

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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

<u>Sun.</u>	<i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
		9:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
		9:30 a.m. GIFT: Growing in Faith Together
		10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
		2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 3035
		4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1798
		5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5212
<u>Mon.</u>		10:00 a.m. Bible Study
		10:30 a.m. Program Staff Meeting
<u>Tues.</u>	<i>Chimes Deadline</i>	
		6:00 p.m. GS Service Unit 886
<u>Wed.</u>		9:00 a.m. Cover Girls Quilting
		3:15-8:00 p.m. Faithtime (See Schedule)
		7:00 p.m. Joyful Spirit
<u>Thurs.</u>		11:30 a.m. First Friends
		7:00 p.m. Glory Ringers
<u>Sat.</u>		8:00 a.m. Living Water Via de Cristo
		Team Training
		4:15 p.m. GIFT (Adult Small Group)
		5:30 p.m. Informal Worship
<u>Sun.</u>	<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
		9:30 a.m. Fellowship
		9:30 a.m. GIFT: Growing in Faith Together
		10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
		4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 2446

<i>Faithtime Schedule — Jan. 9</i>	
3:15 p.m.	Faithtime Begins <i>(Grades K-6)</i>
3:45 p.m.	Message, Music, Motion, & Games <i>(Grades K-6)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open <i>(Grades 9-12)</i>
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Begins <i>(LaRoma Pizza)</i>
5:25 p.m.	Faithtime Closing <i>(Grades K-6)</i>
5:30 p.m.	Faithtime Check Out <i>(Grades K-6)</i>
5:30 p.m.	First Book Club
6:00 p.m.	Caring Conversation: <i>Beth Moore Video Series</i>
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

Lifelines Prayer List

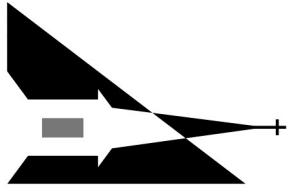
World and Community: For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For all who work for peace and justice. For those serving our country in the military, especially Raul Falcon (*Ted & Lanell Carpenter's friend & neighbor*), Griffin Fleming (*Michelle Fleming's son, Mike & Ethel Pries' grandson*), Jakob Gradert, Brian Hanshaw (*Jan & Steve Weber's son-in-law*), Connor Luxmore, Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles (*Scott Denys friend's daughter*), Christopher Unrath, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeffrey Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Daniel Meyan 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, especially Abby Larson, Young Adults in Global Mission. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors: Rev. Matt Kamprath and Rev. Laura Kamprath. For our parish and preschool staff: Mary Jo Brummet, Barb Burghgrave, Doris Bergles, Ruthann Carton, Charlene Daniels, Margi Ficken, Haylee Gustafson, Jennifer Johnson, Jim Luikart, Morgan Sarber, Misty Slaymaker and Mary Williamsen. For our Lay Leaders: President Ray Bergles and the entire Church Council.

Health and Wellbeing: Terri _____ (*Kathy Nelson's friend*), Marilyn & Louie Blank (*Sue Conrad's aunt & uncle*), Stephen & Sherri Anderson Craggs (*Kathy Nelson's friends*), Jim Hohenboken, Kurt Horberg, Pastor Virgil Juliot, Judy Nelson, Rudy Rexroth, and Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*).

Joys: On the birth of Thomas John Brock, son of Gloria & Ryan Brock, grandson of Norm & Gail Hutchinson, great grandson of Gladys Hulting.

Thanksgiving:
Sorrows:



FIRST DAY
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OUR MEASURE OF LOVE — December 24, 25 & 29, 2018

<u>Attendance</u>			<u>Offering — December 23, 24, 25 & 29, 2018</u>			
Mon.	5:00	266	General Fund	\$36,078.75	YTD	\$401,658.76
	7:00	76	Capital Campaign 2017	\$2,006.00	YTD	\$107,404.83
	10:00	120	Capital Campaign Total			\$256,879.42
Tues.	10:00	<u>55</u>	Building Fund (Main./Repair)	\$50.00	YTD	\$6,879.25
		517	World Hunger	\$130.00	YTD	\$8,739.18
<i>One Service Weekend</i>						
Sat.	5:30	103				

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, January 7</u>	<u>Tuesday, January 8</u>	<u>Wednesday, January 9</u>	<u>Thursday, January 10</u>
Psalm 72	Psalm 72	Psalm 72	Psalm 29
Daniel 2:1-19	Daniel 2:24-49	Numbers 24:15-19	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Ephesians 4:17—5:1	Ephesians 5:15-20	Luke 1:67-79	1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<u>Friday, January 11</u>	<u>Saturday, January 12</u>	<u>Sunday, January 13</u>
Psalm 29	Psalm 29	Isaiah 43:1-7
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Psalm 29
1 Corinthians 2:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:11-16	Acts 8:14-17
		Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1/7	Joyce Porter	1/9	Linda Pray	1/12	James Murray
	Loretta Hohenboken		Donna Lester		Jon Murray
	Miles Curcuru		Gladys Hulting		Jay Bergles
1/8	Matthew Johnson	1/10	Hilary Anselmi	1/13	Kane Fuelling
	Penelope Kline	1/11	Jacob Martens		
	Deloras Sterling				



Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

*January 5 & 6, 2019
Epiphany of Our Lord*

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. If you are a first-time guest, please introduce yourself to a pastor. Our Outreach Ministry team has a special gift for you. **As we celebrate Holy Communion, all are welcome at the Lord's Table.**

Young children are always welcome in worship. **PRAYground** is located in the overflow area in the sanctuary. If you prefer, a **nursery**, located off the first floor Fellowship Room, is also provided on Sunday mornings. **Accessible restrooms** and a family restroom are also located off the first floor Fellowship Room. An usher will be happy to direct you. **Large-print bulletins** and **children's activity bags** are available from the ushers.

Altar Flowers are given by Jim & Nancy Cassens in celebration of Penny's birthday.

We rejoice with Tiffany Dawn, Benjamin Carrter and Gwendolyn Dove Simosky as they receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We ask for God's blessings on Tiffany, Benjamin & Gwendolyn.

Noisy Offering – This weekend's noisy offering is designated for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry.

Faithtime Resumes on Wednesday, January 9. The complete schedule is found in this publication under the heading *Opportunities This Week*. See you then!

First Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the book "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Read the book and join us for discussion.

First Friends will meet on Thursday, January 10 at 11:30 a.m. Come welcome in the New Year with a warm meal, jovial conversation and a few surprises. Meal cost is \$5. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Please join the Church Council for a Congregation Forum on Sunday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will present a First Reading of the 2019 Budget and answer your questions about the Annual Report, so that we are prepared for the Annual Meeting on January 27.

Sign ups for Altar Flowers & Illinois State Police Treats for 2019 are underway at the Welcome Center. January dates are available. Sign up today!

Breakfast in Bethlehem photos can be picked up in the Fellowship Room.