

Calendar

Sunday, December 4th

- 8:00am Fellowship (Narthex)
- 8:30am WORSHIP: Choir Cantata
- 9:30am Fellowship (Narthex)
- 9:45am Sunday School (Ed Wing)
- 9:45am Adult Class (Conference Room)
- 11:00am WORSHIP: Choir Cantata
- 2-4pm Ted Carpenter's 100th Birthday Open House
- 2:30pm Children's Program Rehearsal

Monday, December 5th

- 6:30am Men's Group
- 3:30pm Advent Study

Tuesday, December 6th

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 4:30pm Days for Girls
- 5:30pm Board of Deacons

Wednesday, December 7th

- 9:30am Staff Meeting
- 6:30pm WHAMS
- 6:30pm "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Event for Youth Groups (7th-12th), WHAMS, and All Ages!

Thursday, December 8th

- 8:00am M.O.F.I.A. Group
- 7:00pm Community of Readers

Friday, December 9th

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 10th

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NURSERY

The nursery will be supervised during the education hour (9:45-10:45) and during the 8:30 worship service! Weekends when we do not have Sunday School, the nursery will not be supervised.

The nursery is always open when not supervised; parents, guardians, or older siblings (5th grade and up) must stay in the nursery with younger children.



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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Perry Aalgaard	Senior Pastor
Brian Jack	Associate Pastor
Josh Carr	Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Young Family Ministries
Jennifer Johnson	Director of Music and Worship
Reagan Colt	Director Children's Ministry
Kristin Johnson	Office Manager
Kim Wermersen	Director of Leadership
Bruce Leu	Facility Manager
Lenny McNea	Facility Manager
John Adams, Sr.	Director of Development
Ann Aalgaard	Coordinator of Supportive Ministry
Val Watters	Bookkeeper
Woody Clausen	Sioux Falls Chaplin
Sally	Sunday School Therapy Dog

VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS

Carol DeSchepper	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Carol Platt	
Tammy Carr	

First Lutheran Church

Gathering to know Jesus,
serving to make a difference.

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

Welcome

Greeting and Offering

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Confession and Forgiveness

Choir Cantata (see insert)

The Beginning is
About the End

Holy Communion

All believers are welcome to the table!

Prayers of the People

Benediction

LIGHT OF THE WORLD (SING HALLELUJAH)

Christ has died-Christ has risen-
Christ will come again...

Second Sunday of Advent



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is the first season of the church year. This season is both a time of waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus and a time longing for the second coming of Jesus.

December 4, 2022

FIRST CONNECTIONS

WE PRAY FOR...

- Our companion congregations of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Chile, the Southern Diocese in Tanzania, Pueblo de Dios in Argentina, and Grace Lutheran in Primghar, Iowa.
- Sharon Carter and family as they mourn the passing of Sharon's aunt, Lorraine Hanson.

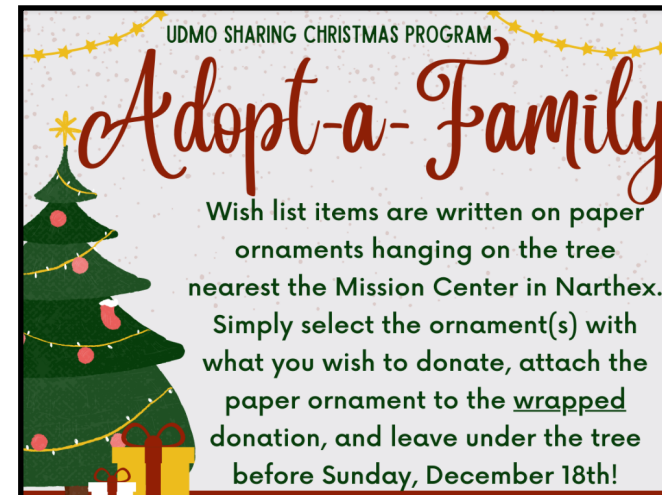
- **100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** for Ted Carpenter TODAY, Dec. 4th, from 2-4pm. Please join Ted at the open house held in the church fellowship hall. Cards may be sent to : 1305 Jeppeson Road, Apartment 205 Milford, IA 51351.
- **A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS:** All ages are welcome to come and enjoy watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with treats and to help us coordinate caroling to the homebound. Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:30pm.
- **"THE CHOSEN" SNEAK PEAK** – Come watch a sneak peak of the new Adult Small Group series "The Chosen" in the conference room Sunday, December 11th at 9:45am. "The Chosen" is the first multi season TV series that revolves around the lives of the people who met and followed Jesus. This episode will focus on the birth of Jesus and the series we begin in January will focus on the adult ministry of Jesus.
- **COMMUNITY CAROLING with FIRST LUTHERAN:** Bring your voice and holiday cheer Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm as we travel from First Lutheran to local care centers and homebound persons to sing Christmas carols and enjoy fellowship. At the end of the night we'll return to the fellowship hall for hot cocoa and treats to warm up with. All ages welcome. Drivers needed to help get groups to local destinations and back to the church.
- **MISSION TEAM "ADOPT-A-FAMILY":** Our church is adopting a family through the annual UDMO *Sharing Christmas Program*. The Mission Team is accepting WRAPPED donations for a local family in need. Wish list items are written on paper ornaments and hanging on the tree nearest the Mission Center. Simply select the ornament(s) with what you wish to donate, attach the paper ornament to the wrapped donation, and leave under the tree before Sunday, December 18th! Wrapped donations may also be delivered to the Expo Building on Monday, December 19th between 7am—12noon.
- **FIRST LUTHERAN VETERANS FIRST CHRISTMAS MEAL KITS DRIVE THRU EVENT** being held on Sunday, December 18th from 1-2pm. Must call the church office to sign up for a meal kit (please include phone number). Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 7th. Open to all Veterans, widows/widowers of veterans.
- **THE ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS ADVENT STUDY** Carol DeSchepper will lead a 4-week Advent study on Susan Robb's book *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*. The study explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. The group will meet on Monday afternoons at 3:30 pm in the conference room starting on Monday, November 28. More information is available on the information kiosk, near the church office.
- **FIRST FRIENDS** will meet for lunch on December 15th at 11:30am at Minerva's Restaurant.
- **WORSHIP WITH ST. DYSMAS PRISON CONGREGATION:** First Lutheran is taking a field trip on THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th to Sioux Falls to worship with St. Dysmas. Because many of the men do not receive visitors this service is the only place they can enjoy conversation with someone who is not paid to be there or other inmates. Inmates hear the gospel from their Pastor but experience the gospel through outside visitors. Those who plan to attend must be 18 or older and complete a background check by January 1st. Attendees should be prepared to ascend and descend a flight of 30 steps leading up to the prison sanctuary. If you've completed the background check for St. Dysmas within a year of our field trip date you do not need to do so again, but still need to sign up by the deadline. We will leave from our parking lot at 3:30pm and return around 10pm. Contact Pr. Brian at brian@3cross.org or 712-338-4514 for more information and to sign up.
- **THE MARRIAGE COURSE** – Beginning January 8th, this seven session course is designed to help couples invest in their relationship. It involves food, a video series, and time for private discussions with your partner. Each session features leading experts, teaching content, and stories from around the world. Some of the topics include: The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, and The Impact of Family – Past & Present. Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether in a good place or struggling, the course helps navigate the modern challenges of marriage. The course is based on Christian principles, but designed to help couples of any faith strengthen their relationships. It's open to those who have been married for any length of time or those cohabitating without intent of becoming married. For more information or to register by 12/29 contact Pr. Brian – brian@3cross.org or 712-338-4514. Childcare available with advanced registration.

- **STEPHEN MINISTRY RESOURCE TABLE:** The holidays can be very painful for people who have lost a loved one or are in grief from other kinds of loss. It's been a difficult year or two (or more) for many people. New information has been added to the SM table in the narthex including: Grief and the Holidays, Tips for Coping with Grief at the Holidays, and 10 Ways to Bring Joy to Someone Who is Grieving. Feel free to pick them up for yourself or someone you know who has had a loss and for whom Christmas will not be the same. As always, if you or someone you know needs the support of a Stephen Minister walking beside them, please contact Carol Platt (712-229-2991), Carol DeSchepper (605-261-0581) or Tammy Carr (712-330-1102). You may also leave a message with the pastors or church staff.
- **QUILTING TEAM:** The Quilting Team is accepting donations of quilting squares and tops. They will not meet during the month of December and will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00am.
- **COMMUNITY OF READERS** will meet this week, Dec. 8th, at 7pm. This month's title is Golden Girl by Eli Hildebrand.



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLOTHES DRIVE:

Collecting new socks, underwear, & pjs in all sizes to donate to Kaeden's Kloset Foster Care Resources.



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December 4, 2022 8:30 & 11:00am ADVENT 2 Choir Cantata

December 11, 2022 8:30 & 11:00am ADVENT 3 Children's Program

December 18, 2022 8:30 & 11:00am ADVENT 4

December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve 11am, 4pm, 6pm, 10pm

December 25, 2022 Christmas Day 8:30am ONLY

January 1, 2023 New Year's Day 8:30am ONLY