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## Pastor's Message

### Director of Music Ministry

There is a time and place for all matter under heaven, so says the author of Ecclesiastes. A time to be born and a time to die. The author does not include a time to sing and a time to refrain from singing, that's because in the house of the Lord, we are always ready sing and give thanks to God!

The congregation council is delighted to announce we have found a wonderful candidate to fill our Director of Music Ministry opening. Mallorie Egbers has accepted our offer to serve in this 20 hour a week position. She brings a wealth of education, knowledge and experience. She is a native of Iowa and a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls with a Bachelor of Arts in music education. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Sioux Falls Seminary (Luther House of Study) also in Sioux Falls. Mallorie is an organist, piano teacher, educator and choir director.

Mallorie is married to Pastor Scott Egbers, who has accepted a call to serve at Trinity Lutheran, here in Sioux City. They have two children, Elizabeth and Jonathan. They will be moving from Beardstown, Illinois, where they have recently served as organist and pastor, respectively.

Mallorie will begin her work with us in mid-February. Her primary responsibilities will include serving as our organist, directing the adult choir and developing music programs for all ages, with a variety of opportunities for us to sing and ring, praise and worship God. She has shared with me one of the primary reasons she was interested in our position was to create a ministry program for the congregation in which music is the primary focus. We look forward to warmly welcoming her, and her family, to our faith community.

With a new beginning, we recognize there are also endings. We have been thankful and privileged to have Terry Brooks serve as our pianist for the past two and half years. Terry has brought his musical gifts to our worship life especially in the areas of toe tapping and jazz inspiring! Terry came to us when we were in need and he has served us faithfully, weekly showing up to play and participate in our worship life, and to do whatever I would ask him to do! We also thank Carole Heider and Enola Peters who have served as our choir directors for the past eighteen months. As we develop a music program for First Lutheran, there will be places for all of us, including Terry, to participate, to sing praise to God, to ring a handbell or a chime, to learn new songs and sing familiar hymns.

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## THANK YOU

To all who made this Christmas season a joy and delight, we give thanks. Many hands served to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Thank you!

The 2020 envelopes are in the Narthex, please feel free to pick yours up.



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I am thankful to Enola Peters and Onee Iverson who served as the search committee for our Director of Music Ministry position. To the Worship and Music Committee members and the congregation council for leading us into the future. A future full of potential to sing a new song to the Lord.

God is doing a new thing and it is marvelous in our eyes! Join me in welcoming Mallorie Egbers to First Lutheran as our Director of Music Ministry.

*Pastor Kristine*

**SEASONAL WORSHIP**

Preparing for the Time after Epiphany

Epiphany is the season of light and our scripture texts and worship services will warm and reflect the light of Christ in the dark, cold days of winter.

In our worship life together, the new year begins with the coming of the Magi, the wisemen, who seek the newborn king. The magi were far from home, out of place. Along their way they would have traveled through strange places, meeting interesting people. Epiphany is a time for us to be aware and mindful of strangers to our community, those who are seeking something but do not know what.

Perhaps in this time after Epiphany there are some simple lessons to be learned. First, be mindful toward and caring of those who serve you as you go about your day. Do not take your waiter, grocery or gas assistant for granted. They are real people.

Second, when you travel you are both a guest and one bearing gifts. You bring something to give – new knowledge, a gentle smile, a different perspective.

Third, the strangers in our midst often understand us better than we understand ourselves. The great gift of the stranger is the opportunity to come to know them and to learn about ourselves in our encounter.

Worship during the time after Epiphany emphasizes the life of the baptized. On January 12 we observe the Baptism of our Lord. Baptism is a call, and based on John the Baptist's witness to Jesus, he initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found. We have an opportunity during this season to welcome the stranger and follow the Christ. Join us for worship!

## EPIPHANY WORSHIP

On **Sunday, January 5, 2020**, Rev. Wayne Gallipo, will preach and preside at worship. Following worship, during the adult forum, Pastor Wayne will share about his call to St Dymas in Sioux Falls and the prison ministry and congregation he serves.

On **Sunday, January 12, 2020**, Rev. Joy Gonnerman will preach and preside at worship. She will preach on the Baptism of our Lord. Both Wayne and Joy are new members to First Lutheran. We welcome them and their gifts among us.

On **Sunday, January 19, 2020**, Assistant to the Bishop for Western Iowa, Rev. Mike Kroona, will join us for worship and preach. Pastor Mike is visiting congregations throughout the Western Iowa Synod to meet and gather with members. We are delighted to welcome him to First Lutheran.

## 2020 Bread for the Day Devotions

Devotional books for 2020 are available in the office for \$10. These devotional books provide a biblical reading and prayer for each day of the year. If you are so inclined there is also a hymn to sing for each reading. Pick up your copy before they are gone!



## A Prayer Service for Christian Unity

**St Luke Lutheran Church, January 19, 2020, 3 pm**

Join with other Christian communities across Siouxland as we gather for a **Prayer for Christian Unity** worship service at St Luke Lutheran Church on **Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 3 pm**. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance. Bishop Lorna Haalaas, Western Iowa Synod and Father Brad Pelzel, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, of the Diocese of Sioux City, will lead this service of prayer.



## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the first **Sunday of February**. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a meal, a time of conversation and a report of the activities, programs and ministries of First Lutheran. We will provide advance copies of the annual report on the last Sunday in January.

Council members and committees will bring their yearly reports and we will discuss the ongoing ministry efforts of the congregation. Join other members in supporting this congregation with your interest in its programs and ministries.

The deadline for committee and program reports is **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**.

## Radio Broadcast Sponsor

There are several open dates to sponsor a radio broadcast. The sign up schedule is available in the Narthex.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2020 Nominating Committee has begun its work of identifying members of the congregation who would be willing to serve on the congregation council as well as committees of the church. There are many roles available and your gifts are needed. If you have an interest in serving in a leadership role please contact Pastor Kristine for more information.



## FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget  
\$4,903.85 / for the month of December \$24,519.25. As of December 23, income for December is \$19,787.00.



## First Lutheran Church Council Report, December 17, 2019

President:	Jim Lippke	Vice President:	Alison Hertenstein
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Nate Frein
Worship & Music:	Chris Taylor	Faith Formation:	Julie Thiele
Youth:	Jenny Denne	Mission:	Lori McClaren
Mission:	Candy Noonan	Operations:	Tom Bertram
	Pastor Kristine		

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, December 17, 2019**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- \* We have now completed the book Ask, Thank, Tell which we will use as a resource for planning future activities, stewardship and work.
- \* An ad was placed in the Siouxland Magazine to highlight all of the Christmas services available at all of the Sioux City ELCA congregations.
- \* The Nominating Committee of Janet Gross, Kaia Downing and Jen Snyder have been very busy and will have a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Thanks for all of their hard work!
- \* New members were received: Rev. Wayne Gallipo and Rev. Joy Gonnerman. WELCOME! The transfer of membership was approved for Don Kirschner from First Lutheran to Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. Diane Baker was also installed in October, her membership was approved earlier in the year.
- \* The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 following Worship.
- \* Payment will be made to Carole Heider as a reimbursement for medical bills following her fall in October 2019.
- \* Additional name tags will be ordered for those that may have been overlooked in the first order. Children's name tags will also be ordered. It has not yet been decided where the name tags will be kept for access and return to their proper location. Stay tuned!
- \* 42 persons attended the Trolley Christmas lights tour. It was a chilly, but fun, evening.
- \* The children's program was once again a success.



## Notes from Cindy, Our Faith Formation Director



### Epiphany

The revealing of God in his Son to the Nations of the World

Among the earliest Christians in the Eastern Church, Epiphany, January 6, was the important festival day celebrated around Jesus' birth. Epiphany marked the showing off of the baby Jesus to the magi, foreign visitors, who represent all of us from other nations who worship Jesus. In the Western Church, December 25 was chosen as the birthday date for Jesus as an alternative for the secular holiday declared by the Roman emperor for that day. This Christian festival day—Christmas—gradually became more important than Epiphany. Epiphany was known in the earliest Christian centuries as the “Feast of the Manifestation,” or the “Feast of Light.”

Epiphany has been observed in the Eastern Church from the second or third century A.D. It celebrated the fact that God became man more than the date of Jesus' birth. But eventually the Western Church's observance of Christmas overshadowed Epiphany, which was considered second only to Easter in importance by the Eastern Church.

Epiphany celebrates the discovery that someone has come, sent by God, to bring righteousness into our world and to reveal the amazing depth of God's love.

Images and words for Epiphany include the Magi, the star, light and gold, frankincense and myrrh. Water and wine are also Epiphany symbols to recognize Jesus' baptism and the wedding of Cana, where he performed his first miracle. White is the color of the actual Day of Epiphany, with green following for the remainder of the Epiphany season.

During the darkest, coldest days of winter, we see the light of Christ shining through the darkness.



### CONFIRMATION/ LLC INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

We hope it won't be necessary, but you never know when a snowstorm will roar into our area on a Wednesday evening, and we may need to cancel Confirmation/LLC classes. Here are our guidelines: If school is dismissed early due to bad weather, our evening classes are also cancelled. If school is not dismissed early, but weather conditions deteriorate in the late afternoon, please call ahead. We will attempt to send out emails and/or texts if we must cancel. If school has been closed for the day, we will not have LLC classes that evening.

### JANUARY 2020

Sunday, January 5:

Wednesday, January 8:

Wednesday, January 22

Sunday, January 26:

Sunday School Resumes

Confirmation and LLC Resumes (6:30-7:45 p.m.)

Confirmation Together (Grades 7 & 8) 5:30 – 7:45 Location TBD

Youth sing in worship





# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Happy New Year! 	<b>2</b> Pastor Vacation 10:00 Book Study in FR  6:30 Worship & Music Comm. (remove décor)  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>3</b> Pastor Vacation  7:00 AA in FH	<b>4</b> 10:00 - 12:00 Youth Working on Cans/ Bottles
<b>5</b> Pastor Vacation 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship 11:15 Adult Forum 5:00 - 9:00 Janet Gross in FH	<b>6</b> Pastor Vacation All Week  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in	<b>7</b>  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	<b>8</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  6:30 LLC in FH 6:30 Confirmation in Comm. Rm 6:30 Youth in YR	<b>9</b>  10:00 Book Study in FR  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>10</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>11</b> 9:30 - 12:30 Tammy Mahaney in FH
<b>12</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR  4:00 - 7:00 Rising Stars in Gym	<b>13</b> Pastor's Day Off  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>14</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study 5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 5:00 First Responders Support Group in SS Rm 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH 6:00 House & Grounds 6:30 Exec in FR	<b>15</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry 11:00 Adult Bible Study in FR 12:45 Staff Mtg. in FR  6:30 LLC in FH 6:30 Confirmation in Comm. Rm	<b>16</b>  10:00 Book Study in FR  12:30 Rachel Circle  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm.	<b>17</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR  3:00 Prayer for Christian Unity at St Luke Lutheran	<b>20</b>  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 6:30 Mary Circle 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>21</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH 6:30 Council in FR	<b>22</b> <b>Contact Deadline</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry 11:00 Adult Bible Study in FR 12:45 Staff Mtg. 1:00 Lydia Circle 6:30 LLC in FH 6:30 Confirmation Together @ Trinity Lutheran 6:30 Youth in YR	<b>23</b>  10:00 Book Study in FR  5:00 - 7:00 Soup Kitchen - Serve  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm.	<b>24</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>28</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study  5:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	<b>29</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry 11:00 Adult Bible Study in FR 12:45 Staff Mtg. in FR  6:30 LLC in FH 6:30 Confirmation in Comm. Rm	<b>30</b>  10:00 Book Study in FR  6:30 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg. in FR  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>31</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>Key</b> FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room CR = Choir Room SS = Sunday School Room Comm. Rm = Community Room

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
<b>Crucifer</b>	Tyler Hagan	Nissa Downing	Ian Hertenstein	Maryn Frein	Rylie Hermelbracht
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Bev Rosenkrans	Cindy Bennett	Mike and Tammy Mahaney	Nadine Holst Cheri Joslin	Annual Meeting
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	David and Janet Gross	Linda Nielsen Marlus Mammen	Ann Doellinger	Dan Moore Lori McClaren	Bruce Miller Chris Taylor
<b>Greeters</b>	Cheri and Larry Joslin	Jen Snyder Pam Richards	LaVonne Lundgren Linda Nielsen	Jenny Denne Jacob Simons Katherine Henshaw	Hillard Knutson Lee and Linda Bobier
<b>Layreader</b>	Gary Troth	Sarah Biorn	Jeanne Thune	Enola Peters	Janet Gross
<b>Radio</b>	Jim and Jeanne Thune	WELCA	Craig and Sandie LaMaster	WELCA	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Kaia Downing	Chris Taylor	Julie Thiele

**Ushers** Lee Knop, Mike Mahaney, Emma Webb, Keith Ashmore

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and let Carla know ASAP so the weekly bulletin is correct. Thank you.

### HELP NEEDED WITH OUR FOOD BANK MISSION

The first need we have is for someone with a pickup truck to go the Food Bank approximately once every 3 - 4 weeks to pick up the order for our pantry. The time for pick up is flexible and it does not have to be the same person every time.

Our second need is for there to be at least three people scheduled for the food distribution day (Wednesday mornings) instead of two since these volunteers are now also bagging the food as well. A few new faces and bodies are needed for this time!

Please contact Randy Burnight at 251-4955, Candy Noonan-Johnson at 251-9411, or Carla in the office if you have any questions or think you might be able to help out.



# FOOD PANTRY

## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
New Year's Day Pantry Closed	Ann Doellinger Dorothy Goettsch	Orville and Diane Kenowith	Katherine Henshaw Dorothy Chauncey	LaVonne Lundgren Karen Tagatz



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