

## THANK YOU

*Thank you to all who are assisting with our worship service today; we are glad you are serving to make a difference!*

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 

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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Perry Aalgaard   | Senior Pastor                   |
| Brian Jack       | Associate Pastor                |
| Jennifer Johnson | Director of Music and Worship   |
| Tammy Carr       | Director of Children's Ministry |
| Lynn Egesdal     | Office Manager                  |
| Bruce Leu        | Facility Manager                |
| Lenny McNea      | Facility Manager                |
| Ann Aalgaard     | Supportive Ministry             |
| Val Watters      | Bookkeeper                      |
| John Adams, Sr.  | Director of Development         |
| Bob Chell        | Sioux Falls Chaplin             |

## VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Carol DeSchepper | Stephen Ministry Leaders |
| Carol Platt      |                          |
| Tammy Carr       |                          |

## WEEKLY EVENTS

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>SUNDAY – December 3rd, 2023</b>    |  |
| 8:30am                                | Hanging of Greens Service                              |
| 9:30am                                | Fellowship   |
| 9:45am                                | Adult Class in Conference room                         |
| 11:00am                               | Hanging of Greens Service                              |
| <b>MONDAY – December 4th, 2023</b>    |  |
| 6:30am                                | Men's Group @ IOLBC                                    |
| 6:00am                                | Yoga (Ed Wing)   |
| <b>TUESDAY – December 5th, 2023</b>   |  |
| 9:30am                                | Women's Bible Study                                    |
| 5:30pm                                | Deacons Meeting  |
| 5:30pm                                | Children's Ministry Mtg                                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY – December 6th, 2023</b> |  |
| 9:30am                                | Staff Meeting  |
| 6:30pm                                | Kids at First  |
| 6:30pm                                | Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) |
| 5:30pm                                | Bell Practice  |
| 6:30pm                                | Choir Rehearsal  |
| <b>THURSDAY – December 7th, 2023</b>  |  |
| 8:00am                                | MOFIA (men's group)                                    |
| 2:30pm                                | Visitation Team  |
|                                       | Christmas Coffee Fellowship                            |
| <b>FRIDAY – December 8th, 2023</b>    |  |
|                                       | Office Closed  |
| <b>SATURDAY – December 9th, 2023</b>  |  |
| <b>SUNDAY - December 10th, 2023</b>   |  |
| 8:30am                                | Worship w/Christmas Cantata                            |
| 9:30am                                | Fellowship   |
| 9:45am                                | Sunday School  |
| 9:45am                                | Adult Class in Conference room                         |
| 11:00am                               | Worship w/Christmas                                    |

## Hanging of the Greens Service

**December 3rd, 2023**

**Welcome to Worship!**

**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

Welcome and Greeting

**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Special Music: "BE BORN IN ME"

**ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

**THE FIRST NOEL**

**SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**

**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Children's Sermon/Sermon

**WE THREE KINGS**

Our Gift - Offering

**COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS**

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion/Lord's Prayer

Prayer/Blessing/Dismissal

**AWAY IN A MANGER**



FIRST SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

Notes



# WELCOME to First Lutheran Church!



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"Gathering to know Jesus, serving to make a difference."*

### VISITOR INFORMATION

**Information Kiosk:** You may help yourself to the many resources on our Information Kiosk, near the entry.

**Connect Cards:** Please complete information on the blue Connect Cards located in the pews or Information Kiosk.

**Holy Communion:** All believers are welcome to the table.

**Nursery:** The nursery will be supervised during both the 8:30am worship service and during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). The nursery is always open when not supervised; parents, guardians, or older siblings (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) must stay in the nursery with younger children.

### WE PRAY FOR...

+ Our companion congregations of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Chile, the Southern Diocese in Tanzania, Pueblo de Dios in Argentina, St. Dysmas in Sioux Falls, and Grace Lutheran in Primghar, Iowa.

+Lindsey and Tyler Larson and family as they mourn the loss of Lindsey's cousin, Rylee, who died unexpectedly on November 17th.

+ First Lutheran's team of 8 that will travel to Mendoza, Argentina December 3-10th and for a deepening of our connection with Pepe's Kids and Pueblo de Dios.

### CONTACT US

712.338.4514

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Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4pm



## WATERPROOF GLOVE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please help our children at  
Okoboji Elementary keep their  
hands warm this Winter!

Please put them in  
designated Box by  
January 2nd

**Celebration Choir Christmas Cantata**  
Next Sunday, December 10th  
8:30am & 11:00am worship services

## Kids at First Wednesday Nights 6:30-7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER

06

ADVENT STORY  
WITH MISS HELENE

DECEMBER

13

Christmas  
Caroling with  
the Youth  
Group

DECEMBER

20

Baby Jesus  
Birthday  
Party

If you have any question please  
contact Tammy Carr  
[children@3cross.org](mailto:children@3cross.org)

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## DECEMBER

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

COME WORSHIP WITH US

|      |                              |                       |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10th | Christmas Cantata            | Both worship services |
| 17th | Children's Christmas Program | 11 am worship service |
| 24th | Christmas Eve Services       | Noon Luncheon         |
|      | 11:00AM                      | 4:00PM                |
|      | 6:00PM                       | 10:00PM               |
| 31st | Worship Service              |                       |
|      | 8:30AM                       | 11:00AM               |



### OH WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM AT 11 A.M.  
DECEMBER 17TH

WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

## FIRST CONNECTIONS

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** - The holiday season and Christmas in particular, can be a very painful time for some. Whether you are alone and in grief due to the death of someone you love, isolation, or broken relationships, Stephen Ministers at First Lutheran are available to walk beside you. It is a confidential ministry where Stephen Ministers reach out in love to those who are hurting. Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, but there are always more needs for ongoing one-on-one care than pastor's can effectively meet by themselves. If you desire to have someone walk beside you, ask one of the pastors about Stephen Ministry or call one of the Stephen Leaders: Carol Platt (712-229-2991), Carol DeSchepper (605-261-0581), or Tammy Carr (605-712-1102). We will discuss options with you on how the First Lutheran family can best support you.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** - Volunteers Needed! We need a few volunteers to help plan and serve the Christmas Eve Luncheon which is held following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be willing to help, please contact Ann Aalgaard 641-590-0825 or at [supportiveministry@3cross.org](mailto:supportiveministry@3cross.org)

**THANK YOU** - Many thanks to Diane McMillan and her crew for beautifully decorating the narthex and sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Also, thank you to the many who participated in the hanging of the greens service to-day adding the final touches.

View previous Sunday service on  
Milford Cable: Channel 12 -  
Mondays at 10am and 7pm.