

First Lutheran Church Announcements
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Week of December 23

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

The flowers on the altar are in honor
of Bill & LuAnn Otto's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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

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

2018 Year-End Giving

Just a reminder that the last day for giving in 2018 is Sunday, December 30.

Everything given after that day will end up on the 2019 books.

FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION DURING ADVENT

We invite you to read the following Bible passage and say the prayer each day for a week.

Advent 4

Bethlehem, you are an insignificant little town, and yet you are the place where the Savior is born. Micah 5:2

Prayer

Father, we are amazed at Bethlehem, a humble little town which had a reputation for good bread. Now, with the birth of Jesus, it will be known as the birthplace of the Bread of Life.

Father, we give you thanks for sending Jesus, the living Bread, who bestows eternal life on all who trust in him. Amen.

QUILTERS

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

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women to Women...will meet Thursday, January 10, 2019, at The Lake House for lunch at 11:30 am. Of course, this is weather permitting.

OUTREACH BOARD

Outreach Meeting...No scheduled meeting.

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

LC Care Center Bingo...will resume in January.

YOUTH

Sunday School...from 10:15-11:15am. NO class December 23 & 30.

KFC (K thru 6th grade)...**Wednesdays from 3-5pm**. No Class on December 26.

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.

Bell Choir...Wednesdays at 5:15pm in the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Esther Circle...will meet on Wednesday, January 16 at 1:30pm at Florence Lyons' home.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and MOMSnext

Will resume meeting in 2019 on every 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6-8pm. If you are interested contact Angela Hauschildt at ahauschildt7876@gmail.com or (651) 380-3220.

SAVE-SAVE-SAVE

*Box Tops for Education

*Milk Moola Caps

*Tabs off aluminum cans

The BOX TOPS and MILK MOOLA money goes into a fund that helps with field trips, special assemblies, etc for Bluff View students. The tabs off aluminum cans will go to the Ronald McDonald House as part of a school-wide service project.

Thank you for your help and support!

Did you take time to pray today?

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

Remember in Prayer...

Health

Jerry Narveson, Ric Gross, Mavis Hawkins,
Marlene Stoerzinger, Janet Reed, Julia Nel-
son, Marge Copp, Nancy Herron, Sarah
Henry, 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

Anna Aguilar

ADULT FORUM - HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

People had their own ideas of how the Messiah should act. Jesus did not always conform to peoples' expectations. He questioned some religious practices. He spoke some difficult and challenging statements that upset some people.

For 4 Sundays in January we will look at some of the hard sayings Jesus spoke. We will begin with the Sabbath Rest, Pluck out your eye, Turn the other cheek.

Join me in the Fireside room after worship on January 6th! Let's get into the Word and grow our faith together!

- Pastor Duane

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Our next session will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Suzy at 507-398-3729, Susan at 651-388-4109 or griefshare.org

CHURCH CALENDAR DECEMBER 24-30

Monday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Telecast	11am	Cable Ch. 18
Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship	3:30pm	
Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship	5:30pm	
NO Expressions	5pm	
NO Cub Scouts	6pm	

Tuesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day Worship	9am	
Worship Telecast	9:30am	Cable Ch. 18

Wednesday, December 26 OFFICE CLOSED

NO Bible Study	8:30am	Fireside Rm
NO KFC	3-5pm	
NO Bell Choir	5:15pm	Sanctuary
NO Confirmation	6-8pm	
NO Senior Choir	7pm	

Thursday, December 27

Worship Telecast	4pm	Cable Ch. 18
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Friday, December 28

Worship Telecast	8pm	Cable Ch. 18
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Saturday, December 29

Private Sontag Party	noon-4:30pm	
Worship	5:30pm	

Sunday, December 30 LAST DAY OF 2018 GIVING

Worship	9am	
NO Sunday School	10:15-11:15am	
Worship Telecast	5:30pm	Cable Ch. 18
NO Boy Scouts	7pm	

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