

# FOCUS ON FIRST

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 822 DOUGLAS STREET, ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308

Our Mission:  
"Reaching Seekers, Building Believers"

DECEMBER 2011  
JANUARY 2012

Saturday Worship 5:30 PM  
Sunday Worship 8:30/9:45/11:00 AM  
Kingdom Kids [S.S.] 8:45/10:00 AM

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Begin your celebration of the Christmas Season with a trip to the manger... The Living Nativity will be presented on Saturday, December 3, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. New this year: Five different scenes will tell the story of Jesus birth. Many actors/actresses will portray Mary, Joseph, the Wiseman, Angels, and the Shepherds. Live animals will complete the scenes. "Drive Through" from the intersection of 8th Ave W and Douglas Street to view the Living Nativity. The Living Nativity is a gift from First Lutheran Church to the community.

*We worship with Carols and Candles*

*Saturday, December 17th at 5:00 and 7:00 PM*

*This year Carols and Candles is expanding to two services so that we can accommodate all who want to experience it. It will be on Saturday, December 17th at 5:00 and 7:00 PM. Please note that the Saturday service will be one half hour earlier. This special service features the Chancel Choir, the Alleluia Ringers, the Gospel 4, the Praise Team, the KJCK and FLSJM choirs, the Brass Ensemble, and organist Randy Morken. We appreciate the dedication of these people who meet weekly throughout the year to rehearse. We thank the directors Mary Morken, Anna Koudela, and*



*We invite you to worship on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th*

*at 10:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, or 10:00 PM. New this year: the 10 AM service.*

*This 10 AM service will be geared toward families with young children. The added 10 AM service should help alleviate some of the congestion we have experienced in the past and also allow those of you who are traveling to get an earlier start. The afternoon and evening services are traditional festival services. Candlelight will be added during the 7 and 10 PM services. All services will include Holy Communion.*

*We remind you that the 10:00 PM service will be broadcast on KXRA radio,*

*station 1490 AM. If you'll be out of town you can still enjoy Christmas Eve with your First Lutheran family... go to [KXRA.com](http://KXRA.com) and select "click here to listen to live online."*

*On Sunday, Christmas Day we will have one service at 9:45 AM with Holy Communion.*



Christmas  
Eve  
Services

## Advent at First

### *Journey to Light*

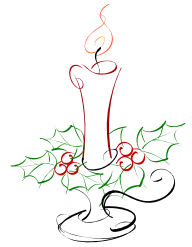
The theme for Advent this year is *"Journey to Light."*

There will be a different look and approach to advent at First.

Join us in worship as we prepare ourselves, and invite the *light of Christ* to lead us.



First week of Advent November 26/27:	<i>Lighten</i> our Load
Second week of Advent December 3/4:	<i>Light</i> the Way
Third week of Advent December 10/11:	<i>Light</i> of the World
Fourth week of Advent December 17/18:	<i>Light</i> of Promise
Christmas Eve December 24:	<i>Light</i> in our Darkness
Christmas Day December 25:	The <i>Light</i> has Come



### **RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN**

There are two important projects that have recently been completed at First Lutheran. The Sanctuary roof was re-shingled and some major repairs were done to the church bus. A loan was taken out to enable the church to complete these projects.

The goal of the "Raise the Roof" Campaign is to raise \$40,000 over the next few months to take care of this loan in a timely manor. Your help is needed to achieve that goal. To contribute to the campaign, all you need to do is pay for a shingle on the "raise the roof" display in the main hallway at church. To do so fill out the information on one of the cards from the display, and include it with your contribution in one of the campaign envelopes provided. Your gift can be turned in to the office, the Welcome Center, or dropped in the offering plate.

Shingles can be purchased for \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, or \$25.00. It will take each one of us, coming together and giving an over and above our regular offering to achieve this goal. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

*Let's Raise the Roof!*

### **Friendly Visitors offer Greeting Cards...**



This year the Friendly Visitor Board wants to encourage you to take the time to send a Christmas Greeting to someone who may be lonely or unable to be out and about. We believe this effort is so important that we are offering to provide you with some Christmas cards to send to the people of your choice. During the first 2 weekends in December, cards will be available at the Welcome Center. A list of our known homebound folks will also be there if you want suggestions on who could use a card this season. Thanks for partnering with us to love and care for one another!

### **All the children and staff at Community Preschool of First Lutheran Church wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!**



We've been very busy getting ready to celebrate the best gift ever – baby Jesus! The children are learning songs and poems, practicing the nativity play, doing some Christmas baking and many more activities. When the children practice the story of Jesus' birth it is so sweet to watch. They know the story well and are anxious to play a part. Our families are coming to see an evening program the children are putting on. It will be in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a Holiday potluck buffet of yummy treats each family is bringing.

Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends and remembering why we are so joyful.

During this exciting time of year children may need some activities to keep them busy. Here are a few ideas:

- \*Give them some plain paper and crayons or stampers and ink and let them decorate their own "wrapping paper"
- \*Let them pretend to bake cookies by giving them aprons, bowls, spoons, cookie sheets, containers of sprinkles (tightly taped shut!) etc.
- \*Make a chain of colored paper and remove one each night at bed time prayers as a count down until Christmas
- \*Have them decorate cards to use as Thank You notes.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending our preschool, please ask them to call us at 763-5293.

Kristie Stratton, Melisa Schueler, Elise Kronberg, Helen Maier, Christy Coyer, Kristen Peterson

### Gift Deliveries that Give Back

Celebrate the Christmas spirit and help deliver gifts to the shut-ins and those who have lost a loved one this past year. Many hands make light work, so join us on Monday, December 5th at 1:30 p.m. We may be giving them something, but those who do the delivering usually end up receiving much more than we give. We look forward to working on this event together.

### Challenge Gifts for World Hunger

More than 30 million people (including 12.6 million children) experience hunger or the risk of hunger in the United States. This is roughly 11% of the population. How do we respond? ELCA World Hunger not only works globally to help those in need, it is also active in all synods of the ELCA, providing grants to partner organizations and congregations active in the fight against hunger in their communities. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support programs around the country helping people to get back on their feet. As part of giving thanks during this holiday season and always, please put your gift in the blue CHALLENGE ENVELOPE found in your offering packets, or mark a pew envelope WORLD HUNGER - we can make a difference in the lives of many people.

### Chocolate Bars, Coffee Tea and Almonds

These items will be on sale every Sunday before Christmas, between worship services at the Mission/Recycling Center in the west narthex (the parking lot entry). We have various coffee flavors at \$7.00, candy bars for \$2.00, tea for \$4.00, and almonds for \$5.00. The proceeds from these items go right back to the farmers and their families to help them live productive lives.

### First Lutheran is assigned New Missionaries

As First Lutheran bids farewell to the Hartwigs, we welcome our new missionaries.

For the last six years we have sponsored Dr. Kristopher and Rebecca Hartwig as our missionaries in Tanzania. They have worked in the area of hospice and palliative care. It was good to hear from them on the weekend of November 12 and 13. They have finished their term as missionaries in the ELCA Tanzania and have returned to the US permanently.

First Lutheran is engaged in mission and has always had a strong tie to the missionaries we have helped to sponsor. Now that the Hartwigs have completed their work we have been assigned new missionaries.

We will now support Reverend Fred and Gloria Strickert. Pastor Strickert serves as a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, Israel. We already have a connection with Pastor Strickert in that he welcomed and spoke to our group from First Lutheran when we traveled to Israel in October of 2010.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year, The Mission Committee

**MISSION POSSIBLE**

### *~ Money \$ Matters ~*

*“Abundance”* What do we mean when we say that we serve a God of Abundance? In a world where so few people have so much and so many have so little, can we really say that God is abundant? When we read the Bible we cannot escape the concept. The word abundance (abundant, abundantly) appears 146 times in the NRSV Bible. The Bible depicts a God of abundance who shares. The Bible also describes the abundance of humanity and how this can be used for good and for ill.

Who is this God of abundance? God abounds in steadfast love for God's creation. God is abundant in power, in forgiveness, in mercy, and in goodness. God showers the earth with rain, watering the earth and giving growth to the seeds. God offers his people salvation, wisdom, knowledge, and the promise of an abundant life.

As people of God we have the responsibility to recognize the provider of this abundance that is ours. We recognize that God is the creator, sustainer, and the giver of all things. We are only the stewards of his gifts. This recognition of God as the source of our abundance is what moves us to genuine generosity. Through this process of the genuine sharing of our abundance we will discover that there is more than enough for all, and we will re-discover God's abundance in our own lives.



To purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, stop by the office or the Welcome Center to complete an order form. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each.

All orders received on or before December 18th will be published in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletins.



(When you bring your plants home find a place where they will receive indirect sunlight, ideally for at least six hours a day, and water them only when the soil feels dry. If you have only direct sunlight, it is best to filter it through a sheer curtain. Their ideal temperature while blooming is 68 to 70 degrees, so when you are comfortable so are your room brightening poinsettias.)



## "Be thankful for the blessings given in 2011"

Parish Health Notes  
from Val Trumm, RN and Arlyn Davis, RN

Parish Health Office Hours:  
Thurs.'s 12:30 to 2:30 PM and by appointment; blood pressure checks available.



We wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy New Year!**

The Care Team (pastors & parish nurses) are looking for volunteers ...to help deliver Christmas gifts/food to area families. If you are willing to give of your time in this way during the week before Christmas, contact your parish nurses! (*This is a separate request from the one made on the Mission Possible page*)

**11 for 2011: Important Ways to Assess Your Health...**last but not least....

**#11...Mood & Behavior Screens...**some valuable health checks come in the form of questions from your doctor! You may be asked how much sleep you get and how often you exercise. You may also be asked about your mood and your use of alcohol. With regards to depression, doctors can often determine whether a more detailed assessment or referral is needed simply by asking 2 questions: "Over the past 2 weeks, have you felt down, depressed or hopeless?" and "Over the past 2 weeks have you felt little interest or pleasure in doing things?" Just as getting enough sleep and exercise can help to elevate our moods, overuse of alcohol works to further depress our moods. As we celebrate the holidays and journey into the new year, it's important to consider all of these areas of our lives that can work to either promote health & wholeness or to diminish it. If you have concerns about these things, talk with your doctor as there are strategies & treatments available to benefit our well-being!

Be aware of SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)...During the fall & winter months, some people experience symptoms of depression that can appear gradually or come on all at once. These symptoms usually go away during the spring and summer months. Some signs of SAD include fatigue, lack of interest in normal activities, social withdrawal, craving foods high in carbohydrates & weight gain. Increased exposure to sunlight can improve SAD's symptoms. This can be a walk outside or arranging your home or office so that you are exposed to a window during the day. If you are concerned about SAD, speak to your parish nurses or your doctor.

### Other Important Info:

- **Worldwide Children's Memorial Day Candlelight Service...**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 221 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Alexandria. This is a non-denominational gathering to honor all children who have died at any age, from any cause. Nursery available during the service. For information call Trina #763-6317 or Kathy #763-5781.
- **Medicare Part D Enrollment Dates...**are October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> this year...be sure to check your current plan, as medication formularies change each year. Contact Deb Shea at 320/762-2974 for assistance.
- **Tuesday Walkers at the Mall...**are now meeting at 10:30 a.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. for these winter months until we start our Faithfully Fit Forever classes in the spring. Come join us for fun as well as staying fit!
- **Remember to get your flu shot!**

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,*

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

*John 8:12*

**Do you love to knit or crochet?** Two options are available for you here at church... The first option is making a prayer shawl that will be given to folks with health concerns, or who may have lost a loved one, or could be struggling with any number of other issues. When the prayer shawl is placed around their shoulders they are told to think of it as Jesus wrapping his arms around them to comfort them. The second option is making baby sweaters and hats for our baptism ministry. These sweaters can be made in size 6 months to 1 year, in any color or pattern style you prefer. At the time the child is baptized the parents receive a gift bag with a "faith formation" monthly newsletter (sent each month for 3 years), a blanket with a crocheted edge and the child's name embroidered on it, a candle to remember their baptism date, and a baby sweater and hat. If you'd like to help with these ministries, please contact the church office for greater details.

**2011 Luther Crest BAKE SALE ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Please (X) your choice of pick-up dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dec 9, 3-6PM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, Dec 16, 3-6PM OR \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dec 19, 8AM-12PM

<b>COOKIES \$4.00 / DOZ</b>	<b>BREADS \$4.50</b>	<b>CANDIES \$4.25</b>
_____ Russian Tea Cakes	_____ Cranberry Orange Nut	_____ Chocolate Fudge (no nuts)
_____ Peanut Blossoms	_____ Cranberry Orange	_____ Nut Clusters
_____ Christmas Cut-Outs	_____ Amish Friendship	_____ Snowballs
_____ Thumb Prints	_____ Caramel Rolls	_____ Nut Goodies
_____ Spritz, plain	_____ Lemon Tea	_____ Salted Nut Bars
_____ Spritz, dipped	_____ Pumpkin Nut	_____ Peanut Butter Cups
_____ Chocolate Cherries	_____ Banana	
_____ Almond Crescents		
_____ Monster Cookies	<b>PIES \$7.00</b>	<b>ASSORTMENT TRAYS</b>
_____ Peppermint	_____ Dutch Apple	<i>(Bakers' Choice)</i>
_____ Cran Hooty Creeks	_____ Pecan	_____ 4 doz cookies & candies
_____ Andes Candies	_____ Pumpkin	_____ 2½ doz cookies & candies

Cookies: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.00= \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candies: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.25= \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pies: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00= \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breads: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.50= \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*BALANCE DUE \_\_\_\_\_**  
 Assorted trays:  
 (4 doz) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00= \_\_\_\_\_ [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org)  
 (2½ doz) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.50= \_\_\_\_\_ **320.846.2431**

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a church home, we will be offering our Faith & Life @ First orientation for new members on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. A light dinner will be served while we get to know one another, learn a bit about the Lutheran faith, and hear about what it means to live in community at First. You may sign up for the orientation at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office.



**Adult Volleyball Players**

Join us for a low-key evening of fun, physical activity & fellowship in the Luther Crest Bible Camp gym.

**Sundays** January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

- Must be age 18 or older
- Open to all skill-levels
- No set teams – we'll number off and switch it up
- No weekly commitment, just show up whenever you can

If you have questions, contact Terri Lee, Volunteer Ministry Coordinator, at 762-2196.

**Family Ski Trip**

**Big Mountain, Whitefish, MT**

Sponsored by First Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Catholic Church

**March 15-21, 2012**

Packages Include:

- Roundtrip coach rail on Amtrak from Staples, MN to Whitefish, MT
- 4 nights lodging
- 3 days lift tickets
- Taxes
- Transfers
- Coach bus transportation to & from train depot in Staples, MN



There is limited space available, first come first serve!

Registration forms located in at the Welcome Center & in the Church Office.

For more information please contact Kim Taylor at 762-2196.

Registration and \$125 deposit due December 5

All women are invited to join the **Women on Wednesday** (WOW) Bible study that meets every other Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Family Room.

On January 4, 2012, we will begin "**Good God Questions**", a DVD produced by professors from Luther Seminary. Some of the questions we will be discussing are "Why does God allow suffering?", "If I am forgiven, why will I be judged?", and "How do I know the Holy Spirit is active in my life?" Pack a bag lunch and join the group over your lunch hour!



Minnesotans are encouraged to drop off your old, broken holiday lights at any participating location during the holiday season as part of Recycle Your Holidays™. **The partners and the program:** The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM), in partnership with the Clean Energy Resource Teams, is again launching *Recycle Your Holidays™* for the 2011-2012 holiday season. This first-of-its-kind effort began in 2009-2010.

**Recycle Your Holidays™ recycles every part of the light strings.** Even the little lights are recycled by another project partner, Green Lights Recycling. The goal last year was to recycle 50,000 pounds of lights which was more than doubled! This year's goal is to recycle over 200,000 light strands and to encourage Minnesotans to use LED light strands instead, which will save a lot of energy.

**This is a great chance to combine recycling with energy efficiency.** Now is the time to get rid of broken light strands and upgrade to new, high-efficient LED holiday lights. According to the Department of Energy, running LED holiday lights on one 6-foot tree for 12 hours per day for 40 days can save 90% or more energy when compared to traditional incandescent holiday lights. Over the past two years, Recycle Your Holidays™ has saved 2.7 million kWh with 280,000 lbs of lights recycled because recycling is more efficient than creating new metal from scratch. This amounts to a bit over \$200,000 in avoided energy costs!

**Jefferson Sr. High School**, at 1401 Jefferson Street in Alexandria is a drop off/collection site for your broken light strands.

Look for green collection bins in area stores as well.




# DECEMBER


- 12/3 **Christmas Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**  
**9:00 –11:15** Grades 1-6  
 -Children meet in the Sanctuary  
**11:15-12:30** 3 Year Olds, 4/5 Year Olds, & Kindergarten  
 -Children meet in their classrooms first
- 12/3 **ALL NEW Living Nativity!**   
**Drive through 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
- 12/4 **Kingdom Kids**  
 -Christmas Program Rehearsal entire sessions 8:30/9:45  
 -Luther Crest in Worship and Kingdom Kids!
- 12/7 **KICK**
- 12/10 **Christmas Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**  
**9:00 –11:15** Grades 1-6  
 -Children meet in the Sanctuary 
- 12/10 **5:30 Christmas Program during worship**  
 3 Year Olds 4/5 Year Olds & Kindergarteners present:  
**"The Journey to Bethlehem"**  
 -Children should meet in their classrooms @ 5:20 pm
- 12/11 **NO Kingdom Kids @ 8:30/9:45 Worship Services**  
**11:00 Christmas Program during worship**  
 Grades 1-6 present:  
**"The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team"**   
 -Children should meet in the Fellowship hall at 10:45
- 12/14 **KICK Christmas Service Projects / Celebrations**
- 12/18 **Children's Christmas Store**   
**8:00-11:30** in the Fellowship Hall
- 12/18 **Kingdom Kids Christmas Lessons**  
 There IS Kingdom Kids during both 8:30 and 9:45 am  
 Worship Services. This is a fun day for ALL Kingdom  
 Kids to come and celebrate Jesus' Birthday! Kids can  
 shop in the Christmas store before or after Kingdom  
 Kids. The Children's Christmas Store is NOT meant to  
 replace Kingdom Kids.
- 12/21 **NO KICK**
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve**  
**Worship Services**  
**10:00** Service designed for families with young children  
**1:00, 3:00 & 5:00** Traditional Services  
**7:00 & 10:00** Candle Light Services 
- 12/25 **Christmas Day / Merry Christmas!**
- 12/25 **NO Kingdom Kids Worship at 9:45 ONLY**
- 12/28 **NO KICK**

# JANUARY

- 1/1 **NO Kingdom Kids Happy New Year 2012!**
- 1/3 **School Resumes**
- 1/4 **KICK Resumes!**
- 1/8 **Kingdom Kids Resumes!** 
- 1/11 **KICK**
- 1/15 **Kingdom Kids**  
**3rd Grade Bible Class @ 8:30/9:45 (Fellowship Hall)**
- 1/18 **KICK**
- 1/22 **Kingdom Kids**
- 1/25 **KICK - Field Trip / NO Youth Choir**
- 1/29 **Kingdom Kids**  
**3rd Grade Bibles in Worship @ 8:30/9:45**

## 3rd Grade Bible Class

**Sunday, January 15th during Kingdom Kids @ 8:30 & 9:45**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents are invited to  
 attend a Bible Class as a family. First Lutheran  
 will be recognizing third grade students in a  
 very special way on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.  
 Your church family has a gift for them—  
 their own Life Application Study Bible. 

**5th Grade First Communion Celebration**  
Saturday, March 24th from 9-2 pm @ Luther Crest Bible Camp  
 Attendance by 5th grade students and their  
 families is expected. All students who have  
 prepared for their First Communion will commune  
 on Maundy Thursday, April 5th during the  
 Maundy Thursday Worship Service. 

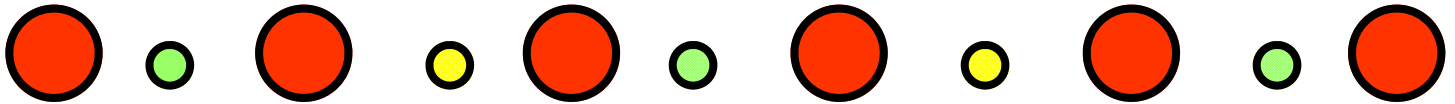
**More details to come!**

Check out the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board for  
 more information on 2012 events!

2010/2011	Kingdom Kids (In Session)	KICK (In Session)
February	5, 12 and 26	1, 8, 15 and 29
March	4, 11, 18 and 25	7, 14, 21 and 28
April	1 (Palm Sunday), 15, 22 and 29	11, 18, and 25
May	6 and 13 (Last Day)	2 and 9 (Last Day)

# First Lutheran Youth

FLY stands for First Lutheran Youth! We have a lot of opportunities for youth at our church. We have weekly, bi-monthly and monthly youth group meetings for youth in 7th-12th grade. We also have special events for the different age groups. Check out the youth board to see what's happening at FLY!



## SR FLY

9th-12th GRADE

Sundays, December 4 & 11 & January 8, 22 & 29 @ 6pm  
@ Kim & Bob Taylor's House

### Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm @  
Kim & Bob Taylor's House

**SUPPER, GAMES & FUN!**

MapQuest for Directions:

**Kim' & Bob Taylor's House**  
2820 Wilderness Ridge Road SE  
219-2059

### SR FLY Supper Club

December 14 @ 5:30pm @ Tennessee Roadhouse  
January 11 @ 5:30pm @ D. Michael B's  
Bring \$ for supper!

December 2011~January 2012

## Confirmation

**WEDNESDAYS**

6:00-7:30pm 7-8th grade  
7:00-8:10pm 9th grade

**No Confirmation on  
December 21 & 29**

## Mentor Training

January 11  
(No 9th Grade Confirmation)

## Bowling

(Mentors & 9th Grade)  
January 18  
7:00-8:10  
Garden Center Lanes  
\$4/game

## GIRLS SLUMBER PARTY

9th-12th grade girls  
January 15 from 6pm-9AM  
Kim's House

## New Orleans Trip Planning

December 7 & January 25 @  
8:10pm in Family Room

## JR FLY

7th-8th GRADE

### Bowling Party

December 21 from 6-8 at  
Garden Center Lanes  
Bring \$ for bowling (\$4/game)  
Snacks will be provided

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## **NEWS for WOMEN of the ELCA ...**

**"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful, Oh, Come, One and All"**

A GOOD way to start the CHRISTMAS SEASON is by attending the WELCA Potluck Luncheon on Thurs, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

The Mary Bible Study Group is in charge of the set-up & clean-up.

A wonderful program is planned:

***Poems and songs about winter, Christmas and home with David and Marilyn Bengtson.***

There will be a special offering for a First Lutheran family in need.

BRING A FRIEND!

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

***Renew – Respond – Rejoice*** is the theme for 2012.

There is NO WELCA Luncheon in January.

Dates to Remember:

January 5 (Thursday) – General Board at 1:00 p.m.

January 12 (Thursday) – Bible Study Leaders at 11:00 a.m.

Week of January 15 – Bible Study Groups

January 17 (Tuesday) – Mission Quilters - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Book Seekers - November Book Discussion:** *A Soft Place to Land*, by Susan Rebecca White, is a moving story about the complicated relationship between two sisters. 13-year-old Ruthie and 16-year-old Julia are actually half-sisters who live in an upscale area of Atlanta with their parents, Naomi and Phil (Phil is Naomi's second husband and thus, Julia's step-dad). Ruthie and Julia are extremely close, but when Naomi and Phil are killed in a plane crash, the girls are wrenched apart and sent to live with biological relatives – Ruthie to San Francisco and Julia to a small town in Virginia. In dealing with their multiple losses - of parents, each other, and the lives they have known – the sisters' relationship, once an oasis, becomes complicated by resentment, anger, and jealousy. As the relationship is strained to the breaking point, Ruthie and Julia drift in (but mostly out) of each other's orbits for the next twenty years, until an unexpected turn of events brings them together again. Although their reconciliation at the end of the story is upbeat, readers are left to wonder about its permanence. (And we don't know if that was a question the author intended to leave us with . . .)

We enjoyed the story, although we didn't find it to be a "page-turner." There are many things to discuss, including personality development, including nature vs. nurture, & a variety of family dynamics. Our average rating (on a scale of 1-10) was 7.2.

**Upcoming Book Seekers meetings:**

Dec. 12: The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

Jan. 09: Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Feb. 13: Ape House by Sara Gruen

Please join us; we meet at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Place upstairs at church.

### ***Making Sense of the Cross* by David Lose**

A 6 week adult study begins on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Please come and join in the conversation as we ask questions like:

- What's with the cross?
- What does the cross say about God?
- What's the big deal?
- Did Jesus have to die?

The class is offered at 10:00 in the morning and 6:30 in the evening and will be led by Pr. Greg and Pr. Marilee

Classes will meet on January 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 6 and 13.

The cost for the book is \$10. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office by December 30th so books can be ordered.



## **MEMORIALS**

**October 24 through  
November 18, 2011**

### **BUILDING FUND:**

**In honor of the confirmation of Emalee Erickson, given by Kathy and Al Patton**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR:**

**In memory of Ron Christianson, given by his family  
In honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Dwaine and Judy Berger, given by Steve and Kathy Haug**

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

**In memory of Tanner Hocum, given by Paul and Linda Engbretson**

### **FEED MY SHEEP:**

**In memory of Ron Christianson, given by Orville and Phyllis Ackerman**

### **FOOD SHELF:**

**In memory of Mark Hvezda, given by John and Marie Stellner**

**In memory of Lyndon Wilberg, given by John and Marie Stellner**

**In memory of Dick Carter, given by John and Marie Stellner**

### **OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA:**

**In honor of the Widmarks, given by Al and Ophelia Moen**

### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP:**

**In memory of Ron Christianson, given by his family**

**In memory of LaVonne Anderson, given by Paul and Linda Engbretson**

### **RADIO MINISTRY:**

**In memory of Wayne Richardson, given by Irene Richardson**

**In memory of Phyllis Hagen, given by Bruce and Renae Haugen**

**In memory of Dave Heinrich, given by Sharon Heinrich and family**

### **UNDESIGNATED:**

**In memory of Tanner Hocum, given by Hank and Arlou Hyatt**

**In memory of Delores Kvilhaug, given by Hank and Arlou Hyatt**

**In memory of Frances Beulke (sister of Lillian Schuneman), given by Ruth Irgens**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY:**

**In honor of the confirmation of Brooke Vanderhyde and Brandon Bistodeau, given by Steve and Kathy Haug**

## **CHURCH RECORDS**

### **BAPTISMS:**

Wesley Graves  
Hannah Graves  
Landon Thorstad

### **DEATHS:**

Selma (Sally) Petersdorf  
Clara Adams

### **TRANSFERS OUT:**

Derek and Isabelle Navratil, Bruce and Thomas

**December "Servants" at Work...**

**As each one has received a special gift, use it in serving one another as good stewards of God's grace. 1 Peter 4:10**

Date Time	Greeters/Hosts East Door (West Door)	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hosts	Communion Assistants	Nursery	Mini-Bus Driver	Welcome Center
Dec 03 5:30	5:15 John/Margaret Schroeder (Lucas Schoeberl/ Gavin Wilkins)	Norm Anderson	5:15 Tammy/Nick Van Orsdel	Norm Anderson Terri Lee Margaret Schroeder	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Terri Lee
Dec 04 8:30	8:15 Tim Radil (Phyllis Ackerman)	Jody Carns	9:20 Cindy/Ryan Eiden	Jean Erickson Carol Radil	8:15 Nancy Ekdahl Madi Gay	N/A	9:20 Chuck/Jean Erickson
9:45	9:30 Gary Ekdahl (Clarette Johnson)	Clarette Johnson	10:30 Carol Domke Drea Baas	Marv/Holly Mackedanz	9:30 DeeDee/ Sierra Lind	8:50 Don Van Valkenburg	10:30 Mike/Heather Pfeffer
11:00	10:45 Jim Ostenson (Grant Anderson Family)	Ian Heseltine	N/A	Chris Lundsetter Stephanie Heseltine	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Keith Lundsetter
Dec 10 5:30	5:15 Avis Fagerlund Anita Iverson	NA	5:15 Brody Erdman Family	NA (Christmas Program)	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Avis Fagerlund
Dec 11 8:30	8:15 Roger/Vicki Hermes (Tyler Carlson Family)	Melissa Carlson	9:20 Terri Sonstegard Kagan/Manford Foster	N/A	8:15 Jackie Jahnke MaKayla Smith	N/A	9:20 Chad/Michelle Rhen
9:45	9:30 LeRoy/Geneva Anderson (Jordan Poepping/ Shane Sander)	Junnell Widmark	10:30 Zach Harstad Family	N/A	9:30 Nancy/Kenzie Abrahamson	8:50 Heidi Bor- deaux	10:30 Junnell Widmark
11:00	10:45 Dave Theisen/Ginene Larson (Taylor Esbjornsson/ Jared Lind)	NA	N/A	N/A	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Warren/Pauline Olson
Dec 17 5:30	5:15 (Garret Forbrook Family) Me/Helen Hoium	Dave or Alice Anderson	5:15 Dave/Alice Anderson	N/A	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Ollie Hagstrom
Dec 18 8:30	8:15 Jane Kasmaker (Henry/Kay Berghuis)	Pam Pearson	9:20 Rosie Stoeck Sierra Peters	Chris/Amanda Grove	8:15 Heidi/Gracie Schroeder	N/A	9:20 Dick/Sandy Telander
9:45	9:30 Lois Wambheim (Lynn/Mary Ackerman)	Karl B loomquist	10:30 Don/Denise Gayken	George/Shirley Larson	9:30 Pam/Miranda Zimmerman	8:50 Brad Nyberg	10:35 Lois Wambheim
11:00	10:45 Marlys Dehnke (Kyle/Diane Pearson)	Curt Wei- gand	N/A	Marlys Dehnke Jill Stoeck	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Karen Brazel
<b>Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services: 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm Volunteers Needed</b>							
<b>Dec 25 Christmas Day Service: 9:45am Volunteers Needed</b>							
Dec 31 5:30	5:15 Phyllis Fleischfresser (Mike/Ginny Sluss)	Ginny Sluss	5:15 Dianna Anderson	N/A	NA	N/A	6:15 Dianna Anderson

**Dec Altar Guild:** #Dennis/Corliss Stark, MaryLou Erickson, Carol Radil, Marcia Gae Schmitt, Bonnie Ulvestad  
**Dec Service Group Chairs:** #Volunteers Needed  
**Dec Ushers:** 5:30: #Kay Rhodes, Scott Angen, **Volunteers Needed**  
 8:30: #Kyle Pearson, Tim Schmidt, Dale Graff, Corky Krogstad  
 9:45: #Ron Domschot, Bob Basiago, **Volunteers Needed**  
 11:00: #Larry/Beth Pappenfus, Neil Jenzen, **Volunteer Needed**  
**If you cannot serve please call someone from the schedule to replace or switch with you. Thanks! # Indicates chairperson/head usher**

The response to the Habitat for Humanity "Women Build" kick-off event was fantastic! First Lutheran has put together a team of 12 women so far and would welcome more. If you are interested in joining or want further information on what being a team member entails, please contact Linda Unruh.

**FYI: IRS Regulations state that all contributions to First Lutheran you wish to be considered for year 2011 must be in the offering received during worship on December 24th or 25th ~OR~ in the church office by the close of business (3:30 PM) on Friday, December 30th, 2011, ~OR~ if you mail your contribution, it must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31st, 2011.**

\*If your contribution is not received according to the above IRS regulation we will not be able to record it as a 2011 contribution and it will not show up on your end of year statement.

## January "Stewards" at Work...

*No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending*

Date Time	Greeters - East Door (West Door)	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hosts	Communion Assistants	Nursery Caregivers	Mini Bus Driver	Welcome Center
Jan 01 8:30	8:15 Mike/Jan Pray (Darrell/Sharon Klimek)	Jan Pray	9:15 Jan Struck Cam Brown	Bud/Marjean Larson	NA	N/A	9:20 Bud/Marjean Larson
9:45	9:30 Lillian Schuneman (Hazel Walters)	Lillian Schuneman	10:30 Bill/Arlyn Davis	Joe & Diane Gramstad	9:30 Lauri/Ali Flesner	8:50 Fred Bursch	10:35 Hazel Holt
11:00	10:45 Tom/Jan Searcy (Jerry/Mildred Prettyman)	Jeff Lindoo	N/A	Cheryl Doose Janna Lindoo	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Tom/Jan Searcy
Jan 07 5:30	5:15 Sharon Range (Ray/Kim Kallstrom)	Holly Jerzak	5:15 Gary/Holly Jerzak	Ray/Kim Kallstrom Kay Rhodes	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Sharon Range
Jan 08 8:30	8:15 John/Kaye Buck (Bud Erickson)	Kaye Buck	9:15 Bud/Nancy Anderson	N/A	8:15 Chris/Taylor Coker	N/A	9:20 Carole Magnuson
9:45	9:30 Curt/Jodi Bitzan (Kenny/Hunter Idso)	Chad Coaquette	10:30 Art Berg Blake Rosenberg	N/A	9:30 Wendy/Ramsey Burs	8:50 Al Nelson	10:35 Paul/Joan Thompson
11:00	10:45 Maynard Svee (Luella Streit)	Dave Reeve	N/A	N/A	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Lynn Ransom
Jan 14 5:30	5:15 Glenn/MaryAnn Bearson (Harold/Muriel Fisher)	Jan Holverson	5:15 Barb Magnuson	N/A	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Jan Holverson
Jan 15 8:30	8:15 Harold/Betty Ranum (Sharon Thompson)	Stan Johnsrud	9:15 Doris Nelson Cam Brown	Stan/Helen Johnsrud	8:15 Kristi Johnson Rachel Drew	N/A	9:20 Dan/DiAnn Ness
9:45	9:30 Kirk/Joanne Bliese (Melba Bakken)	Sheryl Bakewell	10:30 Jana/Jordan Fisher	Roger/Sheryl Bakewell	9:30 Cindy/Tye Courneya Emalee Erickson	8:50 Jim Strat- ton	10:35 Joanne Bliese
11:00	10:45 Lois Lubeck (Gary/Karen Tuil)	Paul or Sue Freng	N/A	Paul/Sue Freng	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Lori Johnson
Jan 21 5:30	5:15 Sonia Bale (John/Joanne Rambeck)	Cindy Losch	5:15 John/Joanne Rambeck	Ken/Cindy Losch Carol Thalman	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Sonia Bale
Jan 22 8:30	8:15 Braydon Amundson Family (Tom/Jenny Quam)	Paul Amundson	9:15 Floyd/MarLynn Eastlund	N/A	8:15 Vicky/Kenna Goracke	N/A	9:20 Greg Tvrdik
9:45	9:30 Ron/Glee Domschot (Mike/Penny Thorstad)	Todd Peterson	10:30 Graves/Taillefer Family	N/A	9:30 MaryBess/Abbie Biegner	8:50 Greg Pouliot	10:35 Mike/Penny Thorstad
11:00	10:45 Gracie Lewis (Otto/Luella Vendell)	Chris Biegner	N/A	N/A	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Linda Meyer
Jan 28 5:30	5:15 Bill/Ginger Maynard (Curt/Bonnie Ulvestad)	Ruth Amundson	5:15 Jola Amundsen	Ruth Amundson Bill/Ginger Maynard	No attendant	N/A	6:15 Jola Amundsen
Jan 29 8:30	8:15 Doris Winger (Dave/Teri Henrichs)	Orin Lundberg	9:15 Orin/Lois Lundberg	N/A	8:15 Alison Rodel/ Kelby Olson-Rodel	N/A	9:20 Sue Tvrdik
9:45	9:30 Rick/Jeanine Larson Family (Nancy Haack)	David Beng- ston	10:30 Corinne Ehlke Erica Just	N/A	9:30 Sarah Overland Shelby Blank	8:50 Don Van Valkenburg	10:35 Stan/Mary Norlien
11:00	10:45 Bruce/Jackie Halvorson (Ryan Eiden Family)	Jackie Halvorson	N/A	N/A	No attendant	N/A	11:50 Karen Brazel

Jan Altar Guild: #tbd

Jan Service Group Chairs: #Jola Amundsen, Bernice Berg

Jan Ushers: 5:30: #Kim/DelMari Runck, Scott Angen, Vol's Needed

8:30: #Tim/Tyler Schmidt, Bob Loucks, Darrel Magnuson

9:45: #Orlyn Struck, Ralph Hornberger, Roger/Karen Vraa







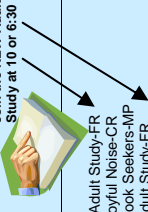

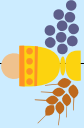
11:00: #Volunteers Needed

# = Chairperson/Head Usher

If you cannot serve, please call someone to replace or switch w/ you.

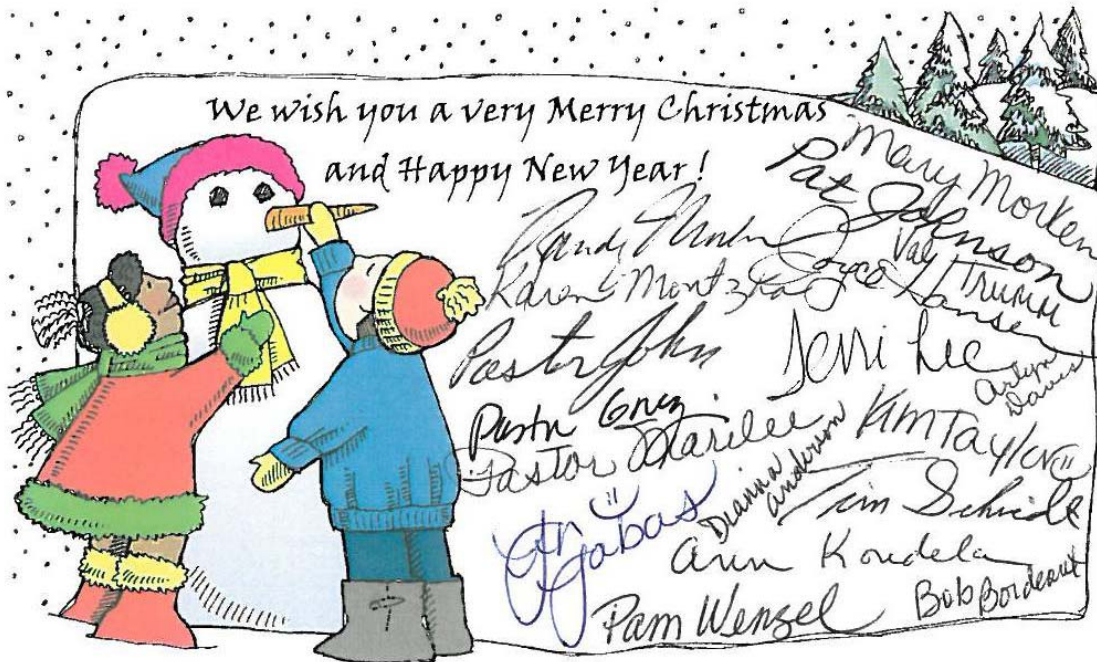
*Please, bring a dish to share and join other congrega-  
tion members at the Annual Potluck Dinner in the  
Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon on Sun, Jan 22nd.*

*Attention All Members: Please make plans to attend  
the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd at  
12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Your attendance and  
input at this meeting is needed so we can fulfill the  
business requirements of our constitution.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 8:30/9:45 Worship w/HC-S 8:45/10:00 King Kids w/ Rehearsal-FH 11:00 Praise Worship w/HC-S 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House</p> <p>8:30/9:45 Worship NO Kingdom Kids 11:00 Worship w/1-6 grade Christmas Program-S 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House</p> 	<p>5 9:00 Feed My Sheep Meal Prep-K 1:30 Gift Delivery 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 5:00 Hospice Memorial Service-S/FR</p> <p>Family Ski Trip Registrations Due Today</p>	<p>6 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP NO Grief Support Group-FR 10:30 Walkers @ VPM 6:30 Bear Cubs-FH</p>	<p>7 11:30 Youth Board Meeting-KO 3:30 KICK-Misc. 4:50 KICK JAM Choir-CR 4:50 FLY JAM Choir-FH 5:15 Handbell Rehearsal-FR 5:45 Praise Team-S 6:00 7th Confirmation-CR 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal-CR 7:10 9th Confirmation-FR 7:10 Jr. Fly-FH 8:10 New Orleans Team Meeting-FR</p>	<p>7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 11:00 Friendly Visitor Board-MP 12:00 WELCA Christmas Potluck-FH 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP 2:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-FR 4:00 Children's Ministry Board-MP/YR 5:00 Mission Gift Wrapping-FR 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-FH 6:30 Mission Board-FR</p>	<p>2 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p> 	<p>3 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 9:00 1-6 grade Christmas Rehearsal-S 9:00 Living Nativity Prep 11:00 Augsburg Trip Departs-Park lot 11:15 Pre-K Christmas Rehearsal-S 5-8 Living Nativity on Douglas Street 5:30 Worship w/HC-S</p>
<p>11 8:30/9:45 Worship NO Kingdom Kids 11:00 Worship w/1-6 grade Christmas Program-S 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House</p> 	<p>12 9:00 Adult Ministry Board Meeting-MP 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 6:00 CPS Christmas Program-S/FH 6:30 Book Seekers-MP</p>	<p>13 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers @ VPM 2:00 Caregivers Support Group-FR 6:00 CPS Christmas Program-S/FH 6:00 Girl Scout Christmas-YR</p>	<p>14 also BOLD from Weds. week 1 2:00 Holy Communion-S 2:30 Sr. Social Hour-FR 5:30 Supper Club @ Tenn Road House</p>	<p>15 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 9:30 Hannah Bible Study-FR 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP 1:30 Deborah Bible Study-FR 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR</p>	<p>16 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p> 	<p>17 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 9:00 Christmas Store Set-Up-FH 9:00 Poinsettia Set-Ups 5:00 Worship w/Carols &amp; Candles-S 6:30 Sr FLY Christmas Party @ Kim's Hs 7:00 Worship w/Carols &amp; Candles-S</p>
<p>18 8:30/9:45 Worship w/HC-S 8:00-11:30 King's Christmas Store-FH 8:45/10:00 King Kids Celebration-Misc R 11:00 Praise Worship-S NO Sr. Fly</p>	<p>19 Board Reports Due in Office 10:00 Holy Communion @ Arabella M (1 week early) 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR</p>	<p>20 8:00 Mission Quilters-FH 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers @ VPM 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Potluck-FH</p>	<p>21 10:00 Holy Communion @ EV (1 week early) NO Youth activities scheduled 5:30 Chancel Choir-CR 5:30 Training for 3 &amp; 5 pm Christmas Eve (Ushers, HC Assistants, &amp; Altar Guild)-S 6:00 Jr FLY Bowling @ Garden Center</p>	<p>22 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 10:00 Holy Communion @ NG 11:00 Holy Communion @ WP 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR</p>	<p>23 Staff Holiday</p> 	<p>24 Christmas Eve Worship, all w/HC 20:00 Worship designed for Families w/ Young Children-S 1:00 Traditional Worship-S 3:00 Traditional Worship-S 5:00 Traditional Worship-S 10:00 Worship w/Candlelight-S 7:00 Worship w/Candlelight-S</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day, 1 service only 9:45 Worship w/HC-S</p>	<p>26 Staff Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>27 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 1:30 Walkers @ VPM</p>	<p>28 No other activities scheduled</p>	<p>29 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP</p>	<p>30 Building and Office Close at 3:30</p>	<p>31 5:30 Worship-S</p>
<p>January 1, 2012 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship w/HC-S NO Kingdom Kids 6:30 Adult Volleyball Begins @ LC</p> 	<p>2 Building and Office Closed for Staff Holiday</p>  <p>Join the NEW Adult Study at 10 or 6:30</p>	<p>3 10:00 Grief Support Group-FR 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers-VPM</p>	<p>4 12:00 Women on Wednesday-FR 2:00 Youth Board Meeting-KO 3:30 KICK-Misc. 4:00 Volunteer Ministry Board-MP 4:50 KICK JAM Choir-CR 4:50 FLY JAM Choir-FH 5:15 Handbell Rehearsal-FR 5:45 Praise Team-S 6:00 7th Confirmation-CR 6:00 8th Confirmation-YR 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal-CR 7:10 9th Confirmation-FR 7:10 Jr. Fly-FH</p>	<p>5 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 11:00 Friendly Visitor Board-FR 1:30 Staff Care Team-MP 2:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-FR 4:00 Children's Ministry Board-YR 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR 6:30 Mission Board-FR</p>	<p>6 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p>	<p>7 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 5:30 Worship w/HC-S</p>
<p>8 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship-S 8:45/10:00 Kingdom Kids-Misc. 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House 6:30 Adult Volleyball @ LC</p>	<p>9 10:00 Adult Study-FR 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 6:00 Book Seekers-MP 6:30 Adult Study-FR</p>	<p>10 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers-VPM 2:00 Caregivers Support Group-FR 6:00 Girl Scouts-YR 6:30 Cub Scout Pack-FH</p>	<p>11 also BOLD from Weds. week 1 2:00 Holy Communion-S 2:30 Sr. Social Hour-FR 5:00 Baptism Class-S 5:30 Supper Club @ D Michael B's</p>	<p>12 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 11:00 Bible Study Leaders-MP 5:00 ATCC Dinner-FH 5:30 Vision Team-FR 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR</p>	<p>13 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p>	<p>14 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 5:30 Worship-S</p>
<p>15 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship w/HC-S 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship 8:45/10:00 Kingdom Kids-Misc. 6:00 Girls Slumber Party @ Kim's house NO Sr. Fly 6:30 Adult Volleyball @ LC</p> 	<p>16 10:00 Adult Study-FR 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 6:30 Adult Study-FR</p>	<p>17 8:00 Mission Quilters-FH 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers-VPM 6:00 New Member Orientation-FH 6:30 Bear Cubs-YR</p>	<p>18 also BOLD from Weds. week 1 12:00 Women on Wednesday-FR 12:00 Feb. FOCUS Ancients Due-Office</p>	<p>19 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 9:30 Hannah Bible Study-FR 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP 1:30 Deborah Bible Study-FR 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR</p>	<p>20 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p>	<p>21 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 5:30 Worship w/HC-S</p>
<p>22 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship-S 8:45/10:00 Kingdom Kids-Misc. 12:00 Congregational Potluck-FH 12:30 Annual Meeting-S 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House 6:30 Adult Volleyball @ LC</p>	<p>23 10:00 Adult Study-FR 10:00 Holy Communion @ ABM 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 6:30 Adult Study-FR</p>	<p>24 9:00 FOCUS Folders-MP 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers-VPM 6:00 Girl Scouts-YR 6:30 Bear Cubs-FH</p>	<p>25 also BOLD from Weds. week 1 10:00 Holy Communion @ EV 12:00 Women on Wednesday-FR 3:30 Parkinson's Support Group @ NG 3:30 KICK and KICK JAM @ Big Splash 8:10 New Orleans Team Meeting-FR</p> 	<p>26 7:00 Women's Bible Study-FR 10:00 Holy Communion @ NG 11:00 Holy Communion @ WP 1:00 Staff Care Team-MP 6:15 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal-CR</p>	<p>27 7:00 Men's Bible Study @ Depot</p>	<p>28 8:00 Men's Bible Study-FH 5:30 Worship w/HC-S</p>
<p>29 3rd grade Bible Presentation 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship-S 8:45/10:00 Kingdom Kids-Misc. 6:00 Sr. Fly @ Kim's House 6:30 Adult Volleyball @ LC</p>	<p>30 10:00 Adult Study-FR 4:00 Joyful Noise-CR 6:30 Adult Study-FR</p>	<p>31 10:00 Staff Meeting-MP 10:30 Walkers @ VPM 6:30 Bear Cubs-FH</p>				

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JANUARY 22, 2012  
12:30 PM IN THE  
SANCTUARY... ALL  
MEMBERS PLEASE  
PLAN TO ATTEND

**Office hours:** Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM **Church phone:** 320-762-2196  
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Pr. John Peshek at 320-834-6076 Pr. Greg Billberg at 320-762-0335 Pr. Marilee Bergerson at 320-846-0603

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

The deadline to submit articles for the February FOCUS ON FIRST is noon on Wednesday, January 18. Articles should be submitted in writing to the church office OR by e-mailing Karen's church address at: [karenjm@rea-alp.com](mailto:karenjm@rea-alp.com) All articles may be edited for space and timeliness. We suggest 200 words or less to honor all requests. Let the office know if you prefer to view the newsletter at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com) Thanks!