

Serving This Week:

Lighting of Advent Candle:

8:30am - Carissa, Jaxsen & Mason Huse
11:00am - Brittany, Bennett, Leah, Emeline
& Noah Vite
Ushers: 8:30 - Greg & Kathy Kraus
11:00 - Lenny & Sue McNea

**THANK YOU... to all assisting with worship
today, you're serving to make a
difference!**

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY – December 14th

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
9:45am Adult Education Hour
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship w/Children's
Program

MONDAY – December 15th

6:30am Men's Group @ IOLBC

TUESDAY – December 16th

9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:00pm BeFriender Meeting

WEDNESDAY – December 17th

9:30am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Kids at First Caroling
6:30pm Youth Group Caroling

THURSDAY – December 18th

8:00am MOFIA (Men's group)
11:30am First Friends at Bob's in
Milford

FRIDAY – December 19th

Office Closed

SATURDAY – December 20th

SUNDAY – December 21st

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:30am Fellowship
9:45am Adult Education Hour
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Communion

THE THIRD CANDLE IS PINK & IS THE
"Candle of Joy."
IT RECALLS THE JOY WE HAVE IN
KNOWING, LOVING, AND FOLLOWING
CHRIST – NO MATERIAL POSSESSION OR
GIFT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE JOY
WE HAVE IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

December 14th, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Greeting
Lighting of the Joy Advent Candle

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

Confession and Forgiveness
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Prayer

Baptism of August Allen Schmidt

First Reading: Psalm 91:1-16

THY WORD

Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32, 37

MY GOD IS SO GREAT

Children's Time

Sermon: Pastor Perry Aalgaard
TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Offering

Benediction/Dismissal

EMMANUEL



Third Sunday of Advent

NOTES



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 |
| Trisha Ferguson | Bookkeeper |
| John Adams, Sr. | Director of Development |
| Bob Chell | Sioux Falls Chaplin |

BeFriender Ministry Directors

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| Carol DeSchepper | Carol Platt | Tammy Carr |
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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 is always open; parents, guardians, or older siblings (5th grade and up) must stay in the nursery with younger children. The cry room is for nursing moms & infants.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*Michael & Kelsey Schmidt and family as August Allen is baptized today. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide them.

*The family of Clara Savage, who passed away last Monday. May God grant them comfort and hope. Her service will be January 19th, 2026.

*Aubrey LaFoy and family as they mourn the passing of Connie LaFoy. May God grant them comfort and hope. Her service will be on June 20th, 2026.

CONTACT US

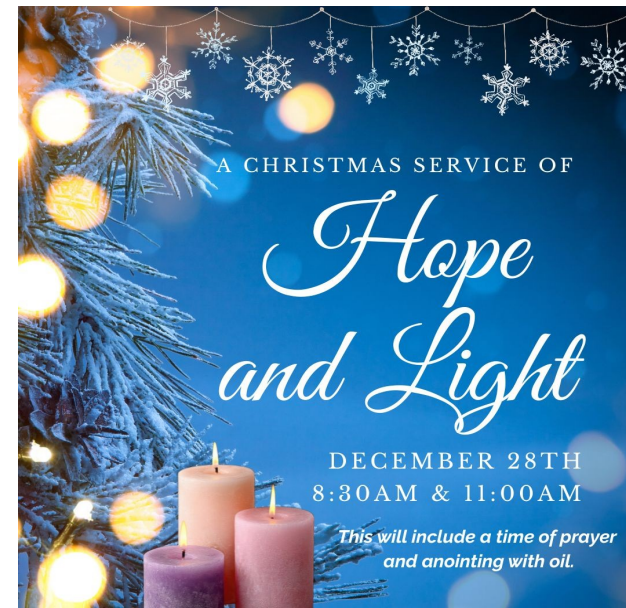
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4pm



Please note that the **8:30am service** is livestreamed. Attendees may be seen & recorded during our livestream at various times throughout the service.



FIRST CONNECTIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCHEON POTLUCK

This year we are trying something different! We will provide one main dish (scalloped potatoes and ham) and invite others to bring a dish to share if they wish. All are welcome to come for food and fellowship!

DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING

December's noisy offering will be going towards ELCA's Good Gifts. These gifts keep on giving and help improve the lives of people around the world. Your family could also choose their own animal to give. Catalogs and info are available on the kiosk in the entryway.

DAILY BIBLE RECAP READINGS READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Here are this week's daily readings:

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| 12/14 | Joshua 12-15 |
| 12/15 | Joshua 16-18 |
| 12/16 | Joshua 19-21 |
| 12/17 | Joshua 22-24 |
| 12/18 | Judges 1-2 |
| 12/19 | Judges 3-5 |
| 12/20 | Judges 6-7 |
| 12/21 | Judges 8-9 |



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