



## First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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December 1 & 2, 2018

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. Please sign the registration pad found in your row.

If you are in need of pastoral care or have questions about First Lutheran Church, please contact the church office at 426-4073 or visit [www.firstlutheranblair.org](http://www.firstlutheranblair.org).

### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR CITIZEN WORSHIP AND LUNCH

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018**  
11 AM WORSHIP  
with Holy Communion

LUNCH to Follow

Please RSVP by December 12th  
by calling 402-426-4073.



### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✠ Family of Norma Kay
- ✠ Family of Russ Christensen
- ✠ Family of Arlene Peterson
- ✠ Family of Nina Neve (daughter of Muriel Neve)
- ✠ Family of Ginny Beck
- ✠ Ronald Stork – healing
- ✠ Larry Henson
- ✠ Ruth McKay
- ✠ Alice Jorgensen – healing
- ✠ Jeanette Moeller – strength & healing
- ✠ Larry Kastrup – healing
- ✠ Lowell Tupa (Mike Tupa's father)
- ✠ Leo Aguilar-Hicks – healing for Leukemia
- ✠ Shirley Wrich – healing
- ✠ Gerald Gustafson
- ✠ Patrick McKinnis - healing
- ✠ Georgia - 5 year old with NF1 that has caused blindness
- ✠ John Wolsmann
- ✠ Pat Bentsen—Missionary
- ✠ Lekura Parish
- ✠ Habitat for Humanity

*and all those we name in our hearts.*

**Tuesday Evenings with Pastor Scott:** Join Pastor Scott for a Bible study each Tuesday from 7-8:15pm. The study will meet in the Chapel. **No Class on December 11th, 25th, and January 1st, 2019.**



**FLC Youth Cookie Bazaar!!** We are looking for our FLC bakers!! Our annual cookie bazaar will be here before we know it, and we need some goodies to sell!! Please contact Barb Triplett at [btriplett@abbnebraska.com](mailto:btriplett@abbnebraska.com). **The sale will be Saturday, December 8th from 5:30-7:30pm and Sunday, December 9th from 9am – 12pm.**

**First Lutheran Church Job Opportunity:** This position is being advertised to members of First Lutheran church. RE: Custodian – Part-Time, a ten hour a week position. The employee will be scheduled Monday and Thursday with some Saturdays. Prepared by: Personnel Committee; Reports to: Director of Worship/Music and Property Oversight. Position Purpose: Custodial duties such as vacuum, dust and wash tables in the basement and Sunday School classrooms, Ark, Nursery and hallways. Vacuum and dust the South stairwell at all levels and the North stairwell next to the offices. Restrooms will be a priority each day this person is scheduled. For a complete job description, please stop by the church office. Send resume via e-mail to Joe Bush, [joebush@gmail.com](mailto:joebush@gmail.com). You may also leave a resume at the front office attention Personnel Committee.

**Please read and Help if and where you can:** We are in need of more volunteers for the Funeral luncheon ministry here at FLC. We may not be able to offer this ministry much longer if we do not get more volunteers for this task. Currently we have 7 ladies who are possibly available for this job plus a few other we can call if desperate. At least 5 of us are 70+ and can not or should not be working on our feet for 4 – 6 hours. This is also a task the can be shared, first half and last half. If you have a flexible work schedule or are retired please consider volunteering to help. Please indicate on the green sheets if you can help or call Emily Rasmussen (402-426-4869) or Tammy Fryman (402-426-5773).

**There will be a memorial service for Nina Neve at 9:30 am in the chapel at First Lutheran on Sunday, December 2nd. Our deepest condolences to the Neve family on their loss.**

**The LIFE Night Women's Bible study has begun a special advent study on Wednesdays titled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado.** In this four session video with study guide Bible study, Max explores how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us. Please join us in the Library from 6:50 to 7:45 as we usher in the beginning of the Christmas season and remember the remarkable Gift that came in an unremarkable package more than 2,000 years ago. (For additional information call Susan Pinguoch at (402) 426-8182 or e-mail [spinguoch@gpcom.net](mailto:spinguoch@gpcom.net))

**Mid Week Meal @ FLC:** All in the Blair community are invited to our **Mid Week Meal on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm.** Come for food & fellowship; Leave with full hearts! Free will donation. Contact Martha Sorensen for more details.

**Children's Christmas Program is coming!!** Please make every effort to have your children (3 year olds thru 5th graders) at our Christmas program rehearsals on Sundays, 12/2 and 9 (9:15-10am), and Wednesdays, 12/5 and 12 (6:45-7:45pm). **Plan now to attend 'Twas the Night Before Christmas on Sunday, December 16th @ 10:15am!!**

**The December Issue of the Ambassador Newsletter is ready and copies are available on the information rack by the Welcome Center.**

**End-of-the-Year Contributions:** In order for you to claim a deduction for contributions made to First Lutheran Church during 2018, the church office must receive your contribution by December 31, 2018. All contributions placed in the offering plates on any of the Christmas services or on Sunday, December 30 will be recorded as 2018 contributions. If you are hand-delivering checks, please have them to the church office by Noon on December 31. All checks must be dated in 2018 and if mailed, must be postmarked no later than December 31. First Lutheran Church will be following these tax rules when posting receipts.

**We will be preparing contribution envelopes for 2019 in December.** If you do not currently have an envelope box and would like one, or if you would prefer not to use envelopes, please contact the church office no later than December 10th. Thank you!

## **Social Concerns...**

**You are invited to the dedication of Autumn and her family's new Habitat for Humanity home at 208 Riverview Drive on December 2, 1:00 P.M.** All are invited to join the celebration!

**Our ALTERNATIVE GIFT TABLE** is now on display in the narthex, and will remain open throughout the **Advent Season!** You can start your Christmas shopping from the wide array of **alternative gifts** (over 50) featured in the **"ELCA Good Gifts"** catalogs or the **SERRV** catalogs for "the person who has everything," and do some good for others in the process! **Today** we are especially lifting up: 1) our local Washington County Ministerial Association's **Good Samaritan Fund**, which provides aid for residents who are struggling to make ends meet, or transients, who may find themselves in a crisis situation. (For more information see today's insert.) We are also lifting up; 2) the purchase of **farm animals for third world families**; and 3) **Lutheran Disaster Response** (note the terrible recent fires in California). Prepared gift cards for these and other gifts of your choice, **Advent calendars**, and **"God's Global Barnyard"** Christmas **ornaments** (complete with gift information on the back) are also available there. Feel free to take an **ELCA Good Gifts** catalog and/or a **SERRV** catalog home with you to do your shopping, and return it to the table when you are finished with it. Happy alternative gift shopping!

**EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADED products are back—and will be available throughout the Advent Season!** Please note some brand new products—like Keurig single serve coffee, almonds, and cashews, as well as other coffee products, tea, and chocolate bars! These would make great stocking stuffers! Also at the table you will find an old fashioned coffee pot where you can **"Perk up the Kitchen"** by making a donation for the coffee we drink in the Social Hall (\$7.00 a bag or any amount).

**Please note the OUTERWEAR INGATHERING BOX in the narthex** for collecting suitable winter outerwear of all types (new or lightly used) for small children to size XL. We will make sure that people who are in need receive these items for the cold winter days ahead. Thank you!

## **FLC Youth...**

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Confirmation, Wednesdays 6:45-8pm

**Christmas Party!!** Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm @ Fellowship Hall. Signup in Youth Nook – Friends welcome!!

## **NINERS**

Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm, Youth Room

## **9 to 12**

Youth Group, Sundays 6:30-8pm, Youth Room



**Caroling!!** Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8pm – meet @ Fellowship Hall

**Lock-In!!** December 21<sup>st</sup> 9pm – December 22<sup>nd</sup> 7am. Registration forms in Youth Nook – Friends welcome!!

**The FLC Nursery:**  
The FLC Nursery is not staffed, but it is open for use on Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Mornings.

**Worship Assistants for December 1 & 2**

**Greeters:** 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson  
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams  
**Lectors:** 6pm Marla Rennerfeldt  
8:15am Jerry Kobs  
10:15am David Link  
**Communion**  
**Assistants:** 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson  
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams  
**Sacristy:** 6pm Carl & Marla Rennerfeldt  
8:15am Michael Jones  
10:15am Ed & Pam Ramspott  
**Coffee Hosts:** Jim & Linda Jorgensen  
**TV Ministry:** Ryan, Brenda, Ryleigh, & Brooklyn Schroeter

**Scripture Readings for this week**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Luke 21:29-33

**Scripture Readings for next week**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 3:1-6

**This week at First Lutheran**

**Sun. Dec. 2** 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group

**Mon. Dec. 3** 7am Men's Bible Study  
6pm Children's Ministry  
6:30pm Stewardship Committee

**Tue. Dec. 4** 1:15pm Staff Meeting  
7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott

**Wed. Dec. 5** 11am Office Hours Web Series  
**LIFE Night**  
5:30pm Meal  
6:15pm Worship  
6:45pm Classes PreK-8th  
6:45pm Niners  
6:45pm Women's Bible Study  
8pm Bell Choir

**Thu. Dec. 6** 6:30pm Men's Workshop

**Fri. Dec. 7** 9:30am Women's Bible Study

**Sat. Dec. 8** 8am Men's Breakfast  
**5:30pm-7:30pm Cookie Bazaar**  
6pm Worship

**Sun. Dec. 9** 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
**9am-12 Noon Cookie Bazaar**  
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6pm Game Night  
6pm 9-12 Christmas Caroling



**Hearing Assistance Devices for all services are available from the Welcome Center.**