

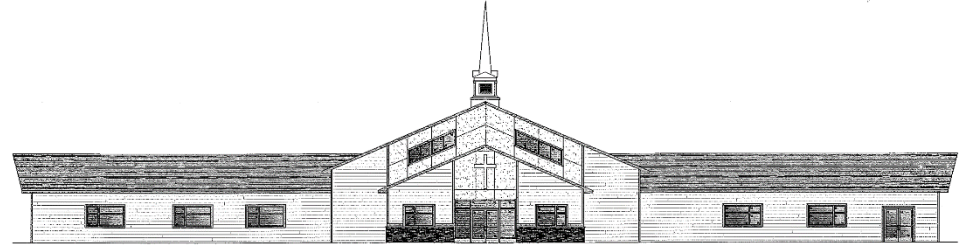
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“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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JANUARY 2025

A New Year

Welcome 2025. What will the new year bring? Some things will happen to us. Other things we will bring about ourselves. What plans do you have for the new year?

I hope to make 2025 special. I want to grow closer to Christ and my family. That will be my resolution. Do you plan to make any resolutions?

There is one thing standing in the way—busyness. The only way to stop that is to intentionally do less. Less is more, as they say. Two big things occupy too much time. Screen time and shopping time. I want more people time. And the way to get that is to stop doing what I really don't need to do.

I have enough stuff. I need to get rid of stuff. That came to light especially after dad sold his house. He now lives in a small room with a bathroom. He feels safe and likes the company. But it required leaving behind a house filled with decades of stuff. It all came down to clothes and pictures. That's all he wanted. That's all he needed. The rest was given away.

Screen time is often such a waste of time. Watching the YouTube videos. Updating social media. Yet still feeling so disconnected. Enough is enough. I plan to visit people more. I plan to call and write letters. I want to be in the Word of God and daily prayer. My plan is to be closer to people and Jesus.

You've got choices too. What are your plans for 2025? Make plans for family. Make plans for Christ.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Bryan



UNITED CHRISTMAS CONCERT WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 5, 2025
10:00 AM**

*The groups to be featured include
the United Methodist Handbell Choir and
the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Vocal Choir.*

There will be a time of fellowship following the worship.

Please Note: There will not be a 8:30 AM Worship Service this day.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Building Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dixie Croes	Judi Desmond

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dixie Croes	Sherry Klinger
Dixie Croes & Deb Plum Smith	Bob & Barb Anderson
Adam Jackson	Coco Morse

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Steven Marg	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Janice Bowman, Andy Hornick & Steven Marg	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Dixie Croes, Wayne Shortess & Chance Schroeder	Brad & Jo Nilssen

Memorial Given to First Lutheran Quilters

In Memory of	Given by
Dixie Croes	Ed & Darlene Neitge

Memorial Given for Youth Mission Trip

In Memory of	Given by
Dixie Croes & Steven Marg	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 10:30 AM

All members are encouraged to attend and share their voice and vote on important issues. The meeting will consist of reviewing the 2025 proposed budget, financial reports, and election of Council members. **ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEMBERS...

At the congregation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9th, we will be electing members to serve on the First Lutheran Church Council. No experience necessary. We are simply looking for members with a servant heart who are willing to share their voice and talents.

Council Meetings

Church Council is held once a month at a time and date to be determined by the new council. Most Council meetings are finished in an hour and a half.

Ministry Areas

Each council member is given an opportunity to serve in an area of ministry. There are six ministry areas: Worship, Property, Education, Youth, Finance, and Outreach. Each council member is free to select an area that will best utilize their gifts. As the need arises, council members attend any meetings of their service area and share information with the council.

Worship Assistants

Each council member is asked to assist with Holy Communion at worship and is also scheduled to count money on Sunday mornings after worship for one month of the year.

Therefore...

Serving on Church Council is your opportunity to grow spiritually, and to help oversee the operation of First Lutheran. This serving is a high privilege. We ask that you prayerfully consider this important role within the Body of Christ. For more information, please contact any of the nominating committee members:

Jackie Goodmanson	715-607-0621
Kevin Kamm	715-222-1493
Neil Larson	715-554-1774
Tim Wyss	715-263-2118



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| 1: Aric Moe | 15: Sheri Weber |
| Jack Sullwold | Addisyn Thompson |
| Dreya Bignell | 16: Ashley Parent |
| 3: Ashley Sempf-Juleff | Cassie Paulson |
| Lennox Kuhn | 18: Gabe Colbeth |
| 4: Bev Alvermann | Samantha Kelly |
| Jodi Barney | 19: Natalie Jarchow |
| Adeline Buhr | Jay Case |
| Liz Johnson | Etta Cardinal |
| 5: Jason Barney | 20: Carter Lillie |
| 6: Brenda Fogarty | 22: Dylan Davidson |
| 8: Sheryl Wirth | Christian Roth |
| Theresa Anderson | 23: Jameson Jarchow |
| Alyssa Davidson | 24: Blaine Leslie |
| Gayle Sullwold | Dwight Martin |
| Nevaya Larson | 26: Ben LaBeree |
| 9: Adam Loenser | 27: Mitchell Warner |
| Michelle Nelson-Reindahl | Kayla Bignell |
| Stacia Hoefflerle | 28: Dennis Anderson |
| Rayna Case | Charles Murray |
| 10: Brent Hansen | Dylan Schramski |
| Bev Hennessy | Andrew Buhr |
| Landon Everson | Sterling Alvermann |
| Dean Scholz | 29: Jolee Warner |
| 11: Pat Somsen | Don Dipprey |
| Roy McQuinn | 30: Lisa Sloan |
| 12: Ryan Ayer | Hailey Veness |
| Paxton Krohn | Amy Colgrove |
| 13: Grady Paulson | Wyatt Buhr |
| 14: Ashley LaBlanc | Lacey Kamm |

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Lacey Kamm

GREETERS: Jackie Goodmanson & Jason & Kristin LaBeree

READERS

- 5 Nancy McQuinn
- 12 Griffin Colbeth
- 19 Bill McIntire
- 26 Linda McIntire

COUNTERS

- 5 & 12 Anna Buhr & Penny O'Connell
- 19 & 26 Anna Buhr & Tim Wyss

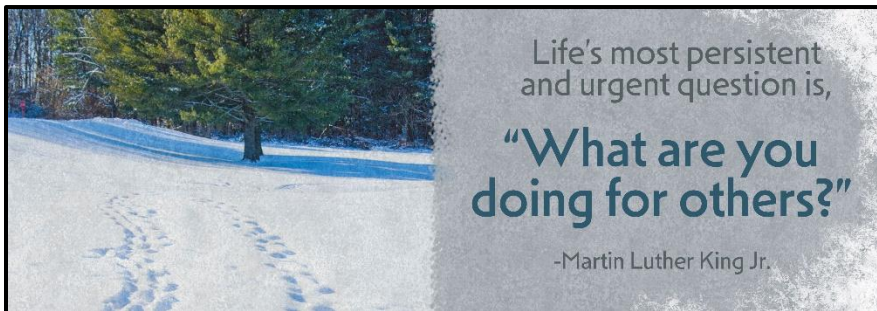
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Anna Buhr

USHERS

- 5 & 12 Eric Brihn & Chris Petersen
- 19 & 26 TJ & Andy Buhr

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 5 Chris & Liane Petersen Family
- 12 **WOW Potluck Fundraiser (Bible Camp Promotion Sunday)**
- 19 TJ & Anna Buhr Family
- 26 Dale & Sherry Wirth Family



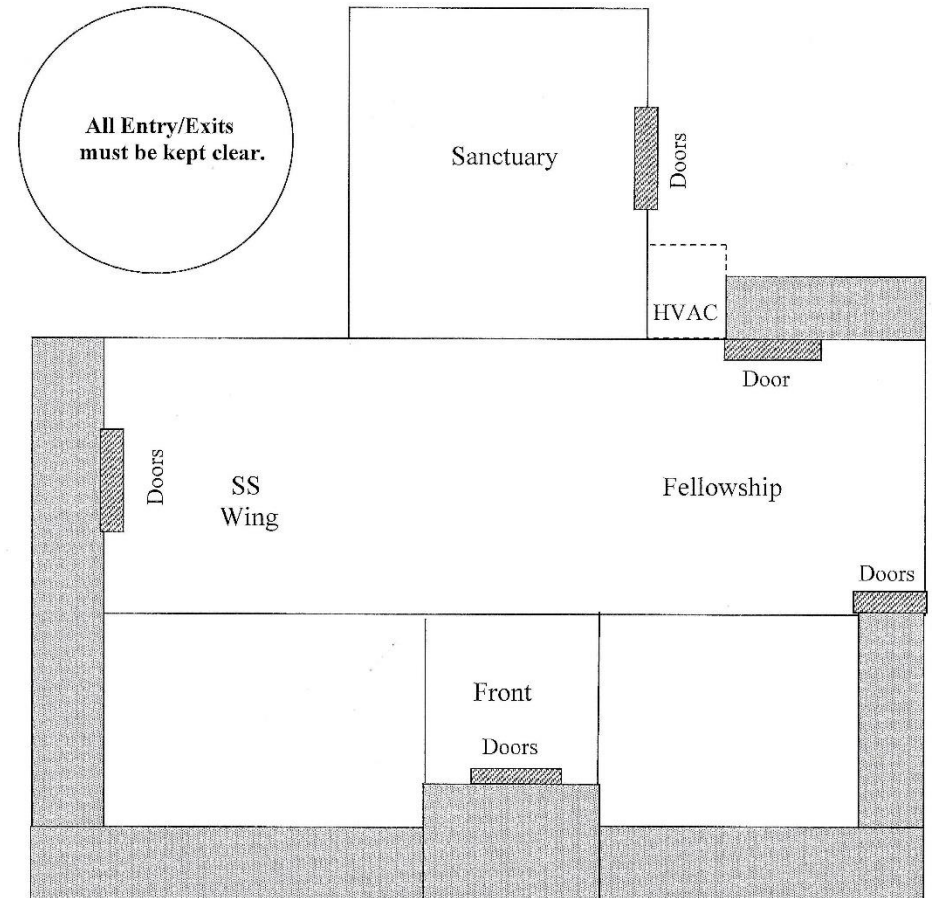
PLEASE HELP!

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map

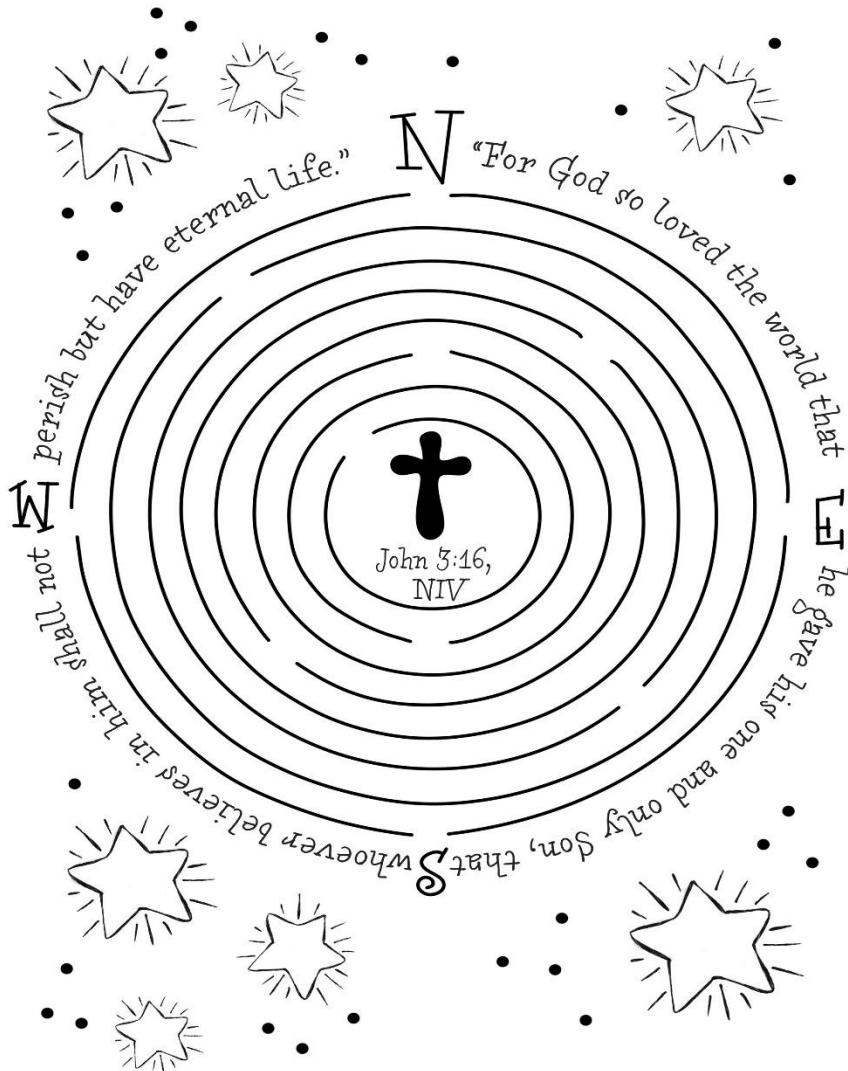
Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.

The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.



Puzzle!

Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.



NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dennis Luehman, John Jungmann, Levi Ramsey, Doris Buhr, Missie Fitcha (friend of Pam Anderson), Thomas McIntire (brother of Bill McIntire), and Nate Wycoff (nephew of Linda McIntire). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Our sympathy is extended to following on the loss of a loved one:

- Linda, Thomas & Brent Marg (husband & father, Steven Marg)
- Elaine Solum & Janet Krueger (daughter & sister, Jody Solum Brittain)
- Thales Kirk (brother, Mike Kirk)
- Kim Elwood (father, Roger Shafer)

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for November \$22,682.30 (\$20,728.08 needed monthly)
November year to date offering \$199,013.74 (\$228,092 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$619,399.38

ONLINE GIVING!

A simple and convenient way to give!

First Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Online Giving lets you go to our website: www.firstluthclearlake.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



You may also consider giving via our QR code provided here, which will connect with our online giving portal. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are also available from the church office.