



FIRST GLANCE

December 2-December 9, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 2

Noisy Offering, Name Tags, Fair Trade

- 8:15 am Worship
- 9:00 am Gifts of Hope
- 9:30 am Adult Forum, ELL, FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning
- 10:30 am Meals on Wheels
- 10:45 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Nuer Worship
- 4:30 pm Childrens Youth Group
- 6:00 pm High School and Middle School Youth group
- 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Monday, December 3

- 1:30 pm Harbor Coffeehouse

Tuesday, December 4

- 6:30 am A Few Good Men
- 9:15 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm AA
- 1:00 pm Fit and Fab
- RDG/Hampton Meeting
- 5:30 pm Hunger and Clothing Team
- 5:45 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Executive Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Norden Club
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, December 5

- 10:45 am Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Advent Prayer Service followed by light lunch
- 5:00 pm Cherub and Chorister Choir
- 5:30 pm Light supper
- 6:30 pm Advent Prayer Service
- 7:10 pm Adult Choir
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, December 6

- 12:00 pm AA
- 1:00 pm Fit and Fab
- 6:30 pm Spirit Ringers

Friday, December 7

- 11:30 am First Friday Jazz
- 7:00 pm AA

Saturday, December 8

- 8:00 am Saturday with the Guys
- 8:30 am Drinking at the Well
- 10:30 am AA
- 5:30 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday, December 9


- 8:15 am Worship
- 9:30 am Budget *Listening Post*
- 9:30 am Adult Forum, ELL, FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning
- 10:30 am Meals on Wheels
- 10:45 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Nuer Worship
- 4:00 pm Worship of Remembrance
- 6:00 pm High School Youth group
- 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Helen Bartholomew, Harold Borchert, Richard Bouma, Mary Brass, Varro Clarke, Jan Christensen, Laverne Cook, Kelly Dalby, Margaret Fahrnbruch, Ethel Fairchild, Bonnie Fletcher, Pat Frank, Gary Hansen, Eleanor Hayes, Cynthia Holt, Gordon Huls, Howard Johnson, Lorna Johnson, Mable Jones, Sylvia Kempf, Andy Kruse, Judy Koepke, Sharon Lemke, Karen Lind-Olson, Helen Lyles, Elva Mares, Kristen Miller, Donna Nelson, Erin Niebuhr, Marlene Pankonin, Carol Reed, Dale Ripa, Anne Sandin, Bud Sandin, Merl Scott, Be Silverman, Shari Sorenson, Marlene Stelling, Nancy Stelter, Ron Vig, Dona Watermeier, Vern Westberg, Julius Wleh and Doug Zatechka.

We pray for these members of First Lutheran who have been deployed overseas or are on active duty in the armed forces: Zach Engler, Chris Oshlo, Jeff Johnson, Conner Schmidt and Keeley Schmidt.

We are glad you are in worship with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate. You can offer prayer requests on the back side of the Prayer & Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate. Join us for coffee and fellowship hour from 9:30-10:30 am.



WE PRAY THE COMFORT OF THE PROMISE OF RESURRECTION MAY BE KNOWN TO...

The Seagren and Way families. Al Seagren passed away November 27. His funeral was Friday, November 30, at First Lutheran.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY BY...

Andrew Morrow, in memory of his wife, Margaret, and her December 5th birthday.

ADULT FORUM TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

In the Chapel today, at 9:30 am, *Hope in the Middle East?*, with Slate Mathes, Pr. Megan Morrow and Pr. Mary Jensen who hope to offer a broader understanding of the power struggles that exist in the Middle East and the opportunities for change and hope.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUR CONGREGATION

The Church Council and Finance Committee invite the congregation to weigh in on some budgeting proposals on the building project, Capital Campaign and increased costs that will affect how we allocate our resources in the coming years. Adult Forum is asked to join the *Listening Post* conversations at 9:30 or 10:45 am next Sunday, December 9.

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LITURGICAL READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading - Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading - Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Reading - Luke 3:1-6

YOUTH ACTIVITIES TODAY

Preschool and elementary children will gather in the Activity Center from 4:30-6:00 pm and look at our journey through Advent and Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Parents, grandparents and adult sponsor of this group will gather for Bible Study and activities. A potluck dinner will be held at 6:00 pm.

High school and middle school youth will gather for a potluck dinner, starting at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center, followed by Christmas card making for college students and shut-ins.

LOOKING FOR LOST COAT

Looking for a men's black London Fog coat that was mistakenly taken after the 8:15 am service on Sunday, November 18. Please call the church office if you have it.

GIFTS OF HOPE MARKET OPEN TODAY

Visit the Gifts of Hope market today in the Commons! You are sure to find something for those on your holiday shopping list. Walk away with Fair Trade tea and coffee, handmade olive wood nativity scenes, tree ornaments and crosses from the Holy Land, matted photographs and tote bags and coin purses made by Tanzanians who have intellectual or physical disabilities. This is just a few of the many gift giving opportunities! Please have cash or check available for your purchase as we can't accept credit or debit cards.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Everyone will gather in the Activity Center for a Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 am. There will be no Adult Forum, FaithTrek, High School or Middle School Learning .

SEEKING NOMINEES

Contact Sunni Richardson if you are interested in being on the ballot or you have suggestions on who might serve on Congregational Council, Endowment Board, Nominating Committee and at Synod Assembly.

WORSHIP OF REMEMBRANCE

The holiday season is a difficult time for those grieving lost loved ones. Join us for a time of reflective prayer and comforting words of scripture. Light candles in memory of your loved ones and pray for God's presence in your life on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 pm.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The volunteer signup for worship assistants in December and on Christmas Eve are posted online. There are several services we need volunteers for. Visit our website at www.flclincoln.org/resources to find the signup link.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

It's that time of year again to review First Lutheran's policy in case of inclement weather. If LPS is closed, all activities are canceled for the day, including the church office. Early dismissal would also lead to automatic cancellation of afternoon/evening events. We post a notice of these closings on our website and social media.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bake Sale to Support High School and Middle School Summer Accompaniment Trips - Saturday, December 15, and Sunday, December 16

Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir Performance - Sunday, January 13 during both worship services