

Firs* Things



January 2020

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

At Table

When someone has a birthday we gather around a table sharing cake and ice cream, and stories about the person whose life we are celebrating.

When we attend a wedding reception we gather around many tables to share a meal with the bride and groom, to share stories, and to give a special toast for the newly weds.

At an anniversary party we gather around a table to share a cake or sometimes a meal. We tell stories and we thank God for blessing this couple with many years of life and love together.

I have many fond memories of going to my grandparents' farm house for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Each time we gathered around a large dining room table. Lots of conversation and food lovingly prepared drew us closer as a family.

These are table stories we fondly remember. The sharing of food is a special way we humans stay connected and find meaning for our lives. Research shows we experience a deepened sense of closeness when we eat together. Sharing a meal somehow shows we are loved. Time spent eating together is holy time. People have been doing it for thousands of years.

An editor of the Atlantic newspaper wrote in an article, "The table is a place of memory where we become aware of who we are and with whom we are. Around the table, all previous meals come together in every meal, in an endless succession of memories and associations."

As we begin a new year, I wholeheartedly encourage you to resolve that your family will share a meal together at a table at least once every day. At table we learn who we are. At table we learn values. At table we stay connected and grow closer with the people who are most important to us. At table we share concerns and joys. At table we are accepted and loved.

Sharing food at a table may seem like a fairly insignificant act, but it is really significant and life-changing. Make a new year resolution to be at your table with your family at least once a day. You will be pleasantly surprised at the results because tables are holy places! Share yours!

- Pastor Duane

Your 2019 offering envelopes are here!!
Out in the Gathering Area for you to pick up.

Bible Reading For 2020

Hope you enjoyed reading through the Bible in 2019!

The schedule of readings for 2020 is the same as for 2019. So you can use again the schedule you already have. Perhaps you can choose different readings for 2020 if you did not read all 4 each day. I encourage you to keep reading the Bible regularly.

What is the Bible?

Word of God: We accept it by faith.

God's self-revelation: compassionate and merciful

History of God's people: covenants, promises, protection

God's love story: He loves each person.

Foundation of our faith: Build our lives on his Word.

God's truth: What God wants us to know.

What are some benefits of reading the Bible?

Learn promises of God.

Walk closer with God.

Prayer life is strengthened.

Greater desire to serve others.

Faith is strengthened.

Better able to share your faith.

A thankful and peaceful heart.

First Lutheran Bylaws sets the duties of the Finance Board.

The duties of this board include budgeting, planning, and managing the resources and uses of funds related to the operation and missions of the Church. The Finance Board is comprised of no fewer than 6 members and holds regular monthly meetings.

The current Finance Board members are

Randi Kirchner, Chair Craig Harteneck Ernest Thompson

Chuck Bremer James Kranz Jon Gravenish

Luther Berkeland Jeff Chestnut, Treasurer

We are excited to report the Audit Committee has completed the audit for 2018. The Council accepted the audit and we are moving forward with the recommendations the audit highlighted. The audit for 2019 will be completed early 2020. Audit Committee members are Brad Krehbiel, Mary Nelson, and Lonnie West.

The Finance Board has completed many of the goals it set for 2019 and we are working on goals for this year. We will be working on communicating to our church members information about the status of the mortgage and the contribution and expenses summary. We are going to try to have an insert in each **Sunday's bulletin with this information.**

If you have an interest in the work of the Finance Board and would consider becoming a member, we meet the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Church.

OUTREACH BOARD

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, January 27 at 6:40 to 8:10pm. Volunteers assist the residents to and from their rooms and help them with their cards as needed. This is not limited to adults, kids are welcome too. Questions can be directed to Becky Schultze at schultze.becky@gmail.com or text Becky at 651-380-2700.

FLC GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...8:30am in the Fireside Room.

ESTHER BIBLE CIRCLE...Wednesday, January 15 at 1:30pm at Shirley Pierson's home. Everyone is Welcome to attend this Bible study!

FLC QUILTERS...2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 8:30am.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study

Study Title: ["A Story Worth Living"](#) (click to learn more)

8:00 a.m. - Second and Fourth Saturday with Greg Keyport

"When others tell the story of your life, what kind of story do you want it to be?"

I will supply coffee and donuts 😊

MUSIC

EXPRESSIONS...Mondays at 5pm.

SENIOR CHOIR...Wednesdays, from 7-8:30pm.

BELL CHOIR...Wednesdays, from 5:15-6:00pm.

ATTENTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS
ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
MONDAY, JANUARY 20
PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO
KARYN.MOECHNIG@FIRSTLC.ORG

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Youth Ministry Happenings

Mark your calendars for events coming this month:

Summer Trip 2020 Info Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 5

Parents & Students, grades 9-10-11

Fireside Room, Immediately Following Worship



Happy New Year 2020!

Confirmation Resumes on Wednesday, January 8th

Senior High
Youth!

You're Invited

Come join us for FLC
High School Ministry



10-12 Grade

Wed, Jan. 22

7:30 Worship

8-9pm Youth Group

Bring your own drink, snacks
provided!

Children's Ministry News



Ages 3 years old—6th grade are WELCOME.

Please contact Heidi Berge if you are interested in having your child enroll.

Classes for Sunday School

Jan. 5th - 10:15-11:15 AM

Jan. 12th- 10:15-11:15 AM

Jan. 19th - No Sunday School

Jan. 26th - 10:15-11:15 AM

Wednesdays during
the school year
3:00-5:00 PM

Jan. 1st—NO KFC

Jan. 8th

Jan. 15th

Jan. 29th

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



*"We all have the ability
to make someone's life
better with our love."*

– Kamand Kojouri



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 1: Taylor Groth, Cody Mortenson

Jan 2: Art Harteneck, Lacey Harvey, Maren Holst, Ashley Logsdon

Jan 3: Bennett Kohrs, Megan McCarthy, Mason White,

Jan 4: Kit Busch, Nikki Eggenberger, Elliot Grimley, Laura Hunt, Judy McEwen, Sarah Nutt, Ben Roberson

Jan 5: Julia Atkinson, Quinn Kittelson, Andrew Krehbiel, Kalya Peters, Damon Schmeig

Jan 6:

Jan 7: Brooke Bee, Greg Carlstrom, Evan Huettl, Jessica Narum, Eve Sievers

Jan 8: Arnold Clare, Eric Swiggum, Rylee Thieren

Jan 9: Everett Dinsmore, Olivia Gates, Carol Halpaus, Carolyn Kliewer

Jan 10: Lynette Benitt, Scott Breuer, Jeff Erickson, Thomas Frank, Emma Kopp, Dwain Lambert

Jan 11: Landon Olsen, John Plote, Xavier Thornburg

Jan 12: Dawn Barwald, Emma Berge, Mary Meincke, Marcus Oelkers

Jan 13: Juliane Dennis, Carl Kozlowski, David Roach

Jan 14: Kia Hutchinson, Dana Tiedeman

Jan 15: Janet Chestnut, Barb Groth, Audry Plote

Jan 16: Seth Heitman

Jan 17: Luther Berkeland, Brent Blattner, Logan Janka, Bradley Krehbiel, Cory Wurst

Jason & Katie Bee

Jan 18: Esther Gullixson, Amanda Johnson, Alexa Pflaum, Jackson Schumacher

Jan 19: Sharon Eggenberger

Jan 20: Zachary Griebenow, Aaron Harmon, Russell Johnson, Paul Oliver, Sydney Ringeisen

Jan 21: Carole Helgerson

Jan 22: Lorne McDonald, Wanda Wiebusch

Jan 23: Kathy Tesch, Molly Thieren

Jan 24: Heidi Berge, Kathie Majerus, Jaida Schumacher

Jan 25: Ben Meyer, Shon Thieren

Jeremy & Kerri Reese

Jan 26: Roberta Craig, Sherry Earle, Marissa Gunhus, Lonnie West

Jan 27: **Jasper O'Keefe, Lisa Stevenson**

Troy & Jill Ziebell

Jan 28: Sonda Featherstone, Conner Ferguson, Barb Johnson, Kara Thornburg, Bruce Wallerich

Jan 29: Sandy Bendickson, Audrey Breuer, Michael Brower, Kim Vetter

Joe & Jenna Kells

Jan 30: Ashlynn Dudley

Jan 31: Rachel Fick, Carrie Griebenow, Steve Knudsen, Kyle Pavlak, Joseph Sievers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Friends and Family...

All service men and women...Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen, Justin Fuchs, Nathan Fuchs, Peter Schliep, Matt Sikkink, Ethan Meyer, Chris Breuer, Monty Vikdal, Alyssa Zuehl

Peace Corp...Jeffrey Mund

Our Missionary in Chile...Karen Anderson

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

Couples getting Married...Natalie Schlagenhaft & Anthony Armellino

Thank you...

~A special Thanks from Pastor Tim & Becky Ehling for the gifts & cards over the holidays. We are very touched by your love!

~My life is blessed with some of the most amazing people. Thank you for all your prayers and support. **Your prayers had to have been my point. Thank you again. Debbie Taylor (Heidi Berge's Mom).**

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOESED NO Bible Study 8:30am	2 Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	3	4 Worship 5:30pm
5 Worship 9am Youth Summer Trip Mtg following worship Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am	6 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm	7 Staff 10am	8 Bible Study 8:30am KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15-6pm Confirmation 6-8 pm Senior Choir 7-8pm	9 Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	10	11 Men's Bible Study 8am Worship 5:30pm
12 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am	13 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm	14 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	15 Bible Study 8:30am Esther Circle 1:30pm at Shirley Pierson's KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15-6pm Confirmation 6-8 pm Senior Choir 7-8pm	16 Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	17	18 Worship 5:30pm
19 Worship 9am NO Sunday School	20 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm	21 Staff 10am	22 Bible Study 8:30am KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15-6pm Confirmation 6-8 pm Senior Choir 7-8pm High School Youth Grp 8-9pm	23 Care Center 4pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	24	25 Men's Bible Study 8am Worship 5:30pm
26 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am	27 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	28 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	29 Bible Study 8:30am KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15-6pm Confirmation 6-8 pm Senior Choir 7-8pm	30 Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	31	

January Ministry Assignments

Saturday, January 4 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Lori Mortenson,
Deb Mickelson
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold
Greeter: Ben & Amy Roberson
Altar: Pris Converse, Becky Ehling
Coffee:

Saturday, January 11 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Kenny
McEwen, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Dawn & Denny Barwald
Greeter: Carol & Dale Nibbe
Altar:
Coffee: Marian & David Dittfach

Saturday, January 18 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom
Communion: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, Wanda
Myers
Usher: Lyle Mathison, Dick Sitta
Greeter: Paul & Wanda Myers
Altar:
Coffee:

Saturday, January 25 at 5:30pm

Reader: Addison Ahrens
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Kathy
Hollman, Sonda Featherstone
Usher: Roger Hollman, Jon Featherstone
Greeter: Sandy Libor, Jenny Gabor
Altar:
Coffee:

Sunday, January 5 at 9:00am

Reader: Mary Gravenish
Communion: Mary Gravenish, Bob Johnson,
Becky Schultze
Usher: Dave Schultze, Jon Gravenish, Paul &
Barb Gifford
Greeter: The Stolzenberg Family
Coffee: Marvis Hawkins, Kristie Stolzenberg
Video:

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00am

Reader: Randi Kirchner
Communion: Randi Kirchner, Diane & Greg
Keyport
Usher: Jeff & Max Rogness, Steve & Mac
Heise
Greeter: Linda & Randy Pavlak
Coffee: Al & Julie LeCaptain
Video:

Sunday, January 19 at 9:00am

Reader: Mary Nelson
Communion: Mary Nelson, Sandy Bendickson,
Randy Meincke
Usher: Joe & Mason White, Damian & Sam
Fitterer
Greeter: Bob & Mary Johnson
Coffee: Bob & Mary Johnson
Video:

Sunday, January 26 at 9:00am

Reader: Sue Benson
Communion: Sue Benson, Cheryl Mohn,
Eunice Blattner
Usher: Jerry Benson, Jim Fritz, Al Blattner,
Fred Mohn
Greeter: Tom & Karen Heise
Coffee: Tom & Karen Heise
Video: