

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Preschool Classes M-F 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sept-May)

<u>Sun.</u>	<i>Advent 1</i>	
	8:30 a.m.	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Sunday
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Church (3 yrs.-Gr.2)
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Contemporary Worship</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troops 1798, 2446
	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 5212
<u>Mon.</u>	10:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Funeral
	2:00 p.m.	Program Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	VDC Secretariat
<u>Tues.</u>	<i>Chimes Deadline</i>	
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Noon Daily Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group- <i>There's Always Light</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 8976
<u>Wed.</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cover Girls Quilting
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Noon Daily Prayer
	3:15-8:00 p.m.	<b>Faithtime</b> (See Schedule)
	8:00 p.m.	Joyful Hearts
<u>Thurs.</u>	12:00 p.m.	Advent Noon Daily Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 5733
	7:00 p.m.	Glory Ringers
<u>Fri.</u>	12:00 p.m.	Advent Noon Daily Prayer
<u>Sat.</u>	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Walk Pasta Dinner
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Informal Worship in Sanctuary</b>
<u>Sun.</u>	<i>Advent 2</i>	
	8:30 a.m.	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Church (3 yrs.-Gr.2)
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Contemporary Worship</b>
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Praise Team Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 3035

### Faithtime Schedule — Dec. 6

3:15 p.m.	Faithtime Begins (Grades K-6)
3:45 p.m.	Message, Music, Motion, Games (Grades K-6)
4:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open (Grades 9-12)
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Begins (Pasta Bar)
5:15 p.m.	Youth Band
5:20 p.m.	Faithtime Closing (Grades K-6)
5:30 p.m.	Faithtime Check Out (Grades K-6)
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Sr. High Amazing Race
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

## Lifelines Prayer List

**World and Community:** For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For all who strive for peace and justice. For those serving and working in harm's way, especially Raul Falcon (*Ted & Lanell Carpenter's friend & neighbor*), Griffin Fleming (*Michelle Fleming's son, Mike & Ethel Pries' grandson*), Josh Fleming (*Adam Fleming's brother*), Jakob Gradert, Connor Luxmore (*Shari Gradert's son, Gary/Arlene Gesme's grandson*), Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles (*Scott Denys' friend's daughter*), Christopher Schwake (*Julie Lewis' nephew*), those in Law Enforcement and First Responders.

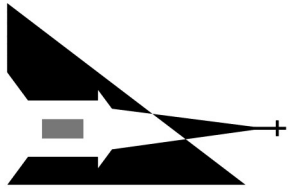
**Church:** For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeffrey Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor A. Michael Stephin and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors: Rev. Matt Kamprath, Rev. Laura Kamprath, Rev. Virgil Juliot and Rev. Lynn Bergren. For our parish and preschool staff: Mary Jo Brummet, Barb Burghgrave, Doris Bergles, Ruthann Carton, Charlene Daniels, Sherry Dickens, Margi Ficken, Haylee Gustafson, Jennifer Johnson, Lynn Lindell, Jim Luikart, Linda Schmidt, Misty Slaymaker and Mary Williamsen. For our Lay Leaders: President Roger Bengtson and the entire Church Council.

**Health and Wellbeing:** Lorrin Buechler, Max Buffington (*Jim Lewis' cousin*), Judy DeBoever, Mary Devine (*Julie Lewis' aunt*), Dr. Charles Drummond (*Maurice & Brenda Nelson's brother-in-law*), Jim Hohenboken, Keith Juliot (*Pastor Virgil & Marilyn Juliot's son*), Evelyn Kline, Jan Latham (*Kristy Ross' mother-in-law, Kellyanne and Austin's grandmother*), Ron Lohman (*Sara & Chloe Reed's friend*), Kathryn Lowe (*Jayson & Diane Lowe's daughter-in-law*), Linda Schmidt, Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*), Jay Sears, Connie Sellers (*Julie Lewis' friend*), Gene Stees, Jacob VanDoren, Marilyn Worple (*Julie Lewis' aunt*) and Mike Zeglin (*Peggy Rexroth's friend*).

**Joys:**

**Thanksgiving:**

**Sorrows:** On the death of Trevor Schefsky, member.



**FIRST DAY**  
News for the first day of your week.

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OUR MEASURE OF LOVE – November 25 & 26, 2017

<u>Attendance</u>			<u>Offering</u>			
Sat.	5:30	69	General Fund	\$9,171.00	YTD	\$361,482.18
Sun.	8:30	103	Capital Campaign 2017	\$4,243.00	YTD	\$111,614.19
	10:00	<u>67</u>	Capital Campaign Total			\$111,614.19
	<i>Total</i>	239	Building Fund (Main./Repair)	0.00	YTD	\$8,664.18
			World Hunger	\$5.00	YTD	\$6,907.00

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. Lectionary texts, however, are subject to change.

<u>Monday, December 4</u>	<u>Tuesday, December 5</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 6</u>	<u>Thursday, December 7</u>
Psalm 79	Psalm 79	Psalm 79	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Micah 4:1-5	Micah 4:6-13	Micah 5:1-5a	Hosea 6:1-6
Revelation 15:1-8	Revelation 18:1-10	Luke 21:34-38	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
<u>Friday, December 8</u>	<u>Saturday, December 9</u>	<u>Sunday, December 10</u>	
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Isaiah 40:1-11	
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	
Acts 11:19-26	Mark 11:27-33	2 Peter 3:8-15a	
		Mark 1:1-8	

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

12/4	Pete Yager	12/6	Maura Hamilton	12/9	Hunter Moreno
	Beth Unrath		Jerry Klavohn		Jayson/Diane Lowe (45)
12/5	Erik Peterson	12/7	Kyleigh Swanson	12/10	Freja Hager
	Melinda Wildermuth	12/8	Don Lohse		Chuck LaBrie
	Karah Bishop		Ray/Kathy Rogers (33)		
	Rev. R. Carrol Johnson				



**Welcome to First Lutheran Church!**

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. If you are a first time guest, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Room and pick up a special gift. **Come and celebrate Holy Communion.** At First Lutheran you are invited to come forward and join us at the Lord's Table or simply receive a blessing. This is truly the Lord's Table, shared freely with all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

A **nursery/playroom**, located off the first floor Fellowship Room, is provided on Sunday mornings for young children. An usher will be happy to direct you. **Handicap-accessible restrooms** are also located off the first floor Fellowship Room. **Large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Children's activity bags** are also available.

*Our Congregational Council* is considering changing the church office hours as a means of reducing costs. The office would be open on Monday-Thursday for the same hours, but closed on Friday. Please share your questions, concerns, or support for this change with a council member before our meeting on December 18.

*Worship Participants* are still needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

*Christmas Poinsettias* If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our Christmas worship, please fill out the slip in the pews, and turn in by December 10. Thank you!

*Volunteers for Pasta Dinner* We appreciate all volunteers willing to help us make this another successful event! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or fill out a pew slip to work a shift or donate a dessert. Pasta dinner tickets are now on sale!

*Christmas Caroling* Join us for an intergenerational, all-congregational event on Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m. We will carol for shut-ins and at nursing homes and then gather back at the church for supper and Christmas cookies.

*Advent Prayer Vigil* Spirituality & Wellness Ministry is hosting a prayer vigil on Wednesday, December 20 from 12:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. Participants will pray in the church sanctuary for 30 minutes. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

*First Lutheran Angel Tree* ~ Share Christ's love in our community by providing a gift for our Social Ministry Food Pantry Family or for a senior at Hillcrest Home. Wrap gifts in gift bags for easy opening. The deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 10.

*Advent Devotionals* for individuals and families are available in the Fellowship Room.

*Christmas Boxes for the Military* Help us fill these gift boxes in the Fellowship Room.

December 2 & 3, 2017

Advent 1