

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Stewardship for:

Saturday, November 30, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Keyboard/Organist.....Paula Rosenbaum  
Ushers.....  
Greeter.....  
Lector.....  
Acolyte.....Maya Ray  
Communion Asst.....Nancy LoPiccalo  
Altar Guild.....Jim & Shirley Onken

Sunday, December 1 – 8:00 am

Organist/Pianist.....Julie Mehlberg  
Ushers.....Kurt & Chris Lauritzen  
Greeter(s).....Gene & Sharrie Orendorf  
Lector.....Jim Day  
Acolyte.....Charli Wilcox  
Communion Asst.....Jim Day  
Altar Guild.....Vicki Day

Sunday, December 1 – 10:30 am

Ushers.....Jim & Christine Brown  
Greeters.....  
Lector.....Christine Brown  
Acolyte.....Kinsley Hamilton  
Communion Asst.....Christine Brown  
Altar Guild.....Christine Brown

**WELCOME VISITORS!** Please sign our guest book located in the Narthex, including a COMPLETE mailing address, so that we may recognize your visit with us! Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE!** THE FLOWER & BOX CAST SIGN UP CHART is now located across from the Administration Office. You may also sign up on the SIGN UP SHEETS that will be passed around during services. We hope this will make it easier for everyone.

THANK YOU for your cooperation!





**Please continue to pray for:** Diana Becker, Robbie Becker, Phyllis Bradley, Kerry Foster, Lori Gibson, Darrel Johnson, Jim Jones, Jennifer Kindermann, Marcia Legner, Cindy Rodriguez, Bob Thompson, Cheryl Weber, Nancy Weber, Stephen Weber, Harold Willke, Cindi Arnold, Theresa Christopher, Betty Decker, Joshua Durbin, Betty Edwards, Katy Edwards, Richard & Sheila Geschwind, Judy Gray, Katherine Harding, Melissa Hoerner, Barbara Janssen, Joni Koch, Bill Liptak, Owen Lyons, Ariel Mattingly, Jakob Miller, Rochelle Nolan, Michael O'Shea, Rick Ours, Richard Pfaff, Chris Ross, Anita Sands, Gail Shaffer, Josh Sphrepfer, Kathy Telford, Dave & Carol Tharp, John

Turner, John Winchester & Tiffany Wubben.

**CHILDREN:** Elliot Buchheit, Able Fuchs, Lucy McKinley, & Jalene Woolford

**Prayer List....** Beginning January 1, 2025, we will be starting with a new slate on the prayer list. Please contact the office if you wish to have a name **REMAINED** on the list. Every 2 months, we will start again. Also, please, let the office know when someone's name can be **removed**. **THANK YOU!!!** We pray for all families within our congregation who are struggling in any way at this time.

**THANK YOU** for sponsoring our Altar Flowers: Joyce Ruff in Memory of Mike Ruff.

**THANK YOU** for sponsoring our Box Cast Livestream Broadcast: Joyce Ruff in Memory of Mike Ruff.

**ALTAR FLOWERS and BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP...** You may now sign up for Flowers/Box Cast on the bulletin board across from Administration Office **OR** you may sign up on the sign up sheets that will be passed around during church services for your convenience. Altar Flowers are \$20 & Box Cost is \$30. Checks are to be made payable to "**First Lutheran Church**". **THANK YOU!**

**WRITING A CHECK?** Please make it **payable** to "**First Lutheran Church**", then use the **memo** line to designate **specific** location (Flowers; Box Cast; Jesse's Ride, Memorial for \_\_\_\_; etc.). **Thank you!!**

**FOOD PANTRY...** During the month of **December**, we will be collecting: paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc., toothbrushes, toothpaste, "pop-top" canned foods, canned "complete" meals (w/meat), complete pancake mix, syrup, feminine products, laundry detergent, kid's cereal. Most of these items can be purchased inexpensively at the Dollar Tree. ....Notification was received that there is a **DESPERATE** need for the following items (**CANNED only, please.....NO glass**): Soups – esp. Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken and Tomato; canned pasta sauces. The pantry has not been receiving as much from the food banks and has found themselves having to purchase food for the shelves. In light of this update, monetary donations are certainly welcomed, too The pantry will also accept donations of **UNOPENED, NON-PERISHABLE** food & supplies. Thank you for your support!

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION CLASS & ACOLYTE TRAINING....** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm. Make up date will be Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm.

**RADA CUTLERY SALE:** RADA CATALOGS will be available in the Narthex and east side sanctuary exit in December for any who would like to purchase items for Christmas and throughout the year. You may also purchase items on line at "radakitchenstore. Com". RADA cutlery is an American company started in Iowa in 1948, all items are American made. They offer high quality cutlery and other kitchen accessories. When using the First Lutheran Church code at checkout on your purchase, we receive a donation to our Jesse's Ride dedicated account. This year from that account we have supported the Lutheran Church Charities comfort dog program, the Livingston County Veteran's Commission office with emergency gift cards, and the Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries in Ft. Wayne IN. Please consider picking up a catalog and checking out their merchandise.



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**.....presented by the Pontiac First Lutheran SANCTUARY CHOIR! Performing on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and also on Sunday, Dec.15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Now! **"THIS IS CHRISTMAS!"** Celebrating the **HEART** of Christmas! You won't want to miss it! Save the date!

**CALLING ALL ANGELS!!!** Singing practice for the Angel's of the "Living Nativity" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 6:30-7:30pm & Thursday, December 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome! The "Living Nativity" will take place with **TWO** performances the evening of **Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. (**6:00 pm & 6:45 pm**) Wondering how you might be able to help??? There will be a sign up sheet passed around during church service or you may call Julie Rapp at 309-838-4301 or you may call the office to sign up. Watch newsletter for more details.

**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**..... Will be held Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** ..... will be held on Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 am.

**MYSTERY SOLVED!** Santa **IS** coming to First Lutheran Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 11 am. Enjoy a pancake & sausage breakfast with Santa. Photograph opportunities will be available! Sponsored by Downtown Pontiac Main Street. \$15 per person. All you can eat. All proceeds will go towards "Last Nite 2025 New Years Eve Celebration".

**AED/CPR TRAINING SUNDAY, DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> @1:30 PM** We hope many will consider to participate in this **very important training**. You will be training on the new **AED** equipment that could save someone's life/ Plus CPR training will be available.

**"COME EAT OUT" (CEO group)** The Group has decided to continue on with these special outings. A new list will be printed in December's Newsletter. "COME EAT OUT" will hold their 8<sup>th</sup> meal on Tues., Dec.17<sup>th</sup> @ Pontiac Family Kitchen @ 5:30

**MEN IN MISSION**...has now come back to life! A lot of wonderful events will be happening at First Lutheran after the first of the year. We sincerely hope many of you men will join this mission. They are looking forward to helping the Jr/Sr high youth group & more. The 2nd meeting will be held on Thurs., Jan. 9, 2025 @ 7pm with Pastor providing soup for supper. You won't want to miss it!

**RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE:** **THANK YOU**.....to all who helped in anyway with the Red Cross Blood Mobile Drive. Food, preparation, set up, serving, etc. It was all greatly appreciated!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** .... To all who prepared the sanctuary for this Advent Season! It is beautifully done!!!

**LETS KEEP IT GOING!** The Christmas tree is looking awesome with the hats, gloves or mittens that has been donated. This is a mission that will benefit boys and girls in our community. If you prefer, we will be happy to collect money donations to purchase the hats, gloves & mittens for you. **Thank You** for your generosity!

**VOLUNTEERS**..... Make The World A Better Place! Thanks for all you do!

Totals for the Week

Saturday – 51      Sunday – 8:00 am – 84      10:30 am – 42

Sunday School:    Students –      Teachers –      \$ 15

Contributions This Week: Sat./Sun. – \$5,163  
(needed to meet budget – \$ 6,123)

This week at First:

Sat., Nov. 30      9:00 am – Quilting  
5:30 pm – Traditional Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 1      8:00 am – Traditional Worship Service  
9:15 am – Sunday School - ALL ages  
10:30 am – Contemporary Worship Service  
3:30 pm - Choir  
6:30 pm – Joyful Women

Mon., Dec. 2      9:50 am – the Point Bible Study  
1:00 pm - Quilting  
6:30 pm - Euchre

Tues., Dec. 3      1:00 pm – Quilting

Wed., Dec. 4      9:00 am /6:30 pm  
**No Adult Bible Study till January**  
7:00 pm –Confirmation Class

Thur., Dec. 5      1:00 pm – Anna Circle  
6:00 pm - Choir

Fri., Dec. 6      Pastor – Regular Day Off

Sat., Dec. 7      9 am – 11:00 am **Breakfast with Santa** (Sponsored by “Downtown Pontiac Main Street”) Held here at First Lutheran  
9 :00 am –Quilting  
5:30 pm – Traditional Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun., Dec. 8 – Fellowship Hall Reserved 1 pm – 4 pm

Mon., Dec.9 –The Point Bible Study @ 9:15 am

Wed., Dec.11 – Choir @ 6:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 11 – **NO Bible Study till January**

Wed., Dec. 11 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 17 – CEO @ Pontiac Kitchen 5:30 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ANNUAL** Congregational meeting: Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 following 2<sup>nd</sup> service (approx. 11:30 am)

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE ...Applications approved for grant money will be distributed in Feb 2025.