



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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January 5 & 6, 2019

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.

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.

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



Scholarship Applications: ATTENTION High

School Seniors and College Students: The Christian Growth Board is accepting scholarship applications for the 2019-20 school year for post-secondary education. Any member of FLC that is currently a high school senior or college student may apply. Applications are available on the rack near the Welcome Center, or you may download a copy at www.firstlutheranblair.org. **The deadline to submit an application is February 1, 2019.**

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



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✠ Family of Lyle Christensen
- ✠ Family of Dale Gentzler
- ✠ Joanne Little (mother of daughter-in-law of Lois Blobaum)
- ✠ Ronald Stork – healing
- ✠ Larry Henson
- ✠ Ruth McKay
- ✠ Jeanette Moeller – strength & healing
- ✠ Larry Kastrop – 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.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Annual Meeting of the Congregation of
First Lutheran Church

9:00am—One Worship that morning
(Sat., Jan. 26—regular 6pm
worship will be held)



The Annual Meeting will begin directly after worship with time for coffee and fellowship following the meeting.

There will be NO Sunday School on this day, but there will be Childcare available.

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 Pinguoch at (402) 426-8182 or e-mail 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.

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.

Holiday Care Notes: The Holidays can sometimes bring feelings of stress, sadness, loneliness, and depression. We want you to know that you are NOT alone. If you, or someone you know needs encouragement during this holiday season, please feel free to help yourself to the CareNotes located outside of the LIFE center.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, **please do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.** Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Year-end statements will be available by the end of January.

If you have information for the February Ambassador please send it by January 15th to Dawn Andersen at office@firstlutheranblair.org.

Happy New Year! The new charts for providing Flowers for the altar and sponsoring the TV Broadcast each week are now available. Please sign-up for dates at the charts on the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall.

Social Concerns...

This is the last weekend for donating winter outerwear to our OUTERWEAR GATHERING BOX in the narthex for local people in need and those served by **Lutheran Family Services.** You can still bring items for this purpose on Monday, January 7. Thank you for your generosity.

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!

EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADED products are available this weekend, January 5 and 6. This is a good opportunity to pick up flavored or regular coffee, Keurig single serve coffee, tea, almonds, cashews, or chocolate bars, and help third world farmers in the process.

Women...

Circle News: Tuesday, January 8th at 2pm the Ruth Circle will meet at First Lutheran Church. The host will be Wanda Blomker. The lesson will be led by Joan Krogh. **Wednesday, January 9th: Lois & Naomi Circle** will meet at 9am at the home of Lois Blobaum, 959 Southfork Road, Blair. We will study the lesson as a group. If unable to attend please call Lois at 402-426-2820.

Love Days: January 15th and 16th from 9am until 3pm or what ever time you have to spend with great Lutheran ladies. It is time to sharpen our needles and scissors and start making quilts again. Wanda is starting to collect items for health kits {tooth brushes, nail clippers, bar soap, bath towels} school kits {pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, notebooks} layettes {sleepers, t-shirts, caps, sweaters, jackets up to the age 24 months. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a 250.00 grant, please talk to Wanda to see what she needs. You can leave donated items in the SW corner of the social hall in the tote. We can always use sheets for the quilts.

FLC Youth...

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Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays, 6:45pm-8pm. **We start January 9th!!**

2nd FLC Service Plunge Scheduled!! Friday, February 15th 8am-4pm in Omaha at Lutheran Family Services. Talk to Erika to sign up - preference given to those who did not attend 1st Plunge.

NINERS

We meet Wednesdays, 6:45pm-7:45pm. **We start January 9th!!**



9 to 12

Youth Group meets Sundays, 6:30pm-8pm. **We start January 6th!!**

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

Worship Assistants for January 5 & 6

Greeters: 6pm Charlie & Julie Rohlfing
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Esther Gunderson
8:15am Jean Hundtoft
10:15am Deb Henson
Communion
Assistants: 6pm Charlie & Julie Rohlfing
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Sacristy: 6pm Dale & Terry Paulsen
8:15am Jim & LeAnn Iseminger
10:15am Judy Brehm
Coffee Hosts: Duey & Tracy Heffelfinger
TV Ministry: In memory of Elsie Nielsen

Scripture Readings for this week

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Scripture Readings for next week

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. Jan. 6 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal

Mon. Jan. 7 7am Men's Bible Study
6pm Children's Ministry Committee

Tue. Jan. 8 **Circle Day**
1:15pm Staff Meeting
7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott

Wed. Jan. 9 **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. Jan. 10 10:30am Mission & Evangelism Committee
6:30pm Men's Workshop
6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. Jan. 11 9:30am Women's Bible Study

Sat. Jan. 12 8am Men's Breakfast
6pm Worship

Sun. Jan. 13 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Property Committee
6pm Game Night
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group



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