

FUND INVITE REJOICE SERVE TEACH

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

Late December 2018

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/ Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. Coffee/Goodies/Fellowship-Gathering Area,  
Church Council  
12 Noon Christmas Caroling to shut-ins

## PEOPLE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Asst. Ministers: 10:15-Chris Hamden  
Usher: Wolfgang Benz  
Reader: Chris Hamden  
Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger  
Counters: Lois Kummer  
Altar Guild: Beate and Wolfgang Benz

Toni's Kitchen: Lois Kummer/Beate Benz/Cathy  
Susling/Megan Wills-Llewellyn

## LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 10 10:15 a.m. 26 Pledge Income \$470

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Hanging of the Greens-Decorating

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Asst. Ministers: 10:15-Peter Susling  
Usher: Joe Apicella  
Reader: Terry Benesh  
Acolyte: Zaire Reed  
Counters: Maj Karlson/Megan Wills-Llewellyn  
Altar Guild: Beate and Wolfgang Benz

## Our Christmas Worship Schedule:

### Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.-Children's Christmas Worship  
7:30 p.m.-Family Candlelight Communion Worship  
10:30 p.m.-Late Service with Candlelight & Communion

### Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Quiet Christmas with Communion

Please join us for one or more of these services

## December 30

One service of Lessons & Carols at 10:15 a.m.

## First Sunday BLAST! TODAY

A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
for adults/children (members and  
non-members)  
Free will offering

On that day expect to see:

- Special music -
- A Special Stewardship project -
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!

Coordinator Melissa Foord can be reached at 973-296-7655 if you can help with any food items. We will provide the basic breakfast such as casseroles, quiche, coffee, tea, milk. In addition you can bring breakfast or brunch dishes to share (bagels/fruit bowls/breakfast cakes/juice). You do not need to bring something to attend, we just want you to be there.



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## FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

At the Council meeting on October 28th, as we have done in the past at this time, the church council authorized a special designation in the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund for "Deficit reduction". The title "Deficit" has been added to the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund report. Any monies gathered that are earmarked or designated specifically for deficit reduction will be totaled under this category. If you desire to help, please use the Deficit reduction envelopes found on the table in the entrance way. Make sure your name and envelope # are on the envelopes. Our deficit is around \$100,000. We have received 4 gifts so far totaling \$730.

2019 Stewardship - Estimate of Giving Cards are due back. If you forgot yours, additional cards are available on the table in the entrance way.

The end of 2018 is only a couple of weeks away. The church books will remain open until Sunday, January 6th.

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available on the table as you enter. Please pick up yours today.

Please remember First Lutheran in your will!

in 2004, Frances Johnson did!  
in 2005, Dorothea Corwin did!  
in 2005, Bill Geyer did!  
in 2007, Henry Martin did!  
in 2008, Fred Amundson did!  
in 2011 Hildegard Schneider did!  
in 2014 June Wizda did!  
in 2014 Matilda Motiska did!  
In 2014 Larry Doring did!  
2015 Bobbie McMillan did!  
2018 Helen Geyer did!  
In 2019, will you?

## INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and please join us again. Sign our "guest book."

Business Cards - Pick up a few up from the table in the entrance way and hand them out to friends and acquaintances. Help us advertise First Lutheran.

## REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

Advent Icon. John the Baptist - please take a moment to enjoy the new Advent Icon that is now displayed at the front of the Sanctuary. The icon was given by Ulrike Wiede in honor of teachers.

We are having poinsettias, wreaths and a tree for Christmas Decorations. Use the sheet found on the table in the entrance way to give a \$10+ gift towards these decorations. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church [labeled for Christmas Decorations] and put in the offering place or mailed to the church office. All gifts will be noted in the Christmas bulletins.

Christmas Caroling this afternoon. A group of choir members, youth, and all other interested will gather at noon to go to sing Christmas Carols to our Homebound members: Janet Ramsammy in Van Dyke Nursing Home, and Shirley Peterson at home. We will be carrying along the homemade cookies baked by our youth as well as hot cocoa and apple cider to share. Please join us! We will car pool to the two locations.

Join us next Sun. Dec. 23rd after worship for "Hanging of the Greens" - decorating the church for Christmas. Any one who can stay and help please join us.

## SERVE (Social Ministry)

Check out the table in the Gathering Area. Fair Trade Items (chocolates) are available for purchase. Make great Christmas gifts. There is a basket on the table for your payment. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church. There is also a sheet available on the table for you to add your name ONLY "if you take an item with you, but will send a check to the church office later." No need to sign the sheet if you are paying for the items now!

Through our Advent Giving Tree this year we supported "children" through MEND (Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity), The Salvation Army (toys) and Toni's Kitchen (supplying Hats/Gloves/ Mittens/Scarfs for their Back-Pack Project - they fill 200 back-packs a week for children with food - will now add hats, etc. (children sizes, please!)

## TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their parents. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School with their teacher, Melissa Foord. Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Each session has a Bible story & craft. Please join us!

Deacon Clemens Reinke is being installed today. At our recent Council meeting a motion was made and approved to give Clemens Reinke the honorary title of Parish Deacon. Clemens was an ELCA Pastor in Brooklyn, Jersey City, and Teaneck before retiring from pastoral ministry. The Biblical title of Deacon was given to the helpers of the Apostles and generally refers to a ministry of Word and Service. Clemens has joined the choir, has agreed to be the Youth Club director, and is working with Pastor Moser on an initiative to create a Lutheran presence on The Montclair State University Campus. Please greet Deacon Clemens warmly!