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December 2018

First Lutheran Church

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Regular Worship Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

TV Worship Times

Sun. 5:30 pm, Mon. 11 am,

Tues. 9:30 am, Thurs. 4 pm & Fri. 8 pm



Living in God's amazing grace

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

The Savior Comes!

Ordinary, That word describes the way Christ came that night long ago. Yet, the bright star and a host of angels spoke of his glory.

Ordinary shepherds. Peasants who were despised and shunned by most people. Considered unreliable, they were not allowed to give testimony in a court of law. Yet, after seeing Jesus in the manger, they told everyone about the newborn Savior.

Ordinary people. A carpenter with calluses on his hands and a love in his heart for an ordinary small-town girl. Yet she became the mother of God's Son.

Extraordinary message! The angel proclaimed, "Today is born in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord!"

Amazing and astonishing good news!

He came! He comes! He is coming again!

- 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.

Butter Braid Pick Up

Tuesday, Nov. 27th 4:00-6:30pm

at First Lutheran Church

Please have **payment** in when picking them up.
Contact Heidi if you can not pick them up on the
27th 651-345-5003.

Do We Value God's Word?

When the communist took over Bulgaria, Margaret was fourteen. Soldiers stormed through the city confiscating all the Bibles from churches, shops, and even homes. Margaret was devastated without God's Word. When she felt lonely, faced with challenges, or needed strength she had nothing to remind her of God's faithfulness and help.

However, one older lady had managed to hide her Bible under her skirt. She began to feel guilty about not sharing it with others. So one day she carefully cut it apart. Then secretly she gave each person two pages when she had the opportunity.

The pages Margaret received is the story of Abraham and Sarah. In this story Margaret learned how God keeps his promises and how he provides for his people in miraculous ways. Every day she read her two pages and prayed, "Lord, thank you for your Word which gives me strength. Maybe one day I will have a whole Bible." This was her deepest desire and prayer for 25 years.

Margaret became a world-class violinist. One day she was able to escape to America, taking her violin and her two Bible pages. Some of her orchestra friends wanted to buy her a gift. There was only one thing Margaret wanted; a Bible. They took her to a Bible bookstore. When she saw several shelves filled with Bibles Margaret was amazed. She fell to her knees, began to sob, and then cried out, "Now I will have a whole Bible! Thank you God for your Word!"

In the following years Margaret translated the Bible into Bulgarian and she took thousands of Bibles to her beloved homeland. She also had those two Bible pages framed as a reminder of how precious is God's Word.

The Psalmist writes, "How sweet is your word to my taste, O Lord, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!" (Psalm 119:103,105)

How do you regard God's Word?

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!



POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE

Sunday, December 9

Order forms are on the Welcome Center

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 1: Lisa Carlson, Misty Drenckhahn, Eric Hanson

Dec 2: Mick Bobb, Shirley Pierson, Cooper Vikdal

Dec 3: Andrea Berkeland, AnnElise Ender, LuAnn Otto, Kim Vander Laan

Wes & Jessica Nibbe

Dec 4:

Dec 5: Sara Kohrs, Cole Kriett

Dec 6: Kevin Frank, Ray Tiedeman

Dec 7: Gail Jungclaus

Dec 8: David Murray, Harvey Nelson, Harrison Nelson, Angie Wallerich, Kathy Yotter

Dec 9: Nancy Albright, Stephanie Eggenberger, Phil Jacobson, Mary Johnson, Dale Leinen, Lidia Wallerich

Dec 10: Courtney Brunn, Paula West

Jason & Jessica Holst

Dec 11: Janee Klipfel, Madelyn Kohrs, Brady Kuchinka

Dec 12: Paulette Clare, Sydnee Stolzenberg

Dec 13: Susan Davis, Allison Hanson, Gabrielle Harteneck, Wayne Karlsrud, Ariana Talbert, Tisha Thomas

Lucas & Becki Schumacher

Dec 14: Adam Fuchs, Ethan Heitman, Cody Howard, Ella Matzke, Jenna Swan

Dec 15: Kari Dietrich, Klara Schmidt

Dec 16: Peter Chestnut

Dec 17: Marge Copp, Mackenzie Dudley, Steve Heise, Carl Rol, Mason West, Morgan West, Abigail Ziebell

Scott & Beth Breuer, Elmer & Mavis Sprick

Dec 18: Carson Keim, Jessica Nibbe, Rick Skifton

Marv & Eloise Blattner, Stephanie & Dave Harvey

Dec 19: Dale Adler, David Schultze, Brooke Tracy

Dec 20: Kristi Breyfogle

Dec 21: Jim Fritz, Jerry Jensen, Dale Nelson

Gary & Dennie Pahl

Dec 22: Jordan Ebert, Allison Moechnig, Henry Nelson, Molly Nelson, Jim Rodester

Dec 23: Pris Converse, Marcus Jacobson, Mackenzie Randall, Jamie Sulflow, Nicholas Ziebell

Dec 24:

Dec 25: Kathy Hollman

Dec 26: Jim Anderson, Jodi Lundell, Logan McCarthy, Easton Stoltz

Dec 27: Shannan Bleed, Jeff Chestnut, Darla Geary, Carson Matzke, Holly Pfeilsticker, Nickolas Sievers, Lucy Sontag

Jerry & Sue Jensen, Don & Nancy Mueller, Bill & LuAnn Otto

Dec 28: Kevin Gunhus, Lyle Papenfuss

Gregg & Tisha Thomas

Dec 29: Wanda Myers

Thoren & Naomi Mangold

Dec 30: Joseph Nafe, Jordana Windhorst-Knudsen

Dec 31: Alexandra Berlin, Cherie Kranz

FLC GROUPS

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

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

FLC QUILTERS...will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:30am.

Lake City Food Shelf...Is in need of Macaroni Noodles. Please place items in the wooden bin by the Welcome Center.

Women to Women...will resume in January.

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.

ADOPT-A-MITTEN

A special thank you to all of the sponsors and **volunteers in this year's Adopt-A-Child** program. **As we joyfully celebrate Jesus' birth, may your hearts be warmed knowing these children's lives are touched by the love and joy of your generosity.**

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Friends and Family...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

Nursing Home, Home Bound & Assisted Living...Roger Helgerson, Mary DeGroat, Edith Hammer, Wendell Olson, Julia Nelson, Violet Stinson, Mary Hallenberger, Corrine Johnson, Marv Nelson

OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...No scheduled meeting.

CARE CENTER BINGO...will resume in January.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For December we are asking members to drop off Canned Chicken, Tuna, SPAM.

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

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LUTHERAN

Our 150th Anniversary is just around the corner! 2019 will be a year of celebration as we remember, celebrate, and share our 150 years of faith and love in the Lake City Community!

Each month will offer a chance for you and your family to participate in the celebrations- from a 1st Lutheran Pool Party-to a float in the Waterski Day's parade, to the actual anniversary in October, 2019. This is going to be a fun year.

The planning team- Melinda Berkeland, Cassie Carlson, Amy Rogness and Edie Sward are beginning to look for volunteers for these events. Please be willing to say "YES" when asked for your help. If you have any questions please contact any of the people above. Look for updates in future First Things.

Youth Ministry Happenings

6th Grade Confirmation Sessions:

Wednesday Afternoon on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5-12-19
Snacks (provided) at 3:00pm, lesson from 3:30-4:30



Upcoming Youth Service Opportunities

High School Youth Group: 8:30-10pm, Fridays and Saturdays

Counting Red Kettle donations for Salvation Army, Rochester

Middle School: 9am-noon Saturdays in December

Sorting donations for Pass It On, Lake City

Please contact Melissa if interested: melissa.ackermann@firstlc.org

Senior High Youth!



No Youth Group
this month.
Have a Merry and
Safe Christmas!

Children's Ministry News

Family

Friday, Dec. 14th

6:00-8:00pm

Snacks will be provided.
Bring a friend or two, a
blanket, and comfy
socks.

Please sign up on the
Youth Board



Ages 3 yrs. Old—6th
Grade are WELCOME!



December 2nd:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

December 9th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

December 16th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 3:30pm

December 23rd & 30th:

No Class—Winter Break

December 5th:

3:00-5:00pm

December 12th:

3:00-5:00pm

December 16th: SUNDAY

KFC sings at service! Meet at 8:40am

December 19th:

3:00-5:00pm

December 26th:

No Class—Winter Break

**Kindergartners—6th
Grades are WELCOME!**



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Worship/Suckow Bap- tism 5:30pm
2 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	3 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	4 Staff 10am	5 Bible Study 8:30am KFC 3-5pm 6th Grade Confirmation 3-4:30pm Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm Senior Choir 7pm	6 50 & Better Christmas Potluck 5:30pm	7	8 Tackmann Christmas Party noon-4pm Worship 5:30pm
9 POISETTIA ORDERS DUE Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am MOPS 3:30-7pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	10 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	11 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	12 Bible Study 8:30am Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am KFC 3-5pm 6th Grade Confirmation 3-4:30pm Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm	13	14 Family Movie Event: The Star 6:00pm-8:00pm	15 Worship/Expressions 5:30pm
16 Worship 9am KFC Sings 9am worship Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am SS Christmas Program 3:30pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	17 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	18 Staff 10am	19 Bible Study 8:30am Esther Circle 10:30am at FLC KFC 3-5pm 6th Grade Confirmation 3-4:30pm NO Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm	20 Church Council 6:30pm	21	22 Worship 5:30pm
23 Worship 9am No Sunday School— Holiday Break NO MOPS 3:30-7pm	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Worship 3:30pm Worship 5:30pm NO Expressions 5pm	25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED Worship 9am	26 OFFICE CLOSED No KFC—Christmas Break NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES NO Bell Choir NO Senior Choir	27	28	29 Sontag noon-4:30pm Worship 5:30pm
30 LAST DAY 2018 GIVING Worship 9am No Sunday School— Holiday Break	31 NO Expressions 5pm					

December Ministry Assignments

Saturday, December 1 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom
Communion: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, Wanda Myers
Usher: Kenny McEwen, Pris Converse
Greeter: Marian Dittfach, Carol Dollar
Altar: LaDonna Severson, Katie Bee
Coffee:

Saturday, December 8 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhafft
Usher: Jon & Sonda Featherstone
Greeter: Bruce & Trissa Wallerich
Altar: Sandy Anderson, Pris Converse
Coffee: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom

Saturday, December 15 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Steve Johnson, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Craig Harteneck, Art Harteneck
Greeter: Jake & Teresa Atkinson
Altar: Sandy Anderson, Pris Converse
Coffee:

Saturday, December 22 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Kenny McEwen, Bruce Carlstrom
Usher: Roger & Kathy Hollman
Greeter: Dale & Carol Nibbe
Altar: Marlys Johnson, Karen Heise
Coffee:

Saturday, December 29 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson
Communion: Steve Johnson, Sonda Featherstone, Deb Mickelson
Usher: Dick Sitta, David Dittfach
Greeter: Mary Durst, Jenny Gabor
Altar: Marlys Johnson, Karen Heise
Coffee:

Sunday, December 2 at 9:00am

Reader: Melissa Ackermann
Communion: Melissa, Ben, Grace Ackermann
Usher: Scott & Beth Breuer, Pat & Cindy Ebert
Greeter: Missy & Aaron Ferguson
Coffee: Jim & Jennifer Cobb
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, December 9 at 9:00am

Reader: Sandy Bendickson
Communion: Sandy Bendickson, Randi Kirchner, Deb Grimley
Usher: Tom & Karen Heise, Dennis & Marlys Johnson
Greeter: Erin Lichtblau, Caron Lichtblau
Coffee: Val & Rick Janka
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, December 16 at 9:00am

Reader: Luther Berkeland
Communion: Luther Berkeland, Sandy Anderson, Shirley Pierson
Usher: Jerry Benson, Marv Blattner, Pick Sward, Dave Schultze
Greeter: Chris & Lynette Matzke
Coffee: Bill & LuAnn Otto
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, December 23 at 9:00am

Reader: Marcia Holst
Communion: Marcia Holst, Melinda Berkeland, Kristi Sprick
Usher: Dick & LaDonna Severson, Joe & Mason White
Greeter: Jan & Boyd Olson
Coffee: Laurie & Patty Svien
Video:

Sunday, December 30 at 9:00am

Reader: Ruth Wedge
Communion: Ruth Wedge, Rick & Edie Sward
Usher: Tom Halloway, Jim Fritz, Bob Johnson, Bruce Lichtblau
Greeter: Stolzenberg Family
Coffee: Dave & Becky Schultze
Video: Randy Zanto

If you are available to help out at any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Worship Services please contact Melinda Berkeland at 651-764-3509 or berkeland88@gmail.com Please let us know by Sunday, December 9.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

Monday, December 24 at 3:30pm

Usher:

Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Damian Fitterer, Deb Mickelson

Monday, December 24 at 5:30pm

Usher:

Communion:

Altar: Mary Lee Stevens, Audrey Breuer

Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00am

Usher:

Greeter:

Assist. Min.:

Reader:

Comm. Assist.:

Video: Ric Wallace

Altar: Jan Johnson

Sound: