FLC missionary, Dee Shanley, and her student, Steven:

I give thanks daily for you. I have been blessed to be a blessing to the students in Belize. I am thankful and grateful for your generosity, prayers, and support of our mission with tuition, school supplies, school lunches, and transportation. Extra donations have provided several students with laptop computers.

One student, Steven, sends this thank you to FLC:

“Dear friends with the most important words before I proceed I would like to say god bless you all very much keep u in his hands were u will always be safe. Thank you very much for the laptop you all work so hard to make it a reality in my life. In return I will do my very best to accomplish my goal throughout my educational journey. I always thought to have a computer but never thought it would come to me so quickly I ask god in my prayers to keep loving, caring, and optimistic hardworking individuals like yourselves to keep you in powered healthy and safe throughout your mission. As well I appreciate to know there are still wonderful people that cares and shares the love with other people. On behalf of my family my father my mother my brother and my sister we want to say throughout this present time and forever a big thank you and a big hug for each and everyone that had made it possible for me having my laptop we keep you highly in our minds in our prayers and in our hearts god bless your ministry and bless everything you do.” Steven



Dee Shanley presenting Steven with a laptop

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Steven's family stops at school to say "thank you" for the laptop.



FLC Festival Weekend Christmas Market

supporting global ministries:

Belize, Fair Trade artists, FLC quilters

First Lutheran Church
337 8th Street Brookings, SD



BELIZE Mission Partners in Service and Learning FLC

PURSES

for a **POWERFUL PURPOSE**

Purses, Jewelry, Christmas Decor- gently used

New **Silent Auction** items

Quilts by **First Lutheran Quilters**

Mission Market fair trade goods

Friday, December 9

9:00am-11:30am

1:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, December 10

9:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, December 11

8:00am-12:00pm

12:00pm Silent Auction ends

Raffle tickets for Dignity Quilt available for purchase \$5 each Drawing Dec 12th
Proceeds support the church's quilting mission



Mission Coffeehouse

from Jeanne Eclov, MCH Manager

Scheduled Mission of the Month for December: *ELCA Good Gifts*

October and November have been buzzing with activity. We have hosted three Craft Fairs and I heard everyone was very pleased with the attendance. MCH was very satisfied with the food and drink business. Shoppers took advantage of the beautiful and unique items available at our Christmas Mission Market!!

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be arriving soon. In addition to our regular busy schedule, we have several catering groups scheduled for their Christmas parties. We also have many small groups coming in to take advantage of this beautiful atmosphere and great dining to enjoy their Christmas gatherings. Purses for a Powerful Purpose is coming up soon.

Thank you again to everyone who makes Mission Coffeehouse a success. Volunteers, soup makers, Kool Beans, and First Lutheran are all greatly appreciated!!



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov presented a check in the amount of \$1,238.24 to Pastor Cassandra Lamb from the University Lutheran Center our Mission of the Month for September.



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov sent a check in the amount of \$1,552.64 to Smile Train, our Mission of the Month for October.



A huge
THANK YOU
to these ladies who volunteered their time and talents to make the delicious soup served for lunch at the MCH.

L-R:
Lavonne Kurtz,
Luanne Bebensee,
Elaine Gullickson



L-R: Carol Bergjord, Marcene Lenander, Lyla Hanson



Order Your Poinsettias



**ORDER DEADLINE
IS MONDAY
DECEMBER 5TH**

**CHECKS ONLY
PLEASE**

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. We will decorate the sanctuary with these living reminders of love for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. If you order a poinsettia, you may pick it up after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 25th. Poinsettias that are not picked up by December 28th will be redistributed. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please complete this form, attach a check made out to First Lutheran Brookings for \$12 and turn it in to the church office. We will order the poinsettias from one source to ensure that all are uniform and of good quality. All remembrances will be listed in the announcements on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Please call Cyndi in the church office with questions at 605-692-6521.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thankfulness for: _____

Given by: _____ Phone # _____

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:30am Journey Children's Christmas Program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:30am Preschool Christmas Program

2:30pm Preschool Christmas Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:30am Preschool Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30pm Longest Night Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

1:30pm* 4:30pm 6:30pm*

*with Communion

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25

10:30am Christmas Day Service
with Communion, meal to follow

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

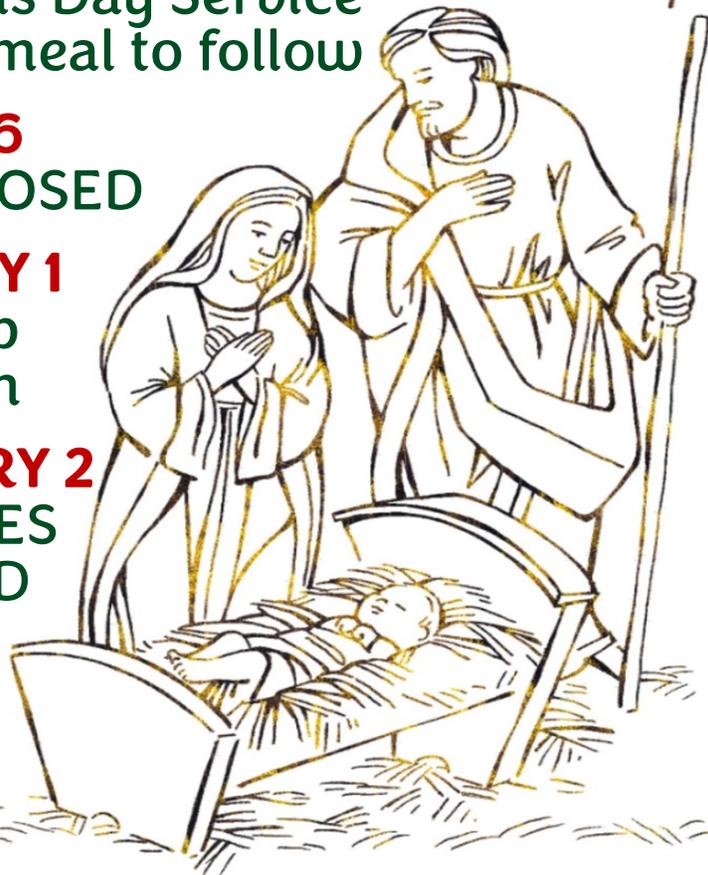
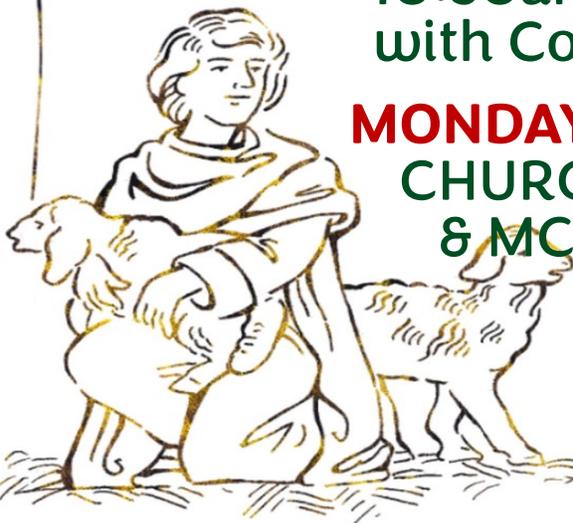
CHURCH OFFICES & MCH CLOSED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:30am Worship
with Communion

MONDAY JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICES
& MCH CLOSED





The Membership
Records of First
Lutheran Church
from August to
November 2022

BAPTISMS

Lila Sonne Nash-Keller

(Child of Wyatt and Courtney Nash-Keller)

Brooke Sandager

(Child of Mark and Ellen Sandager)

Mya Kay Zilverberg

(Child of Lucas and Jenna Zilverberg)

Caitlyn Elaine Gustafson

(Child of Jared and Ashia Gustafson)

Colter Gene Loof

(Child of Christopher and Allerie Loof)

Palmer Rose Eisenbeisz

(Child of Kevin and Mary Jo Eisenbeisz)

PASSINGS

Anita Weber

Ruth Fenner

Harry Jones

Lorna Foster

NEW MEMBERS

*Ben and Lindsey Kleinjan
and Cora*

*Lucas and Jenna Zilverberg
Mack and Mya*

*Kevin and Mary Jo Eisenbeisz
and Palmer*



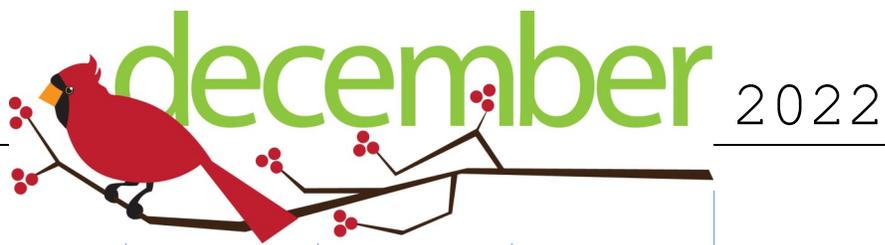
*In Memory of Emil Miar
Marge Odegaard*

*In Memory of Rachael Groethe
Lynn Graves, Andrea Norman,
Margaret Ungerman*

*In Memory of Harry Jones
Betty Hind, Mildred Juel,
Gwen Pickett, Vernon &
Catherine Volske, Randy
Richards, Dorothy Ishol,
Raymond Peterson, Marian
Rude, Robert & Elda Brotsky,
Keith & Roxanne Corbett,
Gary & Connie Heldt, Len &
Mary Moeller, Bob & Julie
Bell, Ken Quirk*

*In Memory of Charles Lindgren
Marvin & Luanne Bebensee*

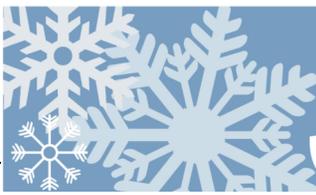
*In Memory of Lorna Foster
Marvin & Luanne Bebensee,
Richard & Eileen Shane,
Henry Hayes, Dale & Paulette
Heesch, David & Marian
Wheeler, Judy Alickson*



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Only church activities are included in this calendar. Check the on-line calendar for outside meetings and events scheduled. (Calendar subject to change.)

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4 8:30 am Festival Service with communion 9:40 am Journey 10:30 am Praise Service with communion	5 9:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm "Sew What"	6 8:00 am Quilters 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study	7 1:30 pm Edgewood Communion 5:00 pm Meal 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir; 6:00 pm Journey Christmas program practice 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir; 7:15 pm Youth Group Christmas Party	8 5:30 pm Church Council meeting in Parlor	9 9:00-11:30 & 1:00-4:00 Purses Event	10 9:00am—12:00pm Purses Event 9:30 am Journey Christmas Program Practice
11 8:00am—12:00pm Purses Event 8:30 am Festival Service 10:30 am Journey Children's Christmas Program and Worship—cookie reception to follow	12 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Preschool Christmas Program 2:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program 5:30 pm	13 8:00 am Quilters 10:30 am Preschool Christmas Program 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study	14 6:00 pm Journey Training (if needed) 7:00 pm Confirmation mentors party 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	15 8:00 pm Pub Theology at Wooden Legs	16 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL	17
18 8:30 am Festival Service with Communion 9:40 am Jodi Dickey Book Release Party 10:30 am Praise Service with communion	19 9:00 am Staff Meeting	20	21 6:30 pm Longest Night Service	22	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Services: 1:30pm 4:30pm 6:30pm
25 10:30 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion 11:30 am Christmas Meal	26 OFFICES AND MCH CLOSED	27	28 Last day to pick up poinsettias NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES	29	30 4:00 pm Gifford/Moorse Wedding Rehearsal	31 4:30 pm Gifford/Moorse Wedding



JANUARY

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<p>1 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion NO JOURNEY</p>	<p>2 OFFICES, PRESCHOOL AND MCH CLOSED</p>	<p>3 8:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4 1:30 pm Edgewood Communion NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Anniversary of Baptism Steppingstone at both services 8:30 am Festival Service 10:30 am Praise Service 3:00 High School Study Session NO JOURNEY</p>	<p>9 9:00 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm ULC Communion 5:30 pm "Sew What" PRESCHOOL RESUMES</p>	<p>10 8:00 am Quilters 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>11 NO JOURNEY NO CONFIRMATION NO CHOIR NO YOUTH GRP 5:45 Handbell choir practice 7:15 pm 9th Grade Night</p>	<p>12 5:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Services

1:30* 4:30 6:30*

All services will be livestreamed
 *With Communion



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