

FUND INVITE REJOICE SERVE TEACH

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Late December 2019

The Parish Calendar

TODAY, Fourth 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
Hanging of the Greens-Decorating

In Ministry Today

Asst. Minister: 10:15-Megan Wills-Llewellyn

Usher: Janice Hogan

Acolyte: Landon Ruggiero

Reader: Megan Wills-Llewellyn

Counters: Maj Karlson/Megan Wills-Llewellyn

Altar Guild: Linda Parker

LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 12 10:15 a.m. 37 Pledge Income \$14565

Our Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Children's Christmas Worship/Communion

7:30 PM - Family Candlelight Communion Worship

10:30 PM - Late Service/Candlelight & Communion

Christmas Day

10:15 AM - Quiet Christmas with Communion

The church office will be closed Thursday/Friday, but messages will be checked.

NEXT SUNDAY, The First Sunday after Christmas

NO 8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:30 a.m. Coffee/Goodies/Fellowship-Gathering Area

In Ministry Next Week

Usher: Joe Apicella

Counters: Lois Kummer

Altar Guild: Beate and Wolfgang Benz

First Sunday BLAST!

February 2, 2020 -

(NO BLAST in January)

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.

Check out the "in the parish" bulletin board located in the hallway. A card and note from Pastor Will.



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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

New Furnace. Our furnace is from 1960 (the original furnace). We have had many repairs these past few years. At the September 22, 2019 Council Meeting a motion was made and seconded to undertake a fund drive of \$19,000 to help defray the cost of a new furnace. Envelopes are available on the table in the entrance way. Remember to add your name and box #. So far, we have raised \$12,100 broken down as follows:

- \$2,500 - 1 gift
- \$1,000 - 3 gifts
- \$500 - 10 gifts
- All others - \$2,300 - 15 gifts
- + \$5,000 from T&M = \$17,800. We are almost there.

At our last Council Meeting, 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 simple title "Deficit" will be 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 with the deficit, please use the special Deficit reduction envelopes found on the table in the entrance way. Please make sure your name and envelope # are on the envelopes.

2020 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 2019 is only a week away. The church books will remain open until Sunday, January 5th.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available on the table as you enter. Please pick up yours today.

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and 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)

The Icon for Advent - John the Baptist - is displayed at the front of the Sanctuary. It is a gift given in honor of teachers by Ulrike Wiede. The Eastern Orthodox church has a beautiful tradition of using icons to deepen the believer's spirituality. They consider icons to be, "windows into heaven."

Join us after worship for "Hanging of the Greens" - decorating the church for Christmas.

During the Prayers of the People, Pastor Mike will lift up different churches and countries each week. This follows the prayer cycle provided by The World Council of Churches. At the end of a year, all countries and churches have been prayed for.

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 "2" families through MEND (Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity), The Salvation Army (toys), Toni's Kitchen. Backpack Project (provides weekly backpacks filled with healthy non-perishables to local children in need) and our 4-legged friends at PAWS (Pound Animal Welfare Society- serving over 41 years helping homeless animals.)

TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their families. 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. Join us! No Sunday School next Sunday, December 29th.

Devotionals for the first quarter of 2020 (January - March) are available on the table in the entrance way.

Church Council

President - Geoff Schmidt
Vice President - Lois Kummer
Treasurer - Terry Benesh

Members of Council and their team responsibilities:

Education/Youth	Geoff Schmidt
Property	Earl Hogan
Social Ministry	Lois Kummer
Worship/Music/Arts	Megan Wills-Llewellyn