

Festival of Christmas Music

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Prelude: First Lutheran Strings
Organ/Piano Duet *“Christmas Medley”*

Invocation/Lighting of Advent Candles
ELW Hymn 240:1-4 *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

Greeting and Notices
Prayer of the Day/Peace

Hymn 267:1-2 *“Joy to the World”*
Chancel Choir
“Once in Royal David’s City”
“A Christmas Anthem”
“Go Where I Send Thee”

Hymn 267:3-4 *“Joy to the World”*

First Reading: Luke 1:46b-55 The word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn: 257:1-2 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*
Spirit Bell Choir
“In the Bleak Midwinter”
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn: 257:3-4 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Second Reading: Romans 15:25-27 The word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn: 264:1-2 *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*
Quintet
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
“Infant Holy”

Hymn: 264:3-4 *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
“Glory to You, O Lord” *“Praise to You, O Christ”*

Message – Pastor David Wall

Offering: Piano/Organ Duet *“And the Glory of the Lord”*
Offertory: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer (we sing) *Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

Choral Blessing of *“Peace”*

Congregation - join in singing *“Silent Night”*
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.



The Chancel Choir invites you to the Christmas Tea between services in the Fellowship Hall. Lefse will be available for purchase.

Poinsettias ...given in memory of:

...Charles and Adina Herr Banks, Edith Swanson Banks, and
Myron and Doris Olson Banks by Perry and Marquita Banks
...Joan Tomasek and Aaron Hohwieler by Tim, Tonya, Bailey and
Logan Tomasek
...Edward Gannott by Marlene Gannott
...Edith and Kenny Lord by Charlene Lord
...Glenn Mattke by Darlene Mattke
...Norman Timm by Irene Timm and family
...Harold Grong by Mabel Grong
...Donald Sterneke by Ardis Sterneke
...Barbara Johnson by Omar Johnson
...Robert Stumpf, father of Pam Russell
...Lewis Wewetzer by Bernice Wewetzer
...Bob Frank, Ron Andreas, and Scott MacRunnel by Chad and Angie
Andreas and family
...Ben Holm by his family
...Elmer & Gwen Geistfeld by Ken and Sue Versaevel family
...Helen Gilbertson by her children Doug, Donald, Deb, Denise
and their families
...Merv Gilbertson by his children, Doug, Donald, Deb, Denise
and their families
...Hal Halverson by Carole Halverson and family
...Stan and Amy Olsen by Brian and Nancy Peltier and family
...Adolphe and Imogne Porisch and Ronald & Dorothy Anderson
by Karl & Shirley Porisch
...Curtis Nielsen and MaryAnn Thielges by Al and Ann Nielsen-Thielges
...George Gesena & Lester Schaffran, Wm, Helene & Richard Valentin
by Jim and Joanne Valentin
...Jesse and William Jr. Engler by Bill & Kathy Engler
...Verlyn Miller by Margaret Miller and family
...Weston Hendrickson and Gregg Hendrickson by Inez Hendrickson
...Charles Friberg by Peggy Friberg
...H. Clyde Pedersen by Helen and children
...Harvey Johannsen by Leon and Vicki Versaevel
...Larry and Dorothy Lien by their children and grandchildren,
"We love you and miss you so much"
... Harold Hansen by Tom, Sherri, Ashley, Brittany and Crista Schultze
...Warren Dahl by Wanda Dahl and family
...Martin Larson by Lillian and family
...Gordon Gilb by Dorothy Gilb

Poinsettias given in honor of:

...Brooke, Lauren, and Alex Reaves by David and Donna Reaves

***The Sunday School Christmas Programs will be broadcast on
Local Cable TV Dec. 24 & 25 at 4pm...set your recorders!***

The radio broadcast today is dedicated by the Banks families in recognition of what would have been the 80th birthday of Myron Banks. Today we celebrate his life as we remember many wonderful memories. We know Myron is still with us in our hearts. Happy Birthday Myron!

Our sympathy to Robert & Roxanne Jahn and family on the death of Robert's mother Mary.

Thank you for Serving:

First Lutheran Strings, Wes Myers, director
Organ/Piano Duet: Rosie Sorum and Susan Jones
Organist: Rosie Sorum
Trumpet - "Joy to the World", Steve Meyer
Chancel Choir, John Voit director; Pianist, Stacey Voit
Trumpet, Brian Jones
Spirit Bells, directed by Steve Meyer
Quintet – Angela Fischer, Kristin Neet-Holien, Connie Knott, Steve Meyer, John Ward, accompanied by Stacey Voit
Peace/Silent Night – signed by Angela Fischer; G3 Liturgical Dance
Group, Bailey Tomasek and Shelbie Thomsen
Organist: Rosie Sorum
Greeters/Ushers 5:30-Harold & Joan Halverson
Greeters: 8:30-Bill & Lori Bell 10:45-Chris & Sabrina Ulrich
Acolytes: 5:30-Macrae Fleck 8:30-Danielle Paradis & Sabrina Perrault
10:45-Brittney Ormberg & Crista Schultze
Lectors: 5:30-Harold Halverson 8:30-Pam Russell
10:45-Helen Pedersen
Communion Assistant 5:30-Kathy Engler
Altar Guild: Cindy Pfeiffer, Nancy Grams, Sue & Steve Strautz
Nursery: 8:30-Karen Murphy 10:45-Clint & Nikki Gehrke
Ushers: 8:30-Blaine, Deb & Mason Schnaible
10:45-David & Donna Reaves, Dan & Isaac Marks
Video: Kevin Kayser

Thank you to all who donated gifts, \$\$ and time to deliver boxes for **Heart to Heart** (\$456) and for \$\$ donated to the **New Horizon's Nursery** (\$280)! Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

The **food shelf** theme is HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Donate any baking item or any item for a holiday dinner. Ideas are flour, sugar, stuffing mix, veggies, gravy, etc. Money is always a welcome gift.

Missionary Sponsorship Tree – Stop by the Christmas Tree in the gathering space, make a donation (\$25 suggested) to the Missionary Fund and place an ornament on the tree in recognition of your gift.

Sunday Dec 18

Festival of Christmas Music Worship/communion 8:30 and 10:45 am
Christmas Tea 9:30 am in Fellowship hall, served by the Chancel Choir

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Staff meets at 8:30am
No TLC, worship. Meal or normal Youth Events
New Orleans Youth-Puffin order to be picked up after school (remember they are a “frozen” product)

Friday, Dec. 23 – BK 7:11am at Burger King

2012 Radio Broadcast Sponsorships In 2011, many of you generously sponsored a broadcast. Thank you, to those who supported this ministry with your treasures. 2012 is rapidly approaching and there are 52 Sundays in need of sponsors. This ministry is extremely important to those who are homebound / ill / unable to get to church.

The cost for a Sunday sponsorship is \$93. **If you would be willing to sponsor a Sunday broadcast in 2012, you may sign up in the narthex before / between / after the worship services or by calling Marlene Nordby at: 929 – 1647.** *Thank you for keeping our worship services going into homes all over southwest Minnesota.*

The 2012 Offering Envelopes are on tables in the Narthex. Please take yours home today! If you do not find a box assigned to you and wish to have envelopes please Call the church office (532-2429).

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sat., Dec. 24th at 3 pm and 5 pm

Radio Broadcast 4:30p.m. (KMHL 1400 AM)

Christmas Day Worship with communion

Sun., Dec. 25th at 9:30 am

No Saturday Dec 31 Worship

New Year's Day, Worship/communion @ 9:30 am

The **essentials tree** will stay up thru New Year's. We collect hats, mittens, socks underwear, etc. for the schools. The items donated are taken to Parkside and Westside students.

Shetek Winter Fun Day for grades 3-6 is Thursday, December 29th.

Cost is \$25 (checks payable to “Shetek”). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday Dec 14th with form and money. Questions? Ask Tonya. Forms and information was emailed out, or paper copies are on the table outside the fellowship hall by the youth bulletin board. Don't miss out! Invite your friends to something different and awesome over Christmas Break! If you still want to go contact Tonya ASAP!!!

Please check the lost and found boxes (in the coat areas by entry doors and the office) for your missing items. Items not picked up by Feb 1 will be donated to Goodwill.



GRAB YOUR SMART PHONE!! DOWNLOAD THE QR APP...TAKE A PICTURE WITH THE APP....AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO FIRST LUTHERAN'S WEBSITE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC!!!

HyVee Cards and Burger Bucks are available for purchase between services in the narthex! Proceeds go to the New Orleans youth gathering. We have \$50 cards and \$100 cards HyVee cards.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign ringers needed for next week...call JoAnn at 537-4152 or Carrie at 337.0219.