



# First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

## December 2017 Parish Visitor

### From the Pastors...

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2017

*The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*  
Isaiah 11:6

*The angel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.*

*He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*  
Luke 1:30-33

The month of December is filled with wonderful opportunities here at First Lutheran to help us prepare to honor the birth of Jesus Christ. Please make note of these important dates, clear your schedules and do everything you can to:

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King*  
(Angels from the Realms of Glory, refrain)

Wednesday the 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Worship
Sunday the 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. Healing Service
	10:45 a.m. Sunday Children's Christmas Program
Wednesday the 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m. Wednesday Children's Christmas Program
Sunday the 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 and 10:45 – Festival of Christmas Music featuring the G3 Dancers, Organ/Piano Duets, Chancel Choir
Wednesday the 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Worship
Sunday the 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols
	3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Praise Team)
	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Organ)
	9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Piano)
Sunday the 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am Christmas Lessons and Carols

## Children, Families and Youth News



Advent is here!! **ADVENT CANDLES** are available at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as you visit together about your days. It's simple, faith-



filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household. Questions? Just ask Tonya. Please, one per family.



**NEW!** Along with the Advent candles, First Lutheran will be passing out **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS**. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we're going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the FOOD SHELF. Every day you're invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soaps, etc. (As part of your devotions, you could add the item to the bag after you light the advent candle?!)

The month after Christmas gets very busy at the food shelf so any items will be greatly appreciated! On or after December 26th (because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year), your family can bring your bag to the Kitchen Table-Marshall Food Shelf at 1400 S Saratoga. Think of the blessings:

- It's a great and different way for your family to give as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- It will make you feel good knowing that you're doing something for another family.
- And it will be a wonderful field trip for your kids to see what the Food Shelf is all about. If you can't make it to the Food Shelf, simply drop off your full bag at First Lutheran and we'll make sure that it gets delivered.



### SAVE THE DATES! FLY **CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALKS**

FLY will be hosting TWO Christmas Cookie Walks. Our walk will coincide with Children's TLC Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Trays will be available for you to fill with your choice of yummy treats ON SUNDAY or we will have trays pre-filled up in the Narthex ready to go on both Sunday AND Wednesday. Plan to join us and get your baking done with no mess in your kitchen!

### HyVee Cards available for Purchase!

The Houston youth are selling HyVee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$50 cards and \$100 cards. Everyone needs groceries....and it's money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! They make awesome Christmas gifts too! Thanks!



### **It's Heart to Heart time again in Marshall!!**

Hey *junior high* youth....will you help out? Hey *senior high* youth! We need you all too!!! *Parents* want to help with driving? **Families want to do this together?**

Every year, our youth help deliver the food boxes to various families for Heart to Heart, but we need your help to do it!! *Many hands makes for light work!* And shorter routes! We will meet at the church on **Friday, December 15th after**

**school.** We will divide up the town, and deliver the items. It's an awesome way to reach out and help during the season! Q's? Just call Tonya!

### HELP US "KICK OFF" THE NEW YEAR--2018!

**CTI 14:21 Christian Concert! Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.** It's open to *everyone!* Invite your friends..... CTI is a community of young people who combine their common passion for music with their mutual desire to share the love of Christ. It is also a vehicle through which these young people are trained, equipped and mobilized into ministry opportunities where they can use their gifting to impact their generation. Free-will offering will be taken.



### TLC Christmas Programs

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**During the 10:45am Worship Service**  
(No Regular TLC Sunday)

You're all invited to: **"The Christmas Story"**  
Presented by all Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade **TLC Sunday Students**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**During the 5:15pm Worship Service**  
You're all invited to: **"The Christmas Story"**  
Presented by all Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade **TLC Wednesday Students**

Enjoy Winter Break!



**TLC Christmas Break:** There will be no TLC December 20 through December 31.

**Confirmation Christmas Break:** There will be no Confirmation on December 20 & December 27.

### Other Important Items

#### Needed: Radio Broadcast Sponsors

Each Sunday morning, First Lutheran Church's worship service can be heard on KMHL radio (1400 AM) at 11:00 a.m. This is an important ministry for those who are ill, hospitalized or homebound, those who have limited vision, etc. The cost for each broadcast is \$93. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday broadcast. It can be done in honor of someone, in gratitude for something or someone, in memory of someone, in celebration of an event, or for no particular reason. You will find a clipboard on the table in the narthex on which you may write your name(s) next to the Sunday(s) of your choice. Please include your address so the reminder card, sent the month before your chosen Sunday, will go to your current address. At that time, you will send your \$93 to the church office and tell Becky what wording you would like in the bulletin. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. Thank you also, so very much, to everyone who sponsored a broadcast in 2017. Marlene Nordby



#### Holiday Worship Schedule:

**Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> - No Worship**  
**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 9:00pm**  
**Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> - No Worship**  
**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> - 9:30am**

## First Lutheran Women News

### Important Dates

December 2	10:00am Women's Christmas Tea
December 4	1:00pm Quilting
December 6	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
December 13	6:00am Deborah Circle
December 13	9:00am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle @ Pam Odland's
December 20	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
December 27	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder



**Give yourself a gift this Christmas!** First Lutheran Women (of all ages) are invited to the Christmas Tea on Saturday December 2nd from 10am-noon. Come to enjoy Pastor Dan Bowman entertain us with his music and presentation on The Lefse Catechism! Tickets are on sale now in the narthex and the church office (\$8).



The Lyon County Heart to Heart Christmas tree is up in the Narthex. The Heart to Heart organization provides a food box for every family and a gift for every child in need at Christmas. Our Heart to Heart tree has ornaments on it with a child's age bracket. Take an ornament from the tree and purchase an age appropriate gift. There has been a special need for boys and girls in the 14 – 18 age categories. Suggested ideas are age appropriate board games, gift cards, movie theatre tickets, hair care items, socks, scarves, hats and mittens. Bring your unwrapped gift with the ornament attached and place it back under the tree. The gifts will be brought to the armory about December 11<sup>th</sup>, in time to be wrapped and delivered for Christmas. If you would prefer you may make a cash donation which will be used toward purchasing food, wrapping paper and to purchase gifts for age brackets that are open.

## Shetek Lutheran Ministries

# CANEWS FROM CAMP

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

### Mark Your Calendar

#### 2017

December 3<sup>rd</sup> -Lutefisk Supper 5:30p.m.

(must have reservation)

December 28<sup>th</sup> -Winter Fun Day 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

#### 2018

January 12<sup>th</sup>-Snowshoe & Stargazing

January 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> -Scriptacular Retreat

February 11<sup>th</sup> -Annual Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup> -Women's Tea & Ski

February 16<sup>th</sup> &17<sup>th</sup> -Couples Retreat

**For more information call 763-3567 or check out our [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)**



**Help send Kids to camp...Become a Pelican/Timber member today. For more information call 763-3567 or [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)**



**Worship Schedule**

Wednesdays – 5:15pm

Saturdays - 5:30pm

Sundays – 8:30am & 10:45am

Radio – Sundays at 11am on 1400AM or 103.3FM

Local Cable TV – Tuesdays at 7:30pm and Wednesdays at 1:30pm

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