



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Who? All Members

What? Informational Meeting and Vote

When? December 5, 2021 at 9:45am

Where? First Lutheran Church SANCTUARY

Why? Columbarium Approval

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS – A HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Get into the holiday spirit by attending Home for the Holidays - A Holiday Concert. John Moore, Jessica Schable, and Drew Duncan reunite in their hometown to spread holiday cheer through songs of the season with Jennifer Johnson at the piano. Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, IA. Free will offering with all proceeds will go towards a new performing arts initiative coming to the lakes area, set to launch in 2022. Celebrate the season with this special musical reunion.
- **VIA DE CRISTO, "THE WAY OF CHRIST"** is a Christian renewal ministry and a source to develop leaders in the Church. It is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, offer healing and strength, and provide an effective guide for Christian living. If you are seeking a deeper faith and a renewal in your walk with Christ, please considering attending the upcoming weekend retreats. The men's weekend will be January 13-16 and the women's weekend will be January 20-23, 2022. The retreat is located at the Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Please contact Pastor Perry, Phylis Anderson or Dee Vaage if you are interested in attending or have any questions. Application forms will be available in the office. The table is ready, come and see!
- **WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE:** We are collecting winter clothes for kids and teens to support Kaden's Closet and Lutheran Services of Iowa! We are looking for new hats, gloves, coats, socks, pjs, underwear, scarves, and more! Any new winter clothing items! Donations will be collected in the large blue box in the Narthex starting this week through the beginning of December. If you have any questions, please contact Reagan: [children@3cross.org](mailto:children@3cross.org).
- **QUILTERS** are in need of flat (top) sheets, full-size or larger. Please bring to church if you have these in good and clean condition for our use. Thank you!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Education Wing. The book of Matthew will be studied and all women, members or non-members, are invited to join!
- **THANK YOU** to all who have chosen First Lutheran Church to receive funds through Thrivent Choice or Amazon Smile. Your donations make a difference!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY WHAMS:** 1st-6th graders are invited to join us in the Ed Wing for Wednesday Whams at 6:30! Whams is not your typical Sunday School! We'll play some games, have some fun, and take a look at some lessons that will help us continue to learn how to be good neighbors! Contact Reagan if you have any questions!

**NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING:** We'll be collecting money for ELCA Good Gifts. This organization provides support to people in need in many different ways! From animals and livestock to medication, health kits, clean water, education resources, and more.

**NURSERY CLOSED:** The nursery will NOT have an attendant from Dec. 26, 2021 – Jan. 9, 2022, including all Christmas services. It will be supervised again when Sunday School starts on Jan. 16, 2022. The "Cry Room", with a view of the sanctuary and audio of the service will remain open for your use!

## MISSIONS

**BACK PACK FOOD COLLECTION:** Food distribution continues weekly. A list of needed food is available at the collection baskets in the Mission Center.



# Advent Choir Cantata

December 04 @ 5:30

December 05 @ 8:30 and 11:00

## Celebrating the Prince of Peace

