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Week of November 25

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Jean McDonald

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. First Lutheran will be taking orders for poinsettias. Order deadline is Sunday, December 9. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. All details are on the order sheet.

50 & Better...Don't Forget!! 50 & Better Christmas Party Thursday, December 6 at 5:30pm at FLC. Potluck supper, bring a dish to pass. Let's do something new this year!!! Bring a wrapped \$5-10 gift that starts with the first letter of your first or last name.

Celebrate his coming with us! Christmas Eve Worship: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day Worship 9:00 a.m.

Special Invitation...I invite 50 people to join me beginning on January 1, 2019, in a daily Bible reading listed on a 2019 calendar. You will be able to choose from 4 different schedules reading a chapter a day: Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, or Proverbs. The Psalms or Proverbs readings could be combined with the Old Testament or the New Testament readings. If you would like we could meet once a month to discuss what we read. Cost for a calendar is only \$3.00. See Pastor Duane if you are interested. What a great opportunity to get into the Word and grow your faith right in your own home! I am excited to get started and I hope you will join me! - Pastor Duane

BAKE SALE CONTINUES...The ELCA Scholarship Fund Committee will be taking orders for Norwegian Waffles and Scandinavian Almond Cakes. They will be delivered to church the weekend of December 15-16. Almond Cakes are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Waffles are \$1.50 or 12 for \$15. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Please put form and payment in the locked drawer. Make checks out to First Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generosity during the fundraiser.

Family Event...Friday, December 14 6-8pm, The Star Movie. Sign up on the Youth Board.

Children's Christmas Program...Sunday, December 16 at 3:30pm

Praise God with your whole heart.

QUILTERS

FLC Quilters...will meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 8:30am.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women to Women...will resume in January.

OUTREACH BOARD

Outreach Meeting...No scheduled meeting.

Packing for the Weekend...December Collection - Canned Chicken, Tuna, SPAM.

LC Care Center Bingo...Monday, November 26 at 6:40-8:10pm.

YOUTH

Sunday School...from 10:15-11:15am. NO class November 25, December 26.

KFC (K thru 6th grade)... Wednesday's from 3-5pm. Singing during worship on Sunday, December 16, meet at 8:40am, No Class on December 23 & 30.

 $\,$ 6th Grade Confirmation...Wednesdays, November 28 and December 5, 12, 19 from 3-4:30pm.

Youth Service Opportunities...High School: 8:30-10pm, Fridays & Saturdays counting Red Kettle donations for Salvation Army, Rochester. Contact Melissa if interested melissa.ackermann@firstlc.org

Middle School: 9am-noon, Saturdays in December, sorting donations for Pass It On, Lake City. Contact Melissa if interested melissa.ackermann@firstlc.org

MUSIC

Senior Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary- new members always welcome! Contact Amy Rogness at 651-380-1953 with questions. The Senior Choir will be beginning Christmas music on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 -8:15 pm. This great Christmas music will be presented in the Sunday, December 16 worship service. Please consider this invitation to sing with us during this Christmas season!

Bell Choir...Wednesdays at 5:15pm in the sanctuary. We need a few more players- all are welcome! Contact Amy Rogness at 651-380-1953 with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study...will meet at 8:30am in the Fireside Room.

Esther Circle...will meet on Wednesday, December 19 at 10:30am at FLC. We will go out for lunch after.

Adopt-A-Child...A special Thank You to all of the sponsors who are participating in this year's Adopt-A-Child program. As a reminder, a gift in the price range of \$20-25 is suggested. Wrapped gifts, with red mittens attached, should be brought to the FLC office no later than Sunday, November 25. If you are giving a gift card, please remember to wrap it as a gift, so it doesn't get misplaced. If you have any questions, see Karen Heise or Marlys Johnson.

Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.

Prayer Connection: Contact Person: Mary Nelson, firstlutheranprayerconnetion@gmail.com or phone: 651-212-0144.

Remember in Prayer...

Health

Janet Reed, Julia Nelson, Marvel Klein, Orville Hegseth, Marge Copp, Nancy Herron, Sarah Henry, Elmer Sprick, Jim Meincke, Dean Kirkland, Abby Peterson, Lori Meincke,

LaVern Franke, Larry Holmgren Jr

All service men and women Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen

Justin Fuchs

Nathan Fuchs

Peter Schliep

Matt Sikkink

Kate Blattner Holt

Ethan Meyer

Chris Breuer

Monty Vikdal

Alyssa Zuehl

Karen Anderson - Our Missionary in Chile

Karen's organization (EPES) has helped people in Puerto Rico recover from the destruction cause by hurricanes. They especially help children recover from disasters.

Somehow Karen's people help African women in Kenya to fight against female genital mutilation, and to end gender-based violence.

Karen asks us to pray for the parents of 21-month old girl who died from medical negligence. She ends her letter by saying, "How blessed we are to have your love, support, and prayers that enable us do our work and help us move forward in difficult times. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. May we all continue to work for justice, human rights, dignity and peace for all people and communities in our ever polarized world.

- Karen

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lake City Food Shelf is in need of Macaroni Noodles for the month of December.

The Winona Hims Christmas Concert...Sunday, December 9 at 1pm & 3:30pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Winona.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY KIDS in an opportunity for your children to bring one item of food to the food basket at the altar during the offering every Saturday or Sunday. Any item or monetary donation will always be welcome. Thanks for helping.

CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2

Monday, November 26

Worship Telecast 11am Cable Ch. 18

Expressions 5pm
Cub Scouts 6pm
Care Center Bingo 6:40pm

Tuesday, November 27

FLC Quilters 8:30am

Worship Telecast 9:30am Cable Ch. 18

Staff Meeting 10am

Wednesday, November 28

Bible Study 8:30am Fireside Rm

Joyfully Aging Group 10am

Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am Fireside Rm

KFC 3-5pm

Bell Choir 5:15pm Sanctuary

Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm

Thursday, November 29

Worship Telecast 4pm Cable Ch. 18

Friday, November 30

Worship Telecast 8pm Cable Ch. 18

Saturday, December 2

Worship/Suckow Baptism 5:30pm

Sunday, December 3

Worship 9am

Sunday School 10:15-11:15am

Worship Telecast 5:30pm Cable Ch. 18

Boy Scouts 7pm

We are offering enlarged bulletins. Please let the ushers know if you would like one.