



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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December 15 & 16, 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.

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
SENIOR CITIZEN
WORSHIP AND LUNCH**

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

LUNCH to Follow



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Carol Haussermann – surgery & healing
✠ Ronald Stork – healing
✠ Larry Henson
✠ Ruth McKay
✠ Jeanette Moeller – strength & healing
✠ Larry Kastrup – healing
✠ 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 25th and January 1st, 2019.**

Children's Christmas Program is today! Our Children's Christmas Program: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas is Sunday, December 16th @ 10:15am!!

Please help us welcome Amy Wemhoff, our new Ministry Support person at FLC. Amy will focus mostly on our 3 yr old thru 5th grade program. Amy and her husband, Nick, live in Ft Calhoun and have 2 children, Wyatt and Gwen. They have been members of FLC for several years. We are excited to have Amy's passion for children and her desire to grow our children's program in many ways! Please welcome her when you see her with our kiddos!

Note from Pastor Scott: I have received with regret the resignation of Wendy Gras from the position of Parish Administrator of our congregation. She has served the congregation for 14 years, and in the 5 years I have known her she has performed her work in creative and efficient ways, and more importantly she always sought to see God in the work she does. Her presence will be missed by many. Her last date of employment will be Friday, December 28, 2018, and she has agreed to work with the congregation in any way needed to make the transition. The staff will celebrate her time with us in a luncheon next week, and I hope the council can find a way to thank her for her work over the past 14 years with First Lutheran.

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, joejbush@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).

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 Pinquoch at (402) 426-8182 or e-mail spinquoch@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. **PLEASE NOTE: We WILL serve a meal on Dec. 19th and 26th AND Jan. 2nd!!**

Ricky C. Simmons’ Book: If you missed the opportunity to purchase a book from Ricky Simmons after his presentation on 11/28, please contact Erika. Erika can order the books directly from Mr. Simmons and probably receive them by Christmas!!

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.

The new **Christ in Our Home** devotionals for January-March are available for you to pick up from the usher's tables outside of the worship areas.

2019 Offering Envelope boxes are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

Social Concerns...

Our ALTERATIVE 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) **Lutheran Disaster Response** (note the terrible recent fires in California); 2) **God’s Global Barnyard** from which you can purchase a number of different **farm animals for third world families**; and 3) our local Washington County Ministerial Association’s **Good Samaritan Fund**, which provides aid for local residents who are struggling to make ends meet, or transients who may find themselves in a crisis situation. Prepared gift cards for these and other gifts of your choice (plus information on how you can pay for your choices located behind the cards), **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 them to the table when you are finished. 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!

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. Local people in need and those served by **Lutheran Family Services** will be the recipients of your generosity for the cold winter days ahead. Thank you!

Washington County Food Pantry is very much in need of peanut butter, jam, hamburger helper, and toilet tissue. If you can donate these items it would be much appreciated!

FLC Youth...

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Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, January 9th

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

NINERS

Niners will resume on Wednesday, January 9th



9 to 12

Youth Group will resume on Sunday, January 6th

Lock-In!! December 21st 9pm – December 22nd 7am. Registration forms in Youth Nook – Friends welcome!! Please register by Wednesday, December 19th

Merry Christmas!! Much love to all - have a good break from school, and if boredom starts in over break, text me, and we'll catch a movie or something!! Love, Erika

Community...

Pathfinder Chorus: They will have two Christmas performances on Saturday, December 22nd. The first is at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fremont at 2 p.m. Free will offering to the Salvation Army. The second is at St. Andrew's Church in Omaha at 150th and Maple Street at 7:30 p.m. Free will offering to the Goodfellows.

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 15 & 16

Greeters: 6pm Tom & Janice Lippincott
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams

Lectors: 6pm Kathy Shaw
8:15am Renee Sheets
10:15am Susan Pinquoch

Communion

Assistants: 6pm Tom & Janice Lippincott
8:15am Hospitality Team
10:15am No Communion

Sacristy: 6pm Tom & Janice Lippincott
8:15am David & Renee Sheets
10:15am No Communion

Coffee Hosts: Judy Hardy

TV Ministry: Betty Heinssen

Flowers have been given by:
Deb Fuhrer

Scripture Readings for this week

Isaiah 12:2-6

Luke 3:15-18

Scripture Readings for next week

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:39-45

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. Dec. 16 8:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Worship & Christmas Program
6:30pm 678 Christmas Party

Mon. Dec. 17 7am Men's Bible Study
11am Senior Worship & Lunch
6:30pm Stewardship Committee

Tue. Dec. 18 1:15pm Staff Meeting
7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott

Wed. Dec. 19 11am Office Hours Web Series
5:30pm Meal
No LIFE Night Worship or Classes

Thu. Dec. 20 6:30pm Men's Workshop

Fri. Dec. 21 9:30am Women's Bible Study
9pm High School Lock-In

Sat. Dec. 22 6pm Worship

Sun. Dec. 23 **No Sunday School**
8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal



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