



Weekly Revelations

December 15, 2019
The Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Flowers have been given to the **Glory of God** by **Beth and Pierre David** in celebration of **29 year of marriage** and by **Bruce and Jan Holderead** in celebration of their **48th wedding anniversary**.



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE TODAY, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

The 7th and 8th grade confirmation class is having a Bake Sale today. The proceeds from the bake sale will go towards purchasing gifts for *Children Who Witness Violence*. Please consider stopping by and grabbing some holiday goodies!

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you're visiting today, **we are VERY happy you are here** and hope to see you again soon! Please see an usher before you leave to receive a gift bag. Inside, there is some general information about the church and a little gift for you!



Join us for CHRISTMAS EVE services!

4:00 PM Contemporary Christmas Celebration



8:00 PM Traditional Service of Candlelight and Communion

10:00 PM Traditional Service of Candlelight and Communion

There is **NO** Christmas Day service.

There will be **ONE BLENDED SERVICE** of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, **December 29, 10:30 AM**.

DREAM SMALL POST-CHRISTMAS PROJECTS There are only two Sundays left to sign up for the Dream Small Post-Christmas service projects. At the moment we do not have enough people to make this work. **Please consider participating in these important and worthy projects.**

DREAM SMALL 2.0 #focusonGIVING Social Media

Please join our **Facebook Event** that will coincide with our Dream Small 2.0 Project. It will be Dream Small 2.0 #focusonGIVING. INVITE your Facebook friends to our event. Each day there will be a Random Act of Kindness for the day for people to focus on. If you can do the Random Act that day, post about it OR post about some other Random Act you did. Hopefully it will encourage us to spend the Advent season giving to others, even if it's in a very small way.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN! Please join us on Sunday, January 5 following the 11:00 AM service to remove the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.

YOGA CLASSES Yoga Class and Chair Yoga will resume in January (date to be determined). Please indicate your interest in participating in these classes on the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center. We hope you can come!

NURSERY POLICY The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to worship with their families.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Use the bulletin board by the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are inside the fellowship pads at the end of each pew. If you would like to include someone in today's prayers, fill out the card. They will be collected before the prayers of the faithful.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS As you consider your end of the year contributions, please keep First Lutheran in your thoughts. Every additional dollar donated helps us achieve our goals for the ministry of Christ. The last Sunday of 2019 is December 29. Contributions can also be mailed in to the church office. **The last date to receive your mailed contribution for 2019 is Tuesday, December 31.**



VOLUNTEERS are needed to pack the Christmas food baskets on Friday, December 20 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet located on the Welcome Center.

Questions? Please contact:
Reiner Mueller or
Linda Browning

A READER AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are needed for the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve service and the December 29th Lessons and Carols service as noted below:

- 10:00 PM 2 - Communion Assistants needed.
- December 29 - 1 Reader needed.

Contact **Barb Krueger** if you can serve

WE NEED A CRUCIFER (Cross Bearer) for the 8:00 and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve services. This important role can be filled by a **Youth** or an **Adult**. See Pastor Chuck if you would like to serve.

USHER VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 8:00 and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services. Please contact Dawn Evangelista or Maureen Shorts if you are able to help.

December 15 – December 22 at First Lutheran Church

Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist and the Sunday School Christmas Program
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	12:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
Monday	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Brass Choir
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Council
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 PM	Lydia Circle
	6:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Saturday	9:00 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir



The **WEEKLY AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available on the church website at www.firstchurchalive.org.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for January through March are available on the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one.

First Lutheran Busy Bags contain quiet items, crayons and books for children to use during the service. They can be found on the wooden stand at the back of the sanctuary.

TEDDY BEARS in the pews are there for you to share God's love. This ministry is in memory of John Gray. Take a bear to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in the pew envelope marked "*Teddy Bear Ministry*" or new bears may be placed in the Bear Den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby.

Contact Marj Gray with questions.

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