



Welcome to First
Lutheran Church.

December 9, 2018

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Worship Services

8:00 am – Traditional Worship

Our Traditional Worship service offers traditional liturgies and utilizes an organ or piano to provide our music through hymnody.

10:30 am – Contemporary Worship

Our Contemporary Worship service offers a relaxed environment that uses a blend of liturgies and free worship styles. This service also features our **Kids Ministry Time**, a fun and relevant teaching time for ages 0-2 (Tiny Disciples) and ages 3-grade 3 (Kids Ministry) during the Message.

Children in Worship

We welcome and encourage children to attend our worship services at First Lutheran... wiggles, giggles, squirms and all! We even plan to have them with us! Our Contemporary Service (10:30) offers child-friendly liturgies and practices, a Children's Message, and an age-appropriate teaching time for them to enjoy.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

Matthew 19:14

Holy Communion at First Lutheran Church

Worship at First Lutheran includes a celebration of Communion twice per month, typically the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

We believe Holy Communion is a special gift of God for our benefit. As a commitment to biblical integrity, communion is reserved for:

- Baptized Christians (Acts 2:37-38)
- Those who recognize and confess their sins (Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:8)
- Those who believe the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is offered in, with and under forms of bread and wine
(1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:27)
- Those who accept Jesus' words: *Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.* (Matthew 26:28)

All those who share these biblical beliefs are encouraged to join with us and participate in Communion at First Lutheran. For those who have questions regarding these beliefs and practices, please contact Pastor (pastormark@firstlutheran-paola.org or 913.731.6137).

White grape juice is available on the communion tray for those with special needs. Children who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod should speak with Pastor before taking communion.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Before communing with us, please refer to our
Communion Statement on the back page of our bulletin.*

Order of Service 9:00 AM

- Gathering Hymn Let Us All the Gladsome Voice
- Welcome & Christian Greeting
- Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- Invocation
- Confession & Absolution
- Christmas Medley
- Hymn Want to Walk as A Child of the Light
- Hymn Once in Royal David's City
- Apostles' Creed
- Children's Message
- The Readings
 - Old Testament..... Isaiah 0:1-11
 - Epistle I Peter 2:21-25
 - Holy Gospel John 10:11-18
- Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
- Message
- Offering
- Prayers
- Lord's Prayer
- Benediction
- Closing Hymn Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Witness - If you have not paid for your subscription for the Lutheran Witness (new/renewal) please pay \$18.00 by cash or check (made out to First Lutheran Church), by December 15. You can drop it in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Thank You!!



Thank You for purchasing the poinsettias to help decorate the sacristy for this Advent season. If you are still needing to pay for your poinsettia plant/s, you can pay cash or make a check to First Lutheran Church for \$8.00 per plant. The payment can be put in the offering plate or put in the office noted with a memo.

Special Thank you to everyone who sent me Thanksgiving cards. Send no more mail to my current address. I plan to be home the last part of December and have a new address for that. Spc. Daniel Weaver (D.J.)

Cookie Trays- Its that time cookie trays are ready. Thank you all so much for the support! We totaled 51 trays have made 60.

Youth Congregation Service Event:

Throughout the year the high school youth will come together with each other, and sometimes others, to serve the congregation in some way. We have selected for our envelope fundraiser a spaghetti dinner and movie night for anyone who would like to attend! It will be Friday, Dec 21st at 6PM in the church basement. We are always looking for ways to serve others together! And thank you for supporting the future generation on First Lutheran Church.

**Spaghetti
Dinner**



PACA Bell Ringing

Needs volunteers to take an hour shift ringing the bell at Walmart on Saturday, Dec 15th and Saturday, Dec 22nd. There is a sign-up list in the narthex. The whole family can be involved and help collect for those in need.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life

Sonshine Preschool Christmas Program Our preschool Christmas singing program and birthday parties for Jesus will be Monday evening, December 10 at 6:30 pm (M/W and M/W/F classes) and Thursday morning, December 13 at 10:30 am (T/TH classes). There will be a note sent home with the details of your child's program in the next couple weeks. Please watch for that,

Sonshine Preschool Christmas Vacation starts December 20th classes resume January 3rd and 4th

Inclement Weather In the event of inclement weather, tune in to KCTV5 or Fox4 Church Closing for information about services and programs.

Advent by Candlelight – December 13th at 6:30 pm



Ladies- Make plans to attend our annual Advent by Candlelight sponsored by the LWML. An evening with good music, good food, and great friends. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the LWML bulletin board in the hallway. All ladies are invited to join us for this special time of reflection.

Family Christmas Workshop, Sunday, December 23rd 9:30 AM Mark

your calendars and invite your friends to the Family Christmas Workshop. This event is to provide a fun and relaxed atmosphere where family and friends can come together and enjoy the message of Christmas!

9:30 Family Christmas Activities- Families can enjoy crafts & activity stations, Christmas cookie



decoration, a caroling wagon ride, and favorite Christmas stories read by FLC members. A light breakfast of muffins, bars, hot chocolate, warm cider, and coffee will be provided.

11:00- Carols & Reading Closing Worship- at 11 we will all gather in the Sanctuary for a closing time of carols, Christmas readings, and more. This closing will provide us the opportunity to gather as God's people and hear the promise of Christmas before heading back into the world for the last big push to Christmas Day. **Volunteers and donations are needed to make this event a success!** Please contact Mary Kettler.



Upcoming Bible Study with Pastor Mark January 7, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Church basement. Study with Pastor for a better understanding of what Scripture teaches.

Operation Holiday

Volunteers Needed to help deliver food on Monday, Dec 17 & Tuesday, Dec 18 from 8:00 am–noon. Wednesday, Dec 19 from 8:00 am until all deliveries are made. Thursday, Dec 20 from 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm Friday, Dec 21 from 8:00 am-noon. If you have questions, contact Cameron Mott @ 913-782-2468

2019 Altar Flowers Schedule The 2019

Altar Flowers schedule is NOW by the north door. If you would like to provide altar flowers for a Sunday, please sign-up on the schedule. If the flowers are in celebration of a special event or remembrance of a loved one, please make a note next to your name on the schedule. Cost is \$35/ per arrangement.



Childrens' choir- Childrens' choir sign-ups are still posted in the narthex! It's not too late to join in on the fun of singing praise

Holiday Schedule for Worship and Events

Sun, Dec 2

w/Communion

8AM Worship

**9AM Caroling @
Nursing Homes**

***No Bible Study or
Sunday School***

**10:30AM Hanging
of the Greens –**

No Kids Ministry

Sun, Dec 9

8AM Bible Study

9AM One Service

***No Sunday School
or Kids Ministry***

**10:30AM Voters
Meeting**

Thurs, Dec 13

6:30PM LWML

**Advent by
Candlelight**

Sun, Dec 16

w/Communion

8AM Worship

10:30AM Worship

Sun, Dec 23

8AM Worship

**9:30AM Family
Christmas
Workshop**

***No Bible
Study/Sunday
School/KM***

**11AM Worship
Service**

Mon, Dec 24

**6:30PM Christmas
Eve Worship**

**11PM Christmas
Eve Worship**

Tue, Dec 25

w/Communion

**9AM Christmas
Day Worship**

Sun, Dec 30

**8AM Return to
Regular Service**

***No Bible
Study/Sunday
School/KM***

**10:30AM Return to
Regular Service**



CALENDAR

TODAY – 12/9/2018

8:00am	Traditional Worship
9:15am	Education Hour Adult Bible Studies in the Basement Confirmation Class Mission House Youth Bible Studies at the F.L.Y. House Sunday School (3yo to 3 rd grade) North Classroom
10:30am	Contemporary Worship w/ Kids Ministry

THIS WEEK

TODAY		One Service and Voters Meeting
Tue, Dec 11	11:00am	Mary Martha Devotions
Tue, Dec 11	6:00pm	Council Meeting Mission House
Wed, Dec 12	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed, Dec 12	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study Hangout
Thru, Dec 13	7:00pm	LWML Advent by Candlelight
Sat, Dec 15		Salvation Army Bell Ringing

NEXT SUNDAY – 12/16/2018 Communion

8:00am	Traditional Worship
9:15am	Education Hour
10:30am	Contemporary Worship w/ Kids Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Dec 17	8:00am	Senior Breakfast Whistle Stop Café
Mon, Dec 17	8-NOON	PACA Food Bank to Armory
Tue, Dec 18	8-NOON	PACA Armory Sort and Pack
Wed, Dec 19	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed, Dec 19	8-NOON	PACA Armory People with Trucks
Wed, Dec 19	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study Hangout
Thurs, Dec 20	NOON-4	PACA Assist families with pickups
Fri, Dec 21	8-Done	PACA Armory Clean Up
Fri, Dec 21	6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner

For More Upcoming Events See the Community Board



CHRISTIAN GROWTH

OPTIONS FOR ADULTS

- **“These Things are Written” The Story of God & His People**

This study covers the main texts of the Old and New Testament in simple, straightforward language as it reinforces the message of the salvation.

- **1st Corinthians- on the stage downstairs**

OPTIONS FOR YOUTH, GRADES 4-HIGH SCHOOL

- **Confirmation: Sunday 9:15 to 10:15 am in the mission house**

Mission House (409 E. Piankishaw – East of the church building)

- **Jr. & Sr. Youth Bible Study, grades 7+, Sundays @ 9:15-10:15am**

FLY House (410 E. Piankishaw – North East of the church)

OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN, AGES 0-GRADE 3

- **Sunday School, ages 3 – gr 3, Education Hallway, 9:15-10:15am**

Sunday school offers Christian education each Sunday morning between worship services during Education Hour. Ages 3 – grade 3 meet together for opening, and then often split into two smaller groups for lesson time.

- **Tiny Disciples, ages 0-2, Tiny Disciples Room, during 10:30am worship**

Our Tiny Disciples room offers a caring and nurturing learning space for our smallest friends. Located just inside the North entrance, the Tiny Disciples room is open and staffed during the 10:30am Message each Sunday morning. Babies/toddlers (age 0-2) can be checked-in to the Tiny Disciples Room during the Coffee Break.

- **Kids Ministry Time, ages 3-grade 3, during 10:30am worship**

Kids Ministry Time is a fun teaching time for ages 0-grade 3 to attend during the service's Message. Children are typically dismissed following the Children's Message and return during the final song.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

- No Sunday School

KID'S MINISTRY TODAY

- No Kids Ministry

CHURCH ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th 8:00 AM

Greeters: Loree Gardner and Lois Moore
Ushers: Dennis Rentz and Dean Lovig
Lector: Bob Hodge
SWA: Jake P.
Acolytes: Erin Livingston and Hailey Pope
Organist: Judy Carlson
AV Tech: Kim Rentz

CHURCH ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th 10:30 AM

Greeters: Ella Hinman
Ushers: Randy Fast and Jacob Hinman
SWA: Anna K.
Acolytes: Jace and Evan Reitinger
AV Tech Christopher Lohaus-Fast
Counters: Cindy Forsberg and Helen Tagler

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS, December 16th

Sunday School: Suzy Karigan
Kid's Ministry: Karla Lohaus-Fast, Suzy Karigan, and Sarah Schrotberger
Tiny Disciples: Justin and Autumn Diehm

CHURCH ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, December 23rd 8:00 AM

Greeters: Joe and Vickie Teagarden
Ushers: Bob Gardner and Daryl Benedict
Lector: Jody Brown
SWA: Noah Stringham
Acolytes: William and Wyatt Mock
Organist: Janet Bucher
AV Tech: Brigette McIntire

CHURCH ASSISTANTS NEXT SUNDAY, December 23rd 10:30 AM

Greeters: Jean Kaiser
Ushers: Jacob Hinman and Don Polson
SWA: Jake Page
Acolytes: Jonathan Reque and Logan Page
AV Tech Maria Worrell
Counters: Lindsay Sinclair and Betty Hewitt

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS, December 23rd

Sunday School: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Kid's Ministry: NO KIDS MINISTRY
Tiny Disciples: NO TINY DISCIPLES





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