

# The Light

January 18, 2012

## God's Mission for First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church will engage in a year-long planning process to develop a clear statement of missional identity and direction. God has a mission of salvation and renewal for all the world. God's mission includes the community of believers at First Lutheran Church. The question is how we give expression to God's particular and compelling call for First Lutheran.

There are basic questions that we need to ask in a visioning process. These questions help us focus our work and shared efforts.

- What is a simple statement that captures who we are as a community of believers and the outcome we are called to accomplish? (What is God calling First Lutheran to be about?)
- What is our mission field? Whom are we called to serve ?
- What are a key words that describe the distinctive character of this congregation?
- What does it mean to align our programs, our staff, our work together to accomplish God's mission to our mission field in keeping with the distinctive character of value and witness of this congregation?

### Description of the Process

**Vision Planning Team** – The church council will form a vision planning team of ten people. This team will guide the conversation, receive input from the congregation, and make recommendations to the council and congregation.

**Congregation Council** – The church council will receive recommendations from the vision planning team. The council will review staffing for mission and the organizational structure of committees and teams. The council will bring to the congregation proposals for action.

*“Discernment and wisdom happen when the people of God share in prayer, discussion, and reflection.”*

**Congregation** – The congregation will discuss and approve a final mission plan that addresses the important questions of identity, purpose, and plan. The congregation will participate early in the process through worship, responses to weekly devotions, Lenten Small Groups, and planning groups focusing on around welcome, worship, faith formation, service, and stewardship. The responses of the congregation will be given to the Vision Planning Team to review and prioritize.

**Multiple Streams Join to One Stream** – There are multiple streams of worship, learning, conversation, and planning that will ultimately join together in a common mission plan for congregation approval. Time is given in the process for the Spirit of God to speak through weekly worship, small group discussion, and planning groups.

### Steps Toward Building a Mission Plan

**Worship is Central** – The weekly scriptures provide important insight into God's mission and how this mission is lived out in congregations and our personal lives.

**The Spirit Works Through Community** – Discernment and wisdom happen when the people of God share in prayer, discussion, and reflection. The weekly devotions and opportunities for comment, the small group discussions and posting, are ways we learn from one another and gain deeper insight.

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“Why I Love to Give to FLC”

*Centered in Christ, we are Called, Gathered, Transformed, and Sent!*

## Winter Weather Cancellations

As much as we like to avoid the topic, last weeks brief slush led us to believe we should once again publish our “Winter Weather” guidelines.

It is our policy to cancel Confirmation and children’s choir rehearsal on Wednesday if Cedar Rapids schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather. All other groups, events or services, will meet as scheduled. Use your best judgment. If you don’t feel safe going out in inclement weather, stay home. We understand, and so does God.

If there are additional cancellations, we will also post them at the top of our website, or you can call the church office to be updated.

Please join us for the...

## Women’s Potluck Breakfast

*This Saturday,*  
**January 21, 9 to 11 a.m.**

We’re starting a new tradition!

Throw together a breakfast casserole, prepare some yummy sweet bread, purchase a jug of juice, or cut up some fruit—whatever says “breakfast” to you—and come on down to the Lutheran Fellowship Center on Saturday morning, January 21 at 9 a.m. for a potluck breakfast.

We’ll eat together and hear a story of faith from one of our very own First Lutheran women. Believe me, you won’t want to miss the story of the woman who will be sharing at the January breakfast. You’ll have to come to find out who it is. What a lovely way to get to know one another in this most important way...through sharing stories of our daily journey toward God.

You don’t have to sign up. **JUST SHOW UP!** (...with breakfast food to share)



## Mardi Gras Pancake Luncheon

**Sunday February 19 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Mark your calendars now! The FLY Folks will be hosting a Mardi Gras Pancake Luncheon with pancakes, meat, fruit, juice, milk, coffee and a number of our FLC groups tempting you with some of the best toppings around! This is a fundraiser for the Gathering so we will be accepting a free will offering.

Come join us after worship for a last fling before Lent and get fueled for the Annual Meeting which will follow at 1 p.m.

## Responses to Weekly Epiphany Devotions



Check out the devotions sent out each week by email, posted on the First Lutheran web site, and made available in the narthex. During January and February, the worship Gospel lessons describe how Jesus brings the mission of God into the world. The weekly devotions explore what it means to be a congregation in God’s mission as something more than just a religious organization offering programs.

Members are invited to respond to the question: What is the one thing God calls First Lutheran to be about? You can share your responses on the internet post by following the link at the bottom of each devotion, or by clicking the Epiphany banner on our homepage. Additionally, you can share your response on the Epiphany Reflection board in the narthex.

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## Keenager's Luncheon

Our Senior Adult Ministry Team invites members and friends age 60 and older to join them in the LFC for the next Keenager's Luncheon on Thursday, February 9, at 12 Noon. For our program we will enjoy a travelogue, "Lutheran Heritage" with Gary and Linda Hinzman. The menu will be beef stroganoff, 7-layer salad, rolls, and apple crisp. Reservations or cancellations for the \$5 lunch are required by 11 a.m. on Wednesday before each Thursday luncheon.

Looking ahead to March, we are bringing back the Accordion Delights of Darlene Suchomel for her fourth Keenagers engagement. Our menu will be roast pork, oven roasted potatoes, green beans rolls and ice cream.

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## Upcoming Adult Education

**"Strategic Planning for 2012 -  
A Spirit-led Conversation"**  
**Sunday, January 29**  
**9:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel**  
**Pastor Steve Knudson**

Pastor Knudson will present an outline of a planning process that will involve members of the congregation in a number of ways. See how Worship, Lent Small Group Discussion, Sharing of Insights, Planning Teams and a Steering Vision Team will be woven together in a year-long process that will lead to key insights and new directions for First Lutheran Church.

**"A Conversation on the 2012 Budget"**  
**Sunday, February 12 and 19**  
**9:30 a.m. in the Chapel**  
**Director of Administration, Gordon Epping**

As we approach the annual meeting, this is an opportunity to hear about and discuss the 2012 Budget and our financial hopes and challenges. We'll share the results of our end of the year Stewardship Campaign and talk in more detail about the year ahead. We hope you'll join us.

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**Worship during Epiphany** – During January and February, the worship Gospel lessons describe how Jesus brings the mission of God into the world. The weekly devotions will explore what it means to be a congregation in God's mission as something more than just a religious organization offering programs. Members are invited to respond to the question: What is the one thing God calls First Lutheran to be about?

**Worship during Lent** – The worship and small group theme for Lent is "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Through practices of welcome, worship, faith formation, service, and generosity, we both serve God's mission and

we meet God through them. A daily devotional will invite personal reflection. Lent small groups will provide opportunity for discussion. Each week, responses to selected small group questions will be posted. We will see how the Spirit of God is breathing insight in our midst.

**Worship during Easter** – During the weeks after Easter, we will follow the story of the early church in Acts. How are the basic practices talked about during Lent lived out in the Early Church?

**Planning Groups** – During the Spring and Summer, planning groups will be formed to address each of the practices

of welcome, worship, faith formation, service, and generosity. Through a guided four week process, each planning group will identify ways First Lutheran can strengthen these practices. They will pass on recommendations to the Vision Planning Team for consideration.

**Vision Team** – The vision team will serve as a steward of the process. They will participate in the congregation phases during Lent and Easter. The Vision Team will receive the recommendations and reflections and develop an overall strategic vision and plan for congregation approval.

**Ladies Night Out**  
will try the new Jersey's Restaurant on First Avenue. It is downtown in the former CR Chop House. We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. Please call Lori Nietert at 373-1412 if you are able to attend.

**The Bridge Players**  
will gather on February 19. Since this is the day of the Annual Meeting, we will begin playing at 2 p.m. Judy and Doug Torson are hosting next month so please contact them at 857-5300 if you are able to play.

## ATTENTION: Parents! (and kids who want to go to camp!)

Christian Summer Camp can be a life transforming experience for most kids. Studies of young adults who are still active in their faith community show that participation in a Christian Camp played a vital role in their faith development.

We invite your son or daughter to come along this summer for an exciting experience of living in Christian community with a camp counselor and other youth. FLC and the pastors are so committed to our youth attending camp that we offer scholarships for those attending a Christian camp this summer. Last summer we provided scholarships worth about \$3,300 to help 30+ youth attend camp.

Please turn in your registration to the church office by Sunday, February 19 to guarantee the Early Bird Discount for camp EWALU! You can still register after that early bird deadline, you will just not receive the discount. We will then pass along your registration and deposit with our scholarship contribution to the camp. All other correspondence should be directly with the camp and they will send you a statement on your remaining balance due.

**Register soon! Early bird deadline for EWALU is February 28 and slots always fill quickly. Camp EWALU brochures are available in the narthex.**

### *How do I apply for the scholarship?*

Once you've picked a camp and week then turn the following in to the church office  
1) your completed registration and  
2) a non-refundable deposit, **payable to the camp...not the church,**

Scholarships are \$100 for a week long camp or \$50 scholarship for mini-camp or Family Camp.

### *Reminder!*



It's time for Milestones Session 2! Grown-ups, please remember you must accompany your child to their Milestones class!

### January/February Session 2

Preschool (3s & 4s): January 22  
Grades K and 1: January 29  
Grades 2 and 3: February 5  
Grades 4 and 5: January 25

## Christmas Lock-in-December 16

About 60 youth and adults invaded the church for the evening on Friday, December 16 for our annual Confirmation Christmas Lock-in.

The evening included; food and games as well as breaking into groups and retelling the Luke and Matthew stories of the birth of Jesus in living pictures. Finally, we ended the evening with a worship of lessons and carols.

Thanks to all of the volunteers and youth who helped make this event happen.



### *8th Graders -*

Don't forget that you **WILL** have confirmation class on Wednesday, January 25 as part of the preparation for Confirmation College in May.

# 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering

## Meet the FLY Gathering crew:

Each month we're introducing you to a few members of the FLY group going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2012.



**Amanda Halvorson**

**What school do you go to?** I am a senior at Kennedy

**Why are you going to the Gathering?** I attended the last Gathering in New Orleans and it was so spectacular and made me feel good.

**What is something unusual about you?** Disorganization gives me panic attacks.



**Tara Sansenbach**

**What is your favorite ice cream?** Vanilla (with cinnamon)

**What is one thing you are hoping to do/experience at the Gathering?**

To connect with not only our youth, but adults/youth from across the country. To find a way to bring home and implement what we learn in New Orleans.

**Who is your favorite bible character?** Mary (Jesus' mom)



**Adam Rink**

**What school do you go to?** I am a sophomore at Kennedy

**What's been your best experience with Church?** Acolyting at the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or going on the Minnesota mission trip last year.

**What is one thing you hope to do/experience at the Gathering?** Being able to see the difference we make in someone's life.



**Alec Windenburg**

**What school do you go to?** I am a junior at Prairie High School

**What's been your best experience with Church?** The last day at Kaleidoscope on the Minneapolis service trip.

**What is one thing you hope to do/experience at the Gathering?** To help people and to meet at least 20 new people.



**When: Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5.**

**What:** Join with 14,000 other faith communities in helping to defeat hunger by

- 1) Bringing in items for the Linn Community Food Bank on Super Bowl Sunday. A list of needs will be available in the narthex on the weekend of January 28-29.
- 2) Place a donation of at least \$1 per person into the soup pots held by our youth and their families on that weekend. All funds go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

## Super Bowl Pizzas!

**Orders taken January 21-22 and 28-29**

The weekends of January 21-22 and 28-29 we will be taking orders for FLY Super Bowl Pizzas to raise money to attend the 2012 ELCA Gathering in New Orleans.

The cost is \$10 per pizza, payable when you order. We will be making cheese, sausage, and pepperoni pizzas. That way, you can personalize the pizza to your taste. This can be a great way to feed the crowd on Super Bowl Sunday! Order a few extra to put in the freezer!



# Cultivating Fruitfulness

You are invited to join the entire First Lutheran congregation for a Lenten Journey through worship, devotional reading and small group discussion. Together, these groups will work through a devotional entitled, *Cultivating Fruitfulness*. This book, coupled with our Small Group Discussion Guide, will guide the congregation through a time of discernment focusing on five core practices or qualities for a Christ following church – Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These practices capture the core ministries of our congregation and help us to understand our purpose and mission as disciples of Christ in the world today.

During this time we will not only will we seek to discern how we are practicing the qualities within our own personal discipleship, but we will ultimately be seeking to discern how we are practicing these qualities of ministry within our community at First Lutheran Church.

Each week in Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 26 (the Sunday after Ash Wednesday) we will focus on one of the practices described below. On Sunday mornings, you'll hear a sermon based on the lectionary texts that will begin our discussion of a particular practice. On Wednesday evenings, you'll hear a more focused message around the same practice. The devotional book, *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, will lead and challenge our thoughts and actions all week long. Small Groups will meet throughout the week to really dig-in to the material, discuss the details and discern how these qualities are actually

being lived out at First Lutheran. Our goal is to pray, practice, and deepen our knowledge and understanding of these practices as we strive to be a fruitful congregation for Christ.

This study is not just your typical Lenten study – you really won't want to miss this! What makes it so special? Well, this is the discernment portion of a year-long journey on which we (the entire congregation – members and non-members alike) are embarking to help us put words to what we are about at First Lutheran Church. Each week we will be collecting feedback from all participants which will be used later in the year to help shape this idea of who we are.

Your participation in this study is vital to the growth and shape of our congregation. We sincerely hope you'll join us!

## Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

**Cultivating Radical Hospitality** is about more than just welcoming people to church. It's about welcoming them to the Body of Christ, seeing all people as Jesus sees them, seeing Jesus in the people God brings before us.

*"Then [the king] said to his slaves, '...Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'" Matthew 22.8-9*

**Cultivating Intentional Faith Development** is a type of change that can only be found through the Holy Spirit which results in a deeper awareness of God's presence and will and an increasing desire to serve God and neighbor. While this is deeply personal, it is also radically relational as others help us interpret God's word for our lives.

*"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2.5*

**Cultivating Risk-taking Mission and Service** doesn't have to be an enormous undertaking, but what ever it is, it changes the lives of those who receive the help, it changes the lives of the volunteers, and in turn changes churches.

*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6.8*

**Cultivating Passionate Worship** regardless of style, is authentic, engaging, life-changing and is derived from the experience of God's presence, the desire of worshippers for God's word, the changed heart people deliberately seek when they encounter Christ in the presence of other Christians. An hour of passionate worship changes all the other hours of the week.

*"Let my people go, so that they may worship me." Exodus 8.1*

**Cultivating Extravagant Generosity** emphasizes extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of a love for God and the abundant grace he offers.

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." 1 Timothy 6.18-19*

# Lenten Group Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I get started?

Sign up! Pre-registration for new hosts and leaders as well as existing groups is beginning now. Simply fill out the form below, telling us about yourself and when you plan to hold your group meetings.

All hosts/leaders should attend the Leader Training on Sunday, February 12 at 8 a.m. in the LFC. We have lots of people who are looking to join groups. Individual registration will begin in February. You can also register online at [firstlutherancr.org](http://firstlutherancr.org).

## I want to host a group, but I don't have a group.

### How will this work for me?

Fill out the form below telling us you are willing to host a Lenten group. Attend the Leader Training to receive the Group Discussion Guide and other valuable information. Please contact Lindsey at 365-1494 x.114 or by email at [LindseyS@firstlutherancr.org](mailto:LindseyS@firstlutherancr.org) if you are unable to attend this training event.

## I (we) don't have a group, but I (we) want to join one.

### Are there groups for me??

Yes! There are groups for you. Individual registration will begin in February. You'll be able to choose from a list of open groups.

## How will I get a book?

Books will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the church office beginning February 5 and will cost less than \$10.

## When are the groups meeting?

Groups will meet for six weeks. Groups will be scheduled for various days/times throughout the week. They will first meet on their scheduled day during the week of February 19. The final group meeting during Lent will be held the week of March 25.



## Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Seize this opportunity and join First Lutheran as we focus on discerning how these five practices or qualities are lived out in the life of our church. Simply leave us some basic contact information, tell us if you are willing to host a new group or your existing group, and tell us when you can or will be meeting. Plan to attend the Host Training which will be held Sunday, February 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the LFC to receive important information related to hosting this study.

# Cultivating Fruitfulness

We are looking for Hosts for: *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, our 2012 Lenten Journey.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### My/Our Lenten Journey Faith Steps

- I/We will host a new group!**  
 Have a heart for our church family,  
 Open your soul & maybe your home for a five week study,  
 Serve some simple refreshments and  
 Tell your friends.  
 I/We will host at \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify location with home, church, or specific location)
- I/We will lead my existing small group, which is open to adding \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number) new members.**
- I/We will lead my existing small group which is full at this point in time.**
- I/We will attend the Host Training on February 12th @ 8:00 a.m. in the LFC.**

### My/Our Availability for Meeting

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| <b>First Preference</b><br>Day of the Week _____<br>Time:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Early Morning 6:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Morning 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon 12:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Evening 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. | <b>Second Preference</b><br>Day of the Week _____<br>Time:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Early Morning 6:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Morning 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon 12:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Evening 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Third Preference</b><br>Day of the Week _____<br>Time:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Early Morning 6:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Morning 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon 12:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Evening 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. | <b>Fourth Preference</b><br>Day of the Week _____<br>Time:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Early Morning 6:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Morning 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon 12:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Evening 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. |

Materials will be available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings February 5th through 25th.



One of our own awarded the 13th annual

## Dr. Percy and Lileah Harris

### “Who Is My Neighbor?” Award

at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

*First Lutheran Member Dave DeWolf received the highly-respected “Who Is My Neighbor?” award for his lifetime of serving the poor and marginalized in our community. Many people from*

*First Lutheran attended the event to support and celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and the continuing work of all those in Cedar Rapids who work for justice, peace, and neighborly love and, in particular, Dave DeWolf! Following is Dave’s bio that was in the award program:*

Dave DeWolf was born in Woodstock, Illinois and spent most of his childhood there with the exception of two year-long residences in Louisiana and California, as his family accompanied his dentist father on military assignments. Upon completing his studies at the University of Illinois with both a BS and MA in Electrical Engineering, he served four years in the USAF. During his Air Force years he was privileged to work on launching satellites with the U.S. Space Program. Dave’s civilian career included systems engineering, marketing, and program management positions. He served three years at Illinois Bell in Chicago, twenty-four years at Rockwell International, and twelve years at Westinghouse Technologies (WABTEC). While at WABTEC, Dave managed a program to rebuild the Iraqi railroad system which had been destroyed in the 2003 invasion. This experience provided first-hand knowledge of the challenges people face in a war-torn country, emboldening Dave’s desire for peace and justice at home and abroad. Dave retired in January, 2009.

Dave is devoted to his blended family which includes his wife Jeanie and five children—Greg DeWolf (Fairfax, VA), Jillian Knutson, JaneAnne Parker, Chris DeWolf, and Brandon DeWolf, the latter four living in the Cedar Rapids area. Dave is known as “Papa Wolf” to ten grandchildren.

For all of Dave’s adult life he has clearly had a passion for alleviating hunger, generously supporting Feeding America, UNICEF, and Care, and recently sponsoring children through World Vision.

At the local level, Dave was instrumental in getting the Saturday Evening Meal Program up and running at First Lutheran Church (FLC), volunteered with FLC throughout the summer of 2008 serving meals at Mission of Hope following the flood, and supported various local food drives.

It was a natural fit that following retirement, Dave was drawn to working with the Linn Community Food Bank. He currently serves as a board member, oversees the ordering and inventory of food, and speaks at area churches and organizations to clarify the needs of the hungry in our community.

Besides responding to food-related needs, Dave also has encouraged people to join him in purchasing hundreds of coats, hats and gloves to be distributed through Crossroads Mission... sometimes taking the coat off his own back to give to someone he encounters. During 2010 Dave also volunteered with the Block by Block organization supporting the rebuilding of the flood area. In this role he mowed lawns on a weekly basis and provided logistic support to out-of-town organizations that came to Cedar Rapids to help rebuild homes.

While enjoying his work with organizations, Dave is perhaps best known for walking beside individuals and families who are struggling for whatever reason. He has a keen eye for seeing what needs to be done and loses no time in using whatever means available to meet the need. On a daily basis you might find Dave providing transportation, meeting physical needs including providing beds, visiting incarcerated individuals, providing a compassionate, listening ear, or offering financial help to those in need—serving those he knows and strangers alike. In these roles Dave seems to epitomize Mother Teresa’s quote, “In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”

A man of deep faith, Dave’s church is dear to his heart. He has served at First Lutheran Church as Sunday School teacher, Council Member, Saturday Evening Meals Program leader and volunteer, Stewardship Committee member, Men’s Renovaré leader, Spiritual Transformation Team member, mentor, and numerous other volunteering opportunities. A frequent participant in the local Children of Abraham organization, Dave respects and values his neighbors of all faiths.



*Dave DeWolf making his acceptance speech at the award ceremony.*

Dave DeWolf thrives on working for peace and justice for everyone through his quiet, personal ministry of loving God and neighbor.

## Weekly Activities Schedule

### Worship Services

Saturday: 5:00 Traditional  
 Sunday: 8:00& 9:30 Traditional  
 Sunday: 11:00 Contemporary

### Education

Adult Education: 9:30, 10:45 Chapel  
 KidZone: 9:30 LFC  
 High School 9:30, YR

### Sunday

10:30 am Praise & Joy Reh, Nave

### Monday

1:00 pm Renovaré, Chapel  
 5:30 pm Renovaré, Chapel  
 6:00 pm Luther Bells, 316  
 7:00 pm Rhapsody Ringers, 316

### Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Chapel

### Wednesday

4:15 pm Cherub Choir, CR  
 4:45 pm MS Handbells, 316  
 5:00 pm Chapel Choir, CR  
 5:00 pm Lenten Supper  
 (begins Feb 22)  
 5:15 pm Youth Choir, Bal  
 5:30 pm HS Handbells, 316  
 6:30 pm Lenten Service  
 (begins Feb. 22)  
 6:30 pm Confirmation, Nave  
 6:30 pm Jubellation, 316  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir, CR  
 7:00 pm Small Groups  
 8:15 pm Cont. Singers, Balc.

### Thursday

6:45 am Men's Breakfast, LFC  
 10:00 am Bible Study, Chapel  
 10:00 am Renovaré, YR  
 1:00 pm Renovaré, YR  
 5:30 pm Praise & Joy Reh, Nave

### Friday

### Saturday

4:30 pm SEMP, LFC  
 5:00 pm Worship, Nave

### Activities Outside First Lutheran

*Second Friday 11:30 Deacon's Ministry Team, Panera West*

*Last Monday of the Month: Ladies Night Out: Various Locations  
 Contact Lori Nietert 373-1412*

### Care Center Worship Services

Cottage Grove Place	1st Friday	4:00 pm
The Meadows Apartments	2nd Saturday	1:00 pm
Living Center West	2nd Sunday	2:00 pm
Higley Mansion	3rd Sunday	10:30 am
Living Center East	4th Sunday	3:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 2012			1	2	3	4 <i>Healing Service</i>
5 <i>Healing Services</i>  Milestones 2nd & 3rd Grade  12:15pm- FLY, YR	6	7  6:10pm- Group Spiritual Direction, Chapel, Libraries	8  10 am- Senior Adult MT, Chapel	9  Noon: Keenagers, LFC	10	11  10:30 am- Community Concerns, Chpl
12  8 am- Lent Leader Training  9:30 & 10:45 Adult Ed., Chapel  9:15 & 10:30 Blood Pressure Checks, AL	13	14  9:30 am- Comfort Makers, LFC  5 pm- Evening Comfort Makers, LFC  6:30 Stephen Ministers, Chapel	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16	17	18
19  9:30 & 10:45 Adult Ed., Chapel 11:30-1pm- Marti Gras Pancake Fundraiser  1pm- Annual Meeting	20	21  7pm- Congregation Council, Chapel	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Noon Service, Nave 5:00 Supper, LFC 6:30 Service, Nave  No Confirmation	23  9:30 Comfort Makers, LFC  5 pm- Evening Comfort Makers, LFC	24	25
26  11am- Baptism Class, Chapel	27	28  6 pm- Grp. Spiritual Directors, 209  6:30pm- Stephen Min. Chapel	29  5pm- Dinner, LFC 6:30 pm- Worship Service, Nave 7:15pm- Small Groups Meet 7:15 Stations of the Cross Rehearsal, LFC 7:15 Adult Choir, Nave			

# February Worship Volunteers

Healing Services	Feb 4, 8:00 AM	Feb 5, 8:00 AM	Feb 5, 9:30 AM	Feb 5, 11:00 AM		Feb 11, 5:00 PM	Feb 12, 8:00 AM	Feb 12, 9:30 AM	Feb 12, 11:00 AM
Acolyte			Ella Wolle Nile Happel	Ellie Anderson Emma Parker	Acolyte			Brad Zimmerman Allissa Schwarting	Emily Mickelson Anna Mickelson
Altar Guild	Rose Ann Jensen, Mary Van Houten, Jean Kvach, Lisa Williams				Altar Guild	Rose Ann Jensen, Mary Van Houten, Jean Kvach, Lisa Williams			
Choirs		Chapel Choir	Adult Choir	Luther Bells	Choirs		HS Bells	Adult Choir	MS Bells & Choir
Coffee Host			Lori Willett Pat Switzer Connie Lander		Coffee Host			Carroll Schneider Anne Lenzen Phil Lenzen	
Communion Assistant		Deb Schamberger Cindy Dietz Mark Scheumann	Ruth Hansen Shirley Benfer Oline Stigers Ryan Koester Rose Gordon	Bruce Barnes Beth Hanna Kim Wesbrook Bill Lottes Darla Parks Lori Musil	Communion Assistant		Roger Stigers Doug Dyrland Sarah Olmstead	JoAnn Wood Mark Schwarting Anne Jahnke	Peggy Musil Dan Musil Kandy Sands
Communion Clean-up		Doug Johnson Anita Johnson	Claire Phelps Theresa Lent		Communion Clean-up		Jo Ann Scheer Betty Kruse	Todd, Lisa & Krista Anderson Jody Comried	
Greeter	Shirley Stickney Larry Stolte	Connie Kennedy Amy Hansen Nancy Scheumann	Michelle Kline Eric Kline Tracie Coppess	Rich & Pauline Goldsberry Leena Kacera	Greeter	Lottie Sands Nick Hansen	RanDee Hupp Nancy Scheumann Betty Lietz	David Schroeder Nancy Schroeder John Lepse	Jocelyn Wood Nancy Ketchum Sela Gonlubol
Lector/Liturgist	Vicki Hughes	Ted Bey	Katie Chism		Lector/Liturgist	Scott Beaty	Thomas Cleveland	Mary Kay Grodt LaVern Gordon	
Nursery			Connie Stusak Dana Rohrsen	Hayley Wesbrook	Nursery			Nicole Chavez Kelli Stodola	Connie Stusak
Prayer Team				Sue Fletcher	Prayer Team				Liz Stansbury Fred Stieglitz
Projectionist	Michael Sinnott	Chris Hansen	Kyle Kazimour	Shane Wesbrook	Projectionist	Mike Humbert	Max Stark	Ruth Hallquist	Jacob Bartels
Radio	Harlan Hanson				Radio	Harlan Hanson			
Usher	Larry Rustand Theresa Brandon	Tammy Lutz Inez Lensch Dave Lensch Paul Dillon	Joel Rochleau Karen Moore Alice Wasson Dan Bryant	George Palmer Steve Opp	Usher	Rose Ann Jensen Paul Jensen	Tammy Lutz Inez Lensch Dave Lensch Tom Schamberger	Joel Rochleau Karen Moore Alice Wasson Evelyn Moore	George Palmer Steve Opp
Healing Prayer Team		Micky McNiel	Roger Stigers Mary Krivit Dave DeWolf	Dennis LaGrange Vicki Finkstein Jenny Schulz Liz Stansbury					

	Feb 18, 5:00 PM	Feb 19, 8:00 AM	Feb 19, 9:30 AM	Feb 19, 11:00 AM		Feb 25 5:00 PM	Feb 26, 8:00 AM	Feb 26, 9:30 AM	Feb 26, 11:00 AM
Acolyte			Rhett Ruzicka Riley DeWolf	Hannah Borsay Emily La Grange	Acolyte			Hallie Cooper Jonathan Melander	Nick Vsetecka Haleigh Houston
Altar Guild	Rose Ann Jensen, Mary Van Houten, Jean Kvach, Lisa Williams				Altar Guild	Rose Ann Jensen, Mary Van Houten, Jean Kvach, Lisa Williams			
Choir		Luther Bells	Contemp. Choir	Cherub Choir	Choir	Chapel Choir	MS Bells & Choir	Jubellation	
Coffee Host			Carroll Schneider Krista Anderson Penny Preston		Coffee Host			Carroll Schneider Dean Arneson Linda Arneson	
Communion Assistant		Mark Scheumann Roxanne Rieder Tony Rieder	Rose Gordon Lori Nietert Vicki Hughes	Dennis LaGrange Jenny Schulz Ruth Ehrhardt	Communion Assistant		Connie Kennedy Sarah Olmstead Tom Olmstead	Shirley Benfer Anne Jahnke Paul Hagen	Dave DeWolf Kim Wesbrook Peggy Musil
Communion Clean-up		Barb Dietz Bob Dietz	Judy Bryant Dylan Howard		Communion Clean-up		Leigh Haug Julie Haug	Judy Bryant Faye Birky	
Greeter	Jacob Woodburn Jeff Woodburn	Nancy Scheumann John Faurote Pat Wedemeier	Lindsey Parks Edna Mator Maureen Hunt	Cheryl Zapf Marcie Watson Theresa Lent	Greeter	Cathy Jansa Dawn Woodburn	Jim Kennedy Dorothy Lutz Nancy Scheumann	Gloria Larson David Johnson Bob Kummer	Lori Houston Sam Houston Lauren Houston
Lector/Liturgist	Robin Wagner	Cindy Dietz	Carol White		Lector/Liturgist	Mary Kay Grodt	Mariah Hurley	Marilyn Dyrland	
Nursery			Anne Jahnke Shirley Bradley	Glorie Borsay	Nursery			Suzi Cooper Nicole Chavez	Hayley Wesbrook
Prayer Team				Bill & Sue Lottes	Prayer Team				Sue Fletcher
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## Please include in your Prayers...

### 50+ Anniversaries in February!

Eugene and Ruth Dyrland, 64 years on February 14.  
Ann and Everett Lunning, 68 years on February 3.  
Charles and JoAnn Scheer, 59 years on February 15.

### 90+ Birthdays in February!

Jack Bartlett, 95 years young on February 22.  
Carl Crane, 91 years young on February 20.  
Cleo Edwards, 91 years young on February 10.  
Arlene Mineck, 95 years young on February 11.

**Hospitalized:** \*released as of January 16.

### St. Lukes Hospital

Larry Lundgren*	Laurie Franks*	Tim Lafrenz*
David Schroeder*	Joe Johnson*	Daleigh Haug*
Charlotte Edwards*	Don Buss*	CJ May*
Dorothy Topping*	Kay Gloe*	Mary Johnson*
Edith Winistorfer*	Ariel Early	Donald Boyer

### Mercy Hospital

Walter Benson\*

### U of I Hospital

Amaya Sumner      David Hansen\*

### Our Sympathy to:

Katie and Pastor Craig Brown and family, on the death of  
Katie's father, Craig Newkirk.

Connie Gaumon on the death of her uncle, Walter Baack.

Evelyn Swanson on the death of her husband, John Swanson.

Ruth Krebs, Steven Krebs, Wendy Scheer, family and friends  
on the death of their husband & father, Alvin Krebs.

Jan Slaughter on the death of her father, Richard, "Dick"  
Miller.

The family and friends of Lavon Flugga.

## FIRST LUTHERAN WORSHIP GUIDE

**Saturday Evening Worship:** 5:00 p.m.

**Traditional Worship:** 8 & 9:30 a.m.

**Contemporary Worship:** 11 a.m.

*This information is preliminary and subject to change.*

### **January 21 & 22 - The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Preaching:** Pastor Steve Knudson

**Choirs:** 8:00 - Middle School Choir and Handbells  
9:30 - Adult Choir  
11:00 - High School Handbells

### **January 28 & 29 - The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Preaching:** Pastor Craig Brown

**Choirs:** 5:00 - Jubellation  
8:00 - Cherub Choir  
9:30 - Contemporary Singers

### **February 4 & 5 - The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Healing Service Sunday**

**Preaching:** Pastor Steve Knudson

**Choirs:** 8:00 - Chapel Choir  
9:30 - Adult Choir  
11:00 - Luther Bells

### **February 11 & 12 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Preaching:** Pastor Craig Brown

**Choirs:** 8:00 - High School Handbells  
9:30 - Adult Choir  
11:00 - Middle School Choir/Handbells

**Fellowship** — Join others for snacks and refreshments  
in the narthex. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and snacks are  
offered Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Rides for Worship** — Rides can be pre-arranged for  
weekend services. Call Wendy Kemmann in the  
church office for information.

**Radio Ministry** — First Lutheran reaches the communi-  
ty by radio on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on KMRY  
1450 AM or their new simulcast at 93.1 FM.

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## A Congregation Gathering Coming to a Neighborhood Near You

During 2012, a series of neighborhood gatherings will be scheduled to give people an opportunity to get better acquainted with Pastor Steve. Member families will host local gatherings. These gatherings will include both an informal time for conversation and a structured conversation with Pastor Steve. Pastor Steve will share about his life. Pastor Steve also wants to hear from members their own experiences and their hopes and dreams for First Lutheran Church.

Some gatherings will be invitations to specific neighborhoods. Some gatherings will be organized by age groups and or by larger regions. Special thanks to Anne Jahnke, Church Council, for serving a council lead for this ministry effort. If you would be open to host a neighborhood gathering at your home, please contact Vicki Hughes at the First Lutheran Church office, [vickih@firstlutheran-ancr.org](mailto:vickih@firstlutheran-ancr.org) or 365-1494 x.101.

## "Why I Love to Give to First Lutheran" by Marilyn Duning

I have been a member of First Lutheran Church for 10 years. I came from a very small church. My friends said I would be lost and only a number. I never had that feeling. Being an inquisitive person I looked into all the various opportunities and there are many. The staff was very helpful helping with the survey and telling about the different interests. Everyone was so warm and caring. The music department is the greatest and the pastors sermons give much to think about all week.

I am proud to be an American and love this country. However I feel we are going through a very difficult time. For me the church can and will be the peace maker that the nation desperately needs. A place where I can give and feel confident that 100% of my total contribution (not just a percentage) is helping in many ways to support what the nation and our city needs to bring peace.

For these reasons I have pledged to increase my giving to First Lutheran in 2012; I encourage you to join with me. Thank you!

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