

Lutheran Church of the Cross - News and Notes

December 2—December 9, 2018

Prayer Requests

LCC Members:

Nora Jabas, Sam Andrist, Joy Potthoff, Nancy Schreiner, Sherry Warneke, Bert Caswell, Don Anderson, Emory Alverson, Sandie Tricker, Diane Baker, Dave Stevens

Friends & Relatives of LCC Members:

Mary Ellen Ogren (Andy Ogren's mom), Janet Plath (Karla Hoelmer's mother), Julie Foley & Family (Mary Lou Weegman's sister), Bill Weiss, Chris Weiss & Family, Brandon Heinz (friends of JoAnn Rivers), Randy Patterson (Terri Carter's son-in-law), Kristin Fanning (Midge Shaw's daughter), Joan Nyhus (Maureen Schmidt's sister), Rob Lewis (friend of Pete Mogenson), Sharon Maki (friend of Bob & Peggy Beck), Janet Esser (Patti Pluth's family member), Lori Dowd (Lois Jensen's daughter), Deb Adamek (Mindy Whipple's Mom), Shirley Lintner (Lois Jensen's sister), Sandee Haugene (friend of David, Sara, Mike & Carol Smith) all of our servicemen and women, and those struggling with mental health or addiction issues.

Please call the church office to make updates to the prayer list.

Gather Study

All LCC gals are invited to gather with us as we pause during this Advent season to enjoy food, fellowship with one another, a short Advent message by Pr. Kari and once again prepare for the celebration of the Christ Child's Birth. We look forward to you joining us!

Where: LCC Chapel Hall When: **6pm, December 11th** RSVP: 963-7660

Hills Crossing Christmas Party is Thursday, December 13th at 2pm. If you are able to help with this event please let Carolyn know. (963-7660)

The 2018 Christmas Tree of Sharing is up with the ornaments on ready to be gifted. The deadline to return the gifts to the tree is Tuesday, December 11th. This year's Sharing Tree gifts will benefit Mid MN Women's Center, Children of Teen Challenge Participants, Residents of Hill's Crossing Senior Living and Baxter Community Behavioral Hospital.

Help us build a 500 pound food pyramid for the Lakes Area Food Shelf!

Our goal is to collect 500 items from November 18 to December 13.

If we reach our goal, our gifts will be matched by Thrivent with a \$500.00 donation to LAFS. Drop off items at the display in the narthex.

Merry Widows & Widowers Christmas Party

December 5th at 11:30. Bring a friend, a dish to pass, and a gift for the grab bag.

Call Diane Eitrheim with any questions 218—568-5916

THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
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- Today, 12-2:** *B-days:*
8:15 **Worship w/ Communion**
 9:15 Coffee/Fellowship
 9:30 Sunday School Rehearsal
10:30 **Worship w/ Communion & Baptism**
 1:00 Piano Recital
- MON, 12-3:** *B-days: Bert Caswell, Kerry Malmquist, Benjamin Schamber, Emily Smith, Brian Stumvoll*
 8:30 MOPS
 1:00 Prayer Shawl Group
 7:00 Suicide Loss Survivor Group
- TUES, 12-4:** *B-days: Karen Boche, Brett Dutton, Janet Haeg, Andrew Kirzeder, Anne Pierson*
 9:00 Computer Lab
 1:00 Staff Meeting & Prayer
- WED, 12-5:** *B-days: Noah Hanson, Kirk Loge, Kelsi Martini, Kayden Obe, Roger Yundak*
 8:30 Text Study
 11:30 Merry Widows
 5:00 Bells of Praise
 5:45 Supper
 6:00 King's Kids
 6:20 Holden Evening Prayer Worship w/ Communion
 7:00 Confirmation & Route 56
 7:00 Sr. Choir
 7:20 High School Youth Group
- THURS, 12-6:** *B-days: Lea Anderson, Lyle Hillman, Robert Lenox*
 8:30 Thursday Morning Prayer
 9:45 Toning with a Purpose
 7:00 A.A.
- FRI, 12-7:** *B-days: Stephanie Groen, Caroline Martin, Jim Pierson*
 6:30 Video Game Party
- SAT, 12-8:** *B-days: Syver Friis, Ryan Fritz, Michelle Johnson, Rachel Sullivan*
- SUN, 12-9:** *B-days: Carolee Wallin*
8:15 **Christmas Musical Extravaganza Worship w/ Communion**
 9:15 Coffee/Fellowship
 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **Christmas Musical Extravaganza Worship & Sunday School Program w/ Communion**
 11:30 Advent Activities, Lunch, & Lefse Making
 11:30 Worship & Music Committee

**Lutheran Church
of the Cross**
**Daily Bible Reading
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Mon., Dec 3, 2018
Numbers 17:1-11
2 Peter 3:1-18
Psalm 90

Tues., Dec 4, 2018
2 Samuel 7:18-29
Revelation 22:12-16
Psalm 90

Wed., Dec 5, 2018
Isaiah 1:24-31
Luke 11:29-32
Psalm 90

Thurs., Dec 6, 2018
Malachi 3:5-12
Philippians 1:12-18a
Luke 1:68-79

Friday, Dec 7, 2018
Malachi 3:13-18
Philippians 1:18b-26
Luke 1:68-79

Sat., Dec 8, 2018
Malachi 4:1-6
Luke 9:1-6
Luke 1:68-79

MOPS

The MOPS Kids program provides quality, loving care for children ages infant through kindergarten. While mothers attend the MOPS meeting, the children enjoy a program designed to meet their needs. Looking for volunteers for Monday Dec. 3rd from 9:00 to 11:15am
For more information contact: Lisa Trosdahl at 320-232-0695 or lisa.trosdahl@gmail.com

New Pathways

We will be hosting New Pathways families **December 9-16**. Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex listing many opportunities to make a difference in someone's life.
Any questions, contact Darrell Barnack at 963-6059 or email dbarnack@charter.net

Christmas Poinsettias

You can contribute \$15 toward the purchase of a poinsettia plant for our church holiday season.
Forms are located outside the church office. Thank you.

Year End Contributions

For those of you who may wish to still contribute from your retirements funds (cash or stock) to be included in your 2018 giving, please notify Karen Wiele, LCC Financial Secretary at 963-2564 by **December 21st**. The final day for 2018 contributions will be Sunday, December 30.

2019 Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex .

Congregational Book Study and Small Groups:

A yearlong journey through scripture with Brian McLaren's "*WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING.*"
Third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Pastor Drew will lead discussion. If you are interested in being in a small group please feel free to call Pastor Drew at 218-963-2564 or email him at pastordrewlcc@gmail.com. **Next group study date is Thursday, December 20th.**

Creation Care Green Tip

What is the best way to dispose of your real Christmas tree? Be sure to **keep it out of the landfill**, and recycle it by possibly using the tree as a **base for a wildlife brush pile**. Another option is to turn it into **mulch**, which many municipalities now do. Some communities recycle trees in creative ways, for example, in New Jersey where **hundreds of trees are collected every winter to build up dunes on beaches battered** seven years ago by Hurricane Sandy. In Louisiana, **Christmas trees contribute to retention fences that slow erosion along the Intracoastal Waterway** near Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge, an important wintering area for wood ducks, blue-winged teal and other migratory waterfowl. For **recycling options in your area, check local newspapers or city and town websites during the holidays.**

Traveling Art Pub at LCC

Saturday, January 12th 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come for an afternoon of art, snacks, and fellowship.
Cost is \$25 per person. Look for sign up information in the coming weeks.

Children and Family Ministry News

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Parents Time Out—we had a great afternoon of food, fun and fellowship—our next such event is Parents Night Out on February 16.

December 2—rehearsal for Christmas Program in Celebration during Sunday School—all teachers and Sunday School families should join us if you can!

December 9—Musical Extravaganza and Christmas Program during 10:30 worship, with Advent Anticipation for All Ages afterward! Join us for lunch, activities, and lefse making after the program.

December 16—we will celebrate Jesus’ birth in Sunday School:-)

December 23—PJ Party with movie and Cereal Bar during Sunday School—bring a blankie and pillow!

Online registration for Luther Crest Bible Camp is now open— *Funds toward a campership would make a wonderful holiday gift for parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles...to give those special kids in their lives. Register online at <https://www.luthercrest.org/how-to-register.html> LCC’s week is July 28—Aug. 2. Please sign up for Leapers (if you have completed grades 3 through 6) or Witnesses (if you have completed grades 6 through 9). Zach and Kari will be attending LCBC that week, too! There are other camps that are offered as well, if our dates don’t work for you. See Kari or Zach with any questions. Our group code is LCC2019. A payment of \$100 is needed to register. In addition, each camper from LCC will receive a scholarship that will go toward the balance due.*

Zach’s Blurb



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Upcoming Things:

Dec 7 - PL Chat n Chow

Dec 7 - Video Game Partayyy

Dec 19th - Christmas Caroling.
HSers are welcome to join us!

Dec 28th - 29th - HS Lock-In

Video Game Partayyy!

December 7th. 6:30pm - 9ish. We will play the brand new Smash Bros. Ultimate on Nintendo Switch. We will have Mario Kart on the Wii, a Super Nintendo, probably access to Fortnite as well. The biggest Brawl of the decade is going down. It's a basement battle, with multiple TV screens, and a projector. Mountain Dew and Doritos provided.

To our Guests...

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCC)! We are delighted to have you worshipping at LCC this Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Please use the “white attendance card” that is in your bulletin to let us know who you are so we can extend our welcome to you. If you have questions about LCC, please feel free to call Pastor Drew or Pastor Kari at 218-963-2564.

We look forward to hearing from you. Again, welcome!

Blessings, Pastor Drew and Pastor Kari