



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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December 8 & 9, 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

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



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Family of Norma Kay
✠ Family of Russ Christensen
✠ 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!! Allow us to bake your cookies and treats for the holidays!! Come shop in the Fellowship Hall at the following times...and bring a friend!! **The sale will be Saturday, December 8th from 5:30-7:30pm and Sunday, December 9th from 9am – 12pm.**

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/ 9 (9:15-10am), and Wednesdays, 12/12 (6:45-7:45pm). **Plan now to attend our Children's Christmas Program: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas on Sunday, December 16th @ 10:15am!!**

Game Night: The Men of First Lutheran will be sponsoring Game Night on Sunday, December 9th at 6pm. Snacks are served on each game night. All are welcomed to attend at no cost to you. Enjoy the fun and fellowship.

If you have information for the January Ambassador please send it by December 15th to Wendy at wendy@firstlutheranblair.org.

Community Choir Concert: Sunday, December 9th at 2pm in the First Lutheran Church LIFE Center. Holiday Favorites with the Blair Community Choir, Forte, and Stangl Family Singers. We invite you to a Free Concert and Cookie Reception.

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, joehbush@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.

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, rescheduled for December 9, 4:00 P.M. All are invited to join the celebration!

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) **God's Global Barnyard** from which you can purchase a number of different **farm animals for third world families** (for more information see today's insert); 2) 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. We are also lifting up; 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 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!

If you missed a fundraiser for **Oaks Indian Mission** this year, be assured that we will be lifting up that need in conjunction with our observance of Lent in 2019. If you wish to contribute in 2018 you may drop your contribution off at the church office or send it directly to **Oaks Indian Mission, P.O. Box 130, Oaks, OK 74359.**

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.

Women...

Circle News: Tuesday, December 11th at 12 Noon the Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Wanda Blomker, 14325 Co. Rd. P33. The lesson will be led by Dorothy Olson. **Wednesday, December 12th: Lois & Naomi Circle** will meet at 9am at the home of Janice Lippincott, 1065

Skyline Drive. Bev Soderberg will lead the study. If you are unable to attend, please notify Janice Lippincott.

FLC Youth...

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Confirmation, Wednesdays 6:45-8pm

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

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

9 to 12

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

Caroling!! Sunday, December 9th 5:30-8pm
– meet @ Fellowship Hall

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

Worship Assistants for December 8 & 9

Greeters: 6pm Dick & Lorraine Hansen
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Janice Lippincott
8:15am Joanne Kroh
10:15am Tracy Heffelfinger
Communion
Assistants: 10:15am Hospitality Team
Sacristy: 10:15am Karen Clements and Merri Dibben
Coffee Hosts: Duey & Tracy Heffelfinger
TV Ministry: David & Emily Rasmussen

Scripture Readings for this week

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

Scripture Readings for next week

Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 3:15-18



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

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

This week at First Lutheran

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

Mon. Dec. 10 7am Men’s Bible Study
7pm Worship & Music Committee

Tue. Dec. 11 **Circle Day**
1:15pm Staff Meeting
4:30pm Care Ministry
6pm Fellowship Committee
7pm Christian Growth

Wed. Dec. 12 **Circle Day**
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. 13 6:30pm Men’s Workshop
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. Dec. 14 9:30am Women’s Bible Study

Sat. Dec. 15 6pm Worship

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