

# Christmas at First Lutheran

- Dec 3 Road to Bethlehem:** Advent experience at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.
- 7 Choir practice begins for Christmas Eve:** Signup at [1stlu.org/choir](http://1stlu.org/choir).
- 9 Parents' Night Out / Cookie Decorating:** 4:45-8:30pm.
- 11 Gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree are due**  
**Caroling:** 4-7pm. 4-5pm: in sanctuary for a Christmas hymn sing with treats. 5pm: load buses & spread Christmas cheer around town. Return around 6pm for a potluck feast!
- 14 Sunday School Christmas Program:** During 6:15pm worship.
- 17 Bethlehem Event:** English Lutheran, La Crosse.
- 19 Monday Meal @ Trinity:** 4-6:30pm.
- 21 OWLs Christmas Potluck:** Noon.  
**Blue Christmas Worship:** 6:15pm worship, with a light meal & conversation before.
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship Times:** 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 11pm. All will be candlelight and all will be with Holy Communion.
- 25 Christmas Day Worship Time:** One service at 10am, with Holy Communion.
- 26 Monday After Christmas:** Office closed.
- Jan 1 1st Sunday After Christmas:** Two services: 8 & 10:30am.
- 2 New Years Day Observed:** Office closed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bible Readings

Bible readings for Dec. and Jan. can be found online at [1stlu.org/readings](http://1stlu.org/readings).

### Christmas Choir

The next event the choir will rehearse for is Christmas Eve. Practice begins **Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7pm** in the sanctuary. All are welcome... there is no audition and no formal training required. Full schedule and sign-up at [1stlu.org/choir](http://1stlu.org/choir). For more info contact Todd Saner at [todd@firstlu.org](mailto:todd@firstlu.org).

### Monday Night

#### Community Meals

First Lutheran has agreed to help with this important community ministry, by preparing a meal, serving the food, and cleaning up. We need people to plan and prepare the meal to feed 60-80 people, and folks to serve the meal (5-6pm) and help with cleanup. Meal prep can be done at your convenience. Many times people prepare the main course a week ahead and freeze it, and reheat it. Food for the meal can be gotten at no charge from the Hunger Task Force in La Crosse. **NEXT MEAL: Dec. 19.** You can sign up at [1stlu.org/monmeals](http://1stlu.org/monmeals), or contact [bridget@firstlu.org](mailto:bridget@firstlu.org)

### Bible Readers: Deep Dive

## REVELATION

Join Pastor Stanton online for 7-10 minutes per weekday **beginning Jan. 9** for a study of Revelation. He will read the Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing's excellent book, *The Rapture Exposed*, as well as the Rev. Dr. Craig Koester's commentary, in addition to M. Eugene Boring's commentary... so you don't have to! Revelation is the source of so much controversy. What if it could be a primary source of HOPE for the church in 2023? Find the posts each weekday by 5AM on First Lutheran's Facebook page or YouTube channel.



Join others for an afternoon of exploring, questioning and learning about your faith. The Faith Alive! U Weekend Workshops takes place **Jan. 8 from 11:30am-2:30pm**, with lunch and childcare provided. You will have the opportunity to attend two 1-hour classes...

- What is a Land Recognition Statement? How is it helpful for a modern day institution to create and use one? Led by Pastor Ben Morris, Campus Pastor for LuMin in La Crosse.
- Our personal and cultural stories define our identities. How can the stories of others become more meaningful? Join the Rev. Dione Stepanek as she considers, "The Stories that Shape Us". She will use Chimamanda Adichie's famous TED Talk, "The Danger of a Single Story" as a launch pad for discussion.
- How is it faithful to go 'out of our way' to welcome those whom the church has harmed in the past? How could it strengthen our church to focus on this welcoming work? David Rask Behling serves as a Deacon in the Northwest Wisconsin Synod of the ELCA and will be our keynote speaker who will help us imagine what endorsing our Welcome Statement may come to mean, both for our church and the community our church serves.



## Be a Mabel

You too can "Be A Mabel" and support the First Lutheran Foundation Fund. Watch for upcoming events to learn how or contact the church office. *More info:* [1stlu.org/foundation](http://1stlu.org/foundation)



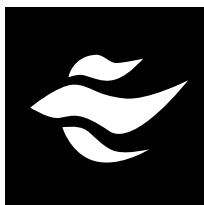
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
Sundays 8am & 10:30am  
Wednesdays 6:15pm  
Live streaming at [1stlu.org/live](http://1stlu.org/live)

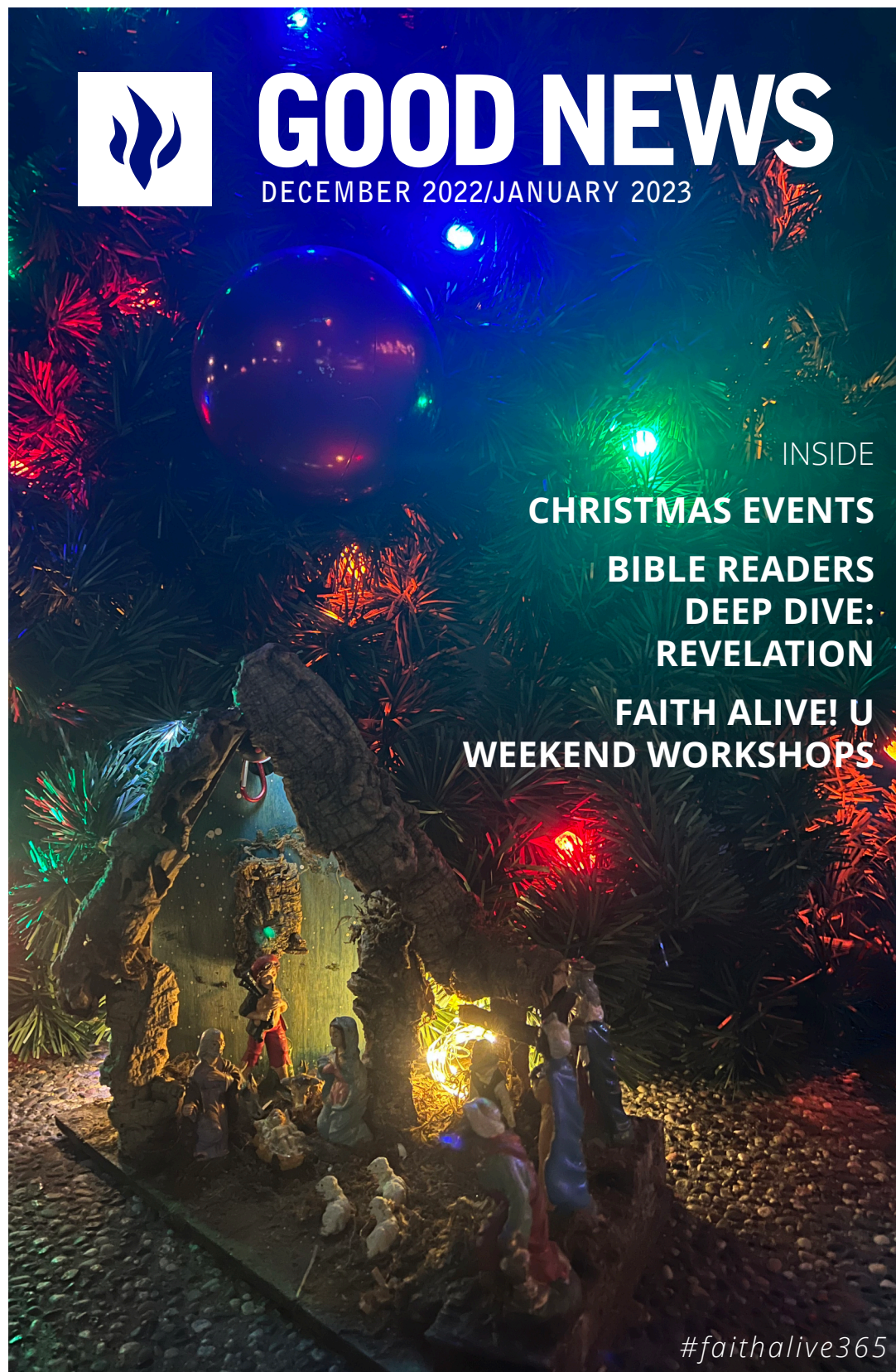
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DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

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# DECEMBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><i>Sunday Reoccurring Events</i></p> <p>8a In-Person Worship 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Class 9:15a Parent Share 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a In-Person Worship</p>	<p><b>SING!</b></p> <p>First Lutheran senior choir begins rehearsing for Christmas Eve <b>Wednesdays at 7pm, starting Dec. 7.</b> All are welcome! <i>Schedule &amp; Reg: 1stlu.org/choir</i></p>	<p><i>Christmas Program &amp; Worship</i> <b>Wed., Dec. 14, 6:15pm</b></p> 	<p><i>Wednesday Reoccurring Events</i></p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn 5:30pm Confirmation Dinner 6:15 Confirmation Class 6:15p In-Person Worship 7p Confirmation Small Groups</p>	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>1 7p AA - FH</p> 	<p>2 10a Baptismal Prepar 2p Road to Bethlehen</p> 
<p>9:15a Sunday School Christmas Program Practice - SN</p>	<p>4 7:45a OWLs Fly to Yesterday's Youth @ Sugar Creek 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p> <p><b>Bible MATTERS</b></p> <p>Join Pastor Karyn for a year-long journey through the lectionary (our schedule of readings), Mon. evenings, 7-8pm meeting in the narthex</p>	<p>6 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>7 10a Springbrook Worship 7p Choir Practice for Christmas Eve - SN</p>	<p>8 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>9 4:45p Parent's Night Out &amp; Cookie Decorating - FH 7p AA - FS</p> <p><i>Parents' Night Out</i></p> <p>And youth cookie decorating Reg: 1stlu.org/nightout</p>	<p>9:30a Drawing from t</p>
<p>11 Christmas Giving Tree Gifts Due</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School Christmas Program Practice - SN 4p Caroling</p> <p><b>Caroling!</b></p> <p>4p: hymn sing 5p: caroling 6pm: potluck feast @ church</p> 	<p>12 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>13 9a Quilters - FS 1p Dorcas Circle - UR 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>14 No Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups</p> <p>10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 6:15p Worship &amp; Christmas Program 7:15p Choir Practice for Christmas Eve - SN</p> <p><i>Sunday School Christmas Program</i></p>	<p>15 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>16 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>12p Bethlehem Event Reservations required: englishlutheran.org</p>
<p>18 9:15a Sunday School 12p Bethlehem Event @ English Lutheran</p>	<p>19 1p Elizabeth Circle 4p Monday Meal @ Trinity 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p> <p><b>MONDAY NIGHT MEAL @ TRINITY</b></p>	<p>20 9a Quilters - FS 11:30a Drop off Giving Tree gifts at Social Services building 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 6:30p Property Management Team Mtg - NX 7p Vision &amp; Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>21 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Christmas Potluck - NX 5:30p Blue Christmas Dinner 6:15p Blue Christmas Worship 7p Choir Practice for Christmas Eve - SN</p> <p><i>Blue Christmas Worship</i></p>	<p>22 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>23 Office Closes at Noon 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>1:30p Choir Warm Up 2p Christmas Eve Wor 4p Christmas Eve Wor 6p Christmas Eve Wor 11p Christmas Eve Wk</p> 
<p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>No Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirmation Classes</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>10a Christmas Worship</p> 	<p>26 Office Closed</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>27 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>28 No Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups</p>	<p>29 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>30 7p AA - FS</p>	

# JANUARY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p>1 No Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirmation Classes</p> <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>2 New Years Day Observed (office closed)</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>3 9a Quilters - FS 12:30p Blood Drive - NX 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR</p> <p><b>Blood Drive</b></p> 	<p>4 10a Springbrook Worship</p>	<p>5 9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>6 5:30p Epiphany Dinner Theatre 7p AA - FH</p>		
<p>8 9:15a Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15a Sunday School 11:30a Faith Alive! University 7p Peer Ministry Kick-off</p> 	<p>9 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>10 9a Quilters - FS 1p Dorcas Circle - UR 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>11 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg</p>	<p>12 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>13 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>9:30a Drawing from t</p>	
<p>15 Deadline for Feb Newsletter</p> <p>9:15a Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (2nd meeting, parents/guardians &amp; child) - FH 9:15a Sunday School 7p Peer Ministry - MR</p>	<p>16 Office Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)</p> <p>1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>17 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision &amp; Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>18 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Potluck - NX</p>	<p>19 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>20 7p AA - FS</p>		
<p>22 Annual Reports Available</p> <p>9:15a Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (3rd meeting, parents/guardians &amp; child) - FH 9:15a Sunday School 7p Peer Ministry - MR</p> 	<p>23 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>24 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>25 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>26 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>27 4:45p Parent's Night Out - FH 7p AA - FS</p> <p><i>Parents' Night Out</i></p> <p>Reg: 1stlu.org/nightout</p>		
<p>29 Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair, lifted up in worship</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 7p Peer Ministry - MR</p>	<p>30 10a Assemble Full Newsletter - NX 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>31 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p><b>CALENDAR KEY</b></p> <p>CR = Choir Room FBB = Faith Building Block FH = Fellowship Hall FS = Fireside Room LG = Lounge</p> <p>MR = Mary Room NX = Narthex SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room</p>			<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>