



Weekly Announcements for the week of December 14th, 2025

Scripture Verses for December 14th

- Lamentations 3:55-57
- Luke 1:5-13

Scripture Verses for December 21st

- Isaiah 41:5-10
- Matthew 1:18-25

Message Series: Advent

We live in a world filled with challenges, uncertainty, and fear. Some of us find ourselves questioning God saying, "Why Me?" Join us this Advent season as we dive into the characters of Christmas. From the parents of the one who would prepare the way to kings from countries far away, many of the people who are part of the Christmas story experienced the same feelings and fear we do today. Join us Sundays and Wednesdays as we dive into these characters and discover how Faith overcomes Fear!



Send Monica Your "God at Work" Stories! No story too small!

Feel free to write them in to my email:

ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org or stop by the church office and we can record the story.

December Finals Feeding Frenzy

- December 14, 15, 16
- 5:00-6:30 PM
- Soups, Baked Potato Bar, Lasagna

We have one more big push to serve the campus for 2025: the December Finals Feeding Frenzy. Thanks to the generosity of all of you, we will be able to heat and serve leftover lasagna for one meal, and the leftover pulled pork with baked potatoes for another meal. We do need soups, sides, and desserts though! Below is the sign-up sheet:

[Dec 2025 Feeding Frenzy - Google Sheets](#)

Let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like to bring an item, but you are having trouble with the Google sign-up. I'm happy to help! God's blessings to you all this Christmas season!

All-Saints Celebration for NYE:

We would like to acknowledge the people we have lost this past year during our New Year's Eve Worship (**December 31st, 6:30 PM**). If you have lost someone this past year, please send me or Pastor Chad an email (along with a photo if you have one) of your loved one.

New Year's Eve Kids' & Families

Celebration! After the NYE worship service (6:30 PM) on Dec 31st, we will be holding a celebration and countdown for families! Fun hats, streamers, photo op, sparkling juice! Stay to celebrate, do a countdown, and still get home at a decent hour!

Christmas for Kids in Costa Rica!

This December as part of our mission to the C4 we are adopting kids in Costa Rica who are part of Uncion Y Fuego. One of the biggest challenges that many families have is supplying all the necessary school supplies to have a successful start to the school year. So, we have set a goal to adopt 100 kids and bless them with a school supplies kit. **Each kit will cost \$25** to put together. We also want to encourage them with a note and a picture from their friends here at LMC. **So, if you would like to sponsor a student, make a donation to LMC along with a picture and a letter to share.** We will get those translated and delivered to the students. We know when we meet the needs of people in any community, it opens up hearts to receive the Gospel.



**December Congregational
Voter's Meeting:
9:30 AM Sunday, December 14th**

Raise Right Cards: Gifting that gives

back! Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Luther Memorial. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands. Whether you buy gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts, Luther Memorial earns funds. You may also pick up a retailer list and order forms at the Raise Right table on Sunday mornings. You may also order cards in the church office.



Refer to the dates below for ordering dates. Scan the QR Code to order from the entire online catalog.

Order by:

Sun, Dec. 14th

Cards available for pick up:

Sun, Dec. 21st



2025 Year-End Staff Appreciation Gift

Reminder The LMC Board of Directors would like to remind the congregation to consider showing your appreciation for the LMC Staff for their dedication and tireless service. Our staff roster consists of:

- Melody Boersma - Praise Team Leader
- Beth Benysek - Business Administrator
- Monica Bylander - Ministry Coordinator
- Chad Schuerman - Director of Family Ministry
- Chad Elfe - Pastor

There are two methods to do so:

Method 1 - Gifts for the staff sent to the church will be treated as a donation and appear on your annual giving report. This will be tax deductible for the parishioner and will be a taxable event for the staff receiving the gift. The donated amount will be equally distributed to each of the 5 staff members. Donations for this method are due December 14th.

Method 2 - If you prefer that the gift not be taxable to the staff, you can do so by giving the gifts directly to the staff members. This will not be treated as a donation and will not be tax deductible for the parishioner. Please consider showing our Staff your appreciation. Terry Ross, BOD HR Director

Longest Night

A quiet, welcoming space for anyone needing calm in a chaotic season. This service is especially for those experiencing grief, loneliness, or sadness—and for all who simply need a moment to breathe and be held in God's peace.

DECEMBER 21 | AT 6:00 PM

Ezekiel Lutheran Church
202 S 2nd Street

*Sponsored by churches in the
River Falls area.*

College Bible Study We are so excited to invite the students back to LMC for [two options](#) for Bible Studies. **Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** mentored by Monica Bylander along with Steve & Jacky Rolf. **Sunday evening at 7:30 PM** student-led study mentored by Micah Thompson. LMC, we could use your help in providing snacks for the Thursday night Bible Study. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship Hall on the table. Thank you for supporting this important mission field!



Coffee for a Cause! We are serving “Promised Grounds” coffee on Sunday morning during “Sweet Jesus” time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3rd world country through “Filters of Hope!” [BUY HERE](#)

Soccer Shots @ LMC!

We have an opportunity again this year to have Soccer Shots at LMC on Tuesday evenings this coming Winter. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Members of LMC will be receiving 10% off the registration fee. In order to register with the discount, please email twincities@soccershots.com or call 651.300.0134

There will be two 5-week sessions:

- Tuesdays (1/20-2/17)
 - o 5:30-6:00 PM
 - o 6:00-6:30 PM
- Tuesdays (2/24-3/24)
 - o 5:30-6:00 PM
 - o 6:00-6:30 PM

To see more information about Soccer Shots and the timing

of the classes: [Soccer Shots Twin Cities - Class Registration](#)



Advent Sunday Morning Bible Study

For many, “advent” means a countdown to Christmas. Whether we envision candy-filled Advent calendars or lights draped over houses with nativity scenes out front, Advent marks a happy season of celebrating. In most Christian traditions, Advent is a four-week season of celebration and observation prior to Christmas, each week often focusing on a particular biblical theme. Typically, these four themes find their way into the weeks of advent: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. Celebrating Advent also means living into it by practicing a generous way of love and care for our neighbors as we partner with Jesus to bring peace on Earth. Join us as we meditate on each of these themes so that you might deepen your understanding of Advent and experience the season in a new way.



Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

Pastor Chad: Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!



Giving at LMC: We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 12/14	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM December Voter's Meeting 10:30 AM Sunday Worship (UWRF Graduate Send off) 5:00 PM UWRF Finals Feeding Frenzy 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Study
Monday 12/15	5:00 PM UWRF Finals Feeding Frenzy 5:30 PM Elfe Missional Community 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 12/16	11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 5:00 PM UWRF Finals Feeding Frenzy 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community
Wed 12/17	8:30 AM Mid-week Connect 10:30 AM Advent Worship 6:30 PM Advent Worship
Thursday 12/18	8:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice
Saturday 12/20	7:30 AM Men's Journey Team 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice 11:30 AM Betty Chance Visitation/Funeral
Sunday 12/21	8:00 AM All-Church Christmas Program 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM All-Church Christmas Program

Worship Assistants: December 14th

December 14 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise team	Praise team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Crystal Halverson	Crystal Halverson
USHER	Carol Olsen	Todd Schultz
GREETER	Sandy Brace	Clint Riese Family
CLICKER	Mark Kovatch	Heidi Riese
READER	Lise Klingler	Donna Taranto
VIDEOGRAPHER	Gabe Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Sally Martin, Lise Klingler	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Jacky Rolf & Crystal Halverson	
SWEET JESUS	Marilyn Anderson	

Worship Assistants: December 17th

December 17th	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
MUSICIANS	Lori Woltman	Ellen Schultz
USHER	NA	Marv Klingler
GREETER	NA	Klingler Family
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Levi Schuermann
READER	NA	Harper Lierman
VIDEOGRAPHER	NA	Tony Brace
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Jacky Rolf & Crystal Halverson	

Worship Assistants: December 21st

December 14th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Blended	Blended
USHER	Greg & Jill Wurdell	Pat Pierce
GREETER	Masanz Family	Brent Bishop Family
CLICKER	Monica Bylander	Monica Bylander
READER	(Program)	(Program)
VIDEOGRAPHER	Curt Leighty	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Pierce, Marilyn Schultz	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Jacky Rolf & Crystal Halverson	
SWEET JESUS	Lise Klingler	



Advent 2025 “Insisting on Hope this Season”

December 3rd: 10th, 17th: Wednesday Worship- 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
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 December 21st: Christmas Program- 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 December 24th: Christmas Eve Worship

- 4:00 PM Contemporary
- 7:00 PM Traditional

December 25th: Christmas Day 9:00 AM
 December 28th: Worship 9:00 AM
 December 31st: New Year’s Eve Worship 6:30 PM
 (Party to follow)

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