

Annual Midweek Advent Worship

Lost in the Night:

An Advent Communion Service of Hope and Expectation

10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9

Special music by Joy Hagen & Melissa Moll

The 50+ ministry is hosting the annual Midweek Advent Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. Our worship service will center on the hymn *Lost in the Night*, which expresses humanity's plaintive longing for the coming of Christ. This event is open to all ages of the congregation, including guests and family. As a tribute to Pauline Gilbert, Sarah Circle is working with the planning committee to create a lunch highlighting favorite recipes of Pauline's. This will be sure to please! If you are participating in the optional gift exchange, bring a \$5 gift that is suitable for either men or women.

Great Caroling Adventure

Join other families today from 12:45-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site. Prepare treats and then deliver holiday greetings while caroling. If you would like to arrive earlier, feel free to arrive at 12:15 p.m. with your brown bag lunch.

LWR Fair Trade Coffee Project Sale

Today is your last chance before Christmas to purchase Fair Trade Coffee! Visit the tables in the Gathering Area at either site.

Prayer Shawl Dedication

Prayer shawls will be dedicated at all worship services this morning. Remember, anyone may pick up a shawl from the church office and take it to someone in need of prayer.

Wreath Pick-up

If you ordered a wreath through the 2010 Mission:Denver fundraiser, you can pick it up at the Downtown Site on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. Payment is due at the time of pickup.

Alternative Gift Market

Downtown 12/6 & 12/13; North Site 12/13 & 12/20

The Alternative Gift Market is an opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping and simultaneously support various life-giving projects from around the world, including our own neighborhoods. You will be able to purchase food for the hungry, care for the sick, shelter for the homeless, renewal for our endangered planet and much more – truly meaningful alternatives to the usual holiday gifts – in honor of your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and children's teachers. Fair trade items will also be available for sale through Globally Sound, a fair trade store in downtown Appleton.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Volunteers Needed

Worship volunteers are needed to assist with the seven holiday worship services being offered this year. Sign up today in the Gathering Area for the role and worship service that will accommodate your family.



Upcoming Holiday Deadlines:

Monday, Dec. 7: Call church office to RSVP for Midweek Lunch
Wednesday, Dec. 9: Drop off your Christmas Care Box
Friday, Dec. 11: Order forms due for poinsettia for church sanctuaries
Friday, Dec. 11: January newsletter deadline

White Heron Chorale Concert ~ Saturday, Dec. 19

Only a few tickets remain for the Dec. 19 White Heron Chorale concert at Lawrence Memorial Chapel. Reserved tickets are \$17. Sign up in the Gathering Areas, fill out a payment envelope and give it to a Sunday usher, place it in the offering plate or forward it to the church office.

FELC Youth

Monday, Dec. 7: FELC YOUTH in grades 9-12 can join Mo at Sam's Club, Monday night from either 6-7 or 7-8 p.m. to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

Sunday, Dec. 13: FELC YOUTH in grades 4-5 are invited to BOARD GAME DAY at the North Site from 4-5:15 p.m. Bring a game or bring a friend.

Sunday, Dec. 13, Dec. 20 & Dec. 27: FELC youth in grades 6-12 are invited to watch the Packer game at the North Site. Come at 11:45 a.m. and bring a snack to pass. Beverages provided. Games, contests, and more during time outs, halftime, and post game.

"Only Love"

Christus Lutheran Church will be hosting a choral concert on December 13 at 3 p.m. The program will feature the choir from St. John's Lutheran and other churches in Gillett, WI. They will be present a Christmas cantata by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Brandon Rudie fund. A dessert reception will follow the performance.

Advent LIFT Opportunities

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Quiet time for reflection on Advent Poetry read by poet Connie Krueger. In the Lounge at the Downtown Site from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Quiet time to reflect on favorite Christmas carols. Led by Anita Lyle in the Lounge at the Downtown Site from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday meal registration

To register for meals, e-mail the church office at felc@felc.com and include the information below, or complete and tear off this form, return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$5 for adults and for children ages 5 and older; children under 5 are free. (Family/household maximum is \$20.) Payment is collected on Wednesday nights. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Name: (Please print clearly) _____

Number of total attendees _____ Number of attendees under age 5 _____

____Dec. 9: Broasted Chicken with side dishes: Mary's Family Restaurant

____Dec. 16: Pizza Buffet with salad: FELC LIFT hosts

Reservation deadline for these catered meals is noon on Monday. Please help our LIFT volunteers by honoring this noon deadline on Monday. To cancel your reservation, call the church office by noon on Tuesday.

Payment is needed for cancellations made after noon on Tuesday.