January 2020

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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

Firs Things

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 your 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

“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 Bush, 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 Halpau, Carolyn Kliever  
**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  
**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 Ringelisen  
**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  
**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  
**Jan 30:** Joe & Jenna Kells  
**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

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**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).
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**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:**

**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:**

**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

**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:**

**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:**

**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:**

**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 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:**