

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am..... Classic Worship
 9:45 am.... Confirmation/Sunday School (Coffee and Fellowship for Adults*)
 11:00 am..... Praise Worship
 2:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
 6:00 pm GA Meeting

Monday, December 11

6:30 pm..... Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am..... InAsMuch
 10:30am..... School Christmas Program
 11:30 am..... Mom's Group
 7:00 pm FLRB Council Meeting
 7:00 pm YogaFaith Exercise

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 am..... Word of Life
 10:30am..... School Christmas Program
 5:00 pm JaM
 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal
 6:00 pm - 8 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Carhartts
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

11 am..... School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 16

9am - 11am Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am..... Christmas Pageant in Worship
 9:45 am..... Coffee and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall*
 11:00 am..... Christmas Pageant in Worship
 6:00 pm GA Meeting

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall and get to know one another better!

Christmas Eve Services

Celebrate the birth of Jesus! Join us in worship on December 24th and invite your friends and family to take part.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10 am
Family Service – 5 pm
Traditional Candlelight Services – 9 pm & 11 pm

Advent Floral Donations

We will be purchasing plants and flowers to decorate the church and the altar area for the holiday season. Please see the Navigator insert for information on how you may contribute to FLRB's Christmas floral decorations and for a form to fill out. You may donate in honor or in memory of someone. A listing of honored and remembered individuals will be included in the Christmas eve bulletin. Submission of forms and monetary donations should be made by December 18th.

Submission Deadlines

Announcements for the Navigator are due by **Tuesday** each week.

11:00 am Praise & Worship Service

Prelude People Get Ready

Welcome

Song Prepare Ye the Way

Prayer

Song Savior of the Nations, Come **ELW 263**

Isaiah 40:1-11 *(See page 599-600 in the pew Bible)*

Children's Message

Advent Candle Lighting Light the Candle of Peace

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia

Mark 1:1-8 *(See page 836 in the pew Bible)*

Message Pastor John Bjorge

Sermon Song There's a Voice in the Wilderness **ELW 255**

Prayers
P Lord, in our longing,
C **give us trust and give us hope.**

Offering Let There Be Light
(Tithes and Offerings are gathered at this time)

Offering Response What Can I Give Him

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you
(Sung to "O Come All Ye Faithful")

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy
(Sung to "Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing")

Words of Promise

The Lord's Prayer *Page 323 in **Beginners Bible**
 Page 226 in **Jesus Storybook Bible***

Sharing The Peace

Yes! You are welcome at the Lord's Table!
Jesus asked those who would follow him to remember him in the breaking of the bread. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, know that you are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please take a moment for silent confession as you prepare your heart for Christ in the mystery of Communion. Ask God to forgive you and restore your spirit through this gift. Jesus has promised that he is present in the bread (gluten free available) and wine (or white grape juice). Let him fill you with his strength and love. Receive these gifts and receive with them the promises of forgiveness, new life and salvation which God offers through them.

Songs During Communion Ready the Way
 What Feast of Love **ELW 487**

Post-Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song People, Look East **ELW 248**

Dismissal



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

Leading Worship Today

Pastor John Bjorge, Preacher/Presider
 Terry Baird, Faith Formation Director
 Joel Bevington, Director of Music Ministries
 Hospitality Team: Blue Team

Welcome to First Lutheran of Richmond Beach!

First Lutheran is a vibrant community of faith dedicated to:

- inviting all people to discover a confident faith in Jesus,
- equipping them with a faith that works in real life, and
- sending them out as ambassadors and servants of Christ in the world!

We believe that Jesus is life—the rest is just detail! We also believe that we're incomplete without you! Join us for worship! Join us as we grow in our faith! Join us as we share God's love through service to others. See what a difference Jesus can make in your life!

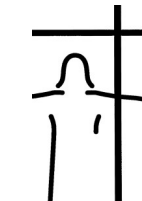
Welcome Cards - All new worshipers are encouraged to fill out a pew card with your name, contact info and date. This card may also be used to indicate a change of address. The back of the card offers space for comments or prayer requests. Please place your card in the offering plate during offertory.

Large Print - The ushers can provide large print bulletins and large print Bibles for your use during worship.

Children are welcome to worship! Busy Bags containing soft toys, crayons and paper are available for children in the Narthex.

Nursery Care - Nursery is available for children (age 3 months through 6 years) in the first floor education wing. An usher can provide directions.

Get acquainted... Please stop in for coffee and conversation following worship. We gather in the Fellowship Hall and spend a little friendship time together. Simply turn left as you leave the sanctuary.



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LIVING

Christmas Pageant: Strange Happenings

December 17th – Both Services

The talents of our congregation will collide together to tell of God’s love through the gift of his Son. Children and youth are encouraged to participate.

Ways to Participate:

Kids singing: Kids going to JaM and Sunday School will be learning the songs for the pageant.

All Speaking Parts Rehearsal:

Wednesday December 13th, 6:00pm-8:00pm – Dinner Provided

All Participants’ Dress Rehearsal:

Saturday, December 16th, 9am-11am

Do you have talents you can offer? Contact Terry Baird ffd@flrb.org

Cancer Support Group

Join us on Tuesday, **December 19th at 6:30 pm** in the FLRB Library. We will be honoring each other and others affected by cancer with quiet moments, music, candle lighting, prayer and support. Questions, contact Sherry Shellman 206-794-6508.

Dishwasher Training

Yay! Our new dishwasher is installed and ready for use. Mike Harris has agreed to run Sunday training sessions on December 10th and December 17th at 9:45 am between services. Training should take less than 10 minutes. This is our opportunity to move from paper plates, cups and plastic utensils to our dishware to be more environmentally conscious. All who plan to use the dishwasher, Hospitality Teams, youth groups, cooks, etc. should plan to attend.

Daily Texts 2018 booklets

Pick up your copy at the hospitality desk for \$8 each. There is an envelope in each book for your ease of payment. You can put the envelopes in the drop box next to the office door, or slip it thru the office mail slot.

Church Council 2017- 2018

The Church Council is your elected leadership at FLRB. Please contact council members with your questions, concerns or suggestions.

President - Jim Borrow	Treasurer - Mike Laslavic
Vice President - Laura Schleede	At-Large - Duane Hoffmann
Past President - Phil Turcotte	At-Large - Cory Heins
Secretary - Laura Marchisio	At-Large - Bev Klein
Lead Pastor - John Bjorge	

A member of the church council will be at the Hospitality Desk on Sunday mornings for any questions or suggestions you may have.

FLRB Church Staff Directory

Church office @ 206.546.4153 or visit www.flrb.org

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LOVING

Service of Remembrance and Hope

Approaching the Holidays, alone...

We are in the “final approach” to the Christmas holiday, and many of you may have experienced the loss of a loved one, or the loss of health and you find yourself without the “joy” of the season. Your loss has made a huge difference in sharing and experiencing the holidays. Let us walk with you.



On December 10 at 2pm, our Caring Ministry has “A Service of Remembrance and Hope”, often called The Blue Christmas service. It is a time to honor and remember your loss, and to offer support and resources as you grieve and face the “familiar” in a different way. The service is a small, quiet gathering in the church Library. We will have invitations available if you want to invite someone you know.

Our Parish Nurse, Cathy Thomas, invites you to share your concerns/worries if you would like, in a conversation with her...you can contact her through the office or email her at nurse@flrb.org, or reach out to her when you see her!

Thank You!

Special thanks to all the many volunteers who helped make Pastor John's Sabbatical Welcome Back Event a special blessing! And because there was much more to share, be on the look out for Part Two, perhaps in January....

Advent Devotional Booklets

Advent Devotional Booklets written by Terry Baird, Faith Formation Director, are available in the Narthex. This is a great way to prepare your mind and heart during Advent.

Kraut for Sale

Today (December 10th), quarts of kraut made by the Youth Group and Jim Shilt, will be for sale! Over the past 10 years, we have made at least 400 pounds of sauerkraut each year. Thanks for your support over the years.

This Week’s Prayer List

This list of prayer requests is for you to use as you pray in your home during the week. Prayers are included for three consecutive weekly bulletins unless otherwise requested.



(.....Hope in the Resurrection.....)

Pray for the family of **Harold Olden** who died on December 2, 2017. Memorial will be January 20, 2018 at 1pm.

Pray for the family of **Tom Bennett** who died on November 17th, 2017. Memorial will be January 6, 2018 at 11am.

(.....Health, Healing & Comfort.....)

Pray for **Jan Keira Rowell**, Jeff Johnson’s paralegal, cancer treatment. Pray for **Patti Johnson**. Pray for **Geneva VanHorne**.

(.....In Praise & Thanksgiving.....)

Thanksgiving for **Rebecca Bailey’s** job. Prayers of thanksgiving for **Piper Grace’s** continued healing, and that she is thriving.

SERVING

Give the gift of Heifer

This year we are again supporting Heifer International during December. Since 1944, Heifer has provided livestock and agricultural training to improve lives. This is an opportunity to purchase an animal to help a family achieve a living income. To give the gift of an animal or to support Heifer’s ministry, please make your checks payable to Heifer International and FLRB will forward them on to Heifer. For more information visit the Heifer display in the Narthex.

December Sock Drive for Compass Housing

Dry socks (and dry feet) are extremely important to men living outside. So this December we are again collecting socks for Compass Housing Alliance’s Hygiene Center in Pioneer Square. Please bring **new** athletic-type (heavy) socks to the church by December 17th. Collection boxes are located in FLRB’s Narthex.

Backpacks for Kids

Update: Backpacks for Kids has an updated shopping list located on the bulletin board outside the main FLRB office door. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry!

Olive Wood Carvings for Sale

We have a number of boxes of olive wood carvings for sale. All of the money from sales of the olive wood carvings goes back to Bethlehem and is distributed to the carvers. They can make great gifts and sales help Christian Palestinian families in Bethlehem. Please visit the table in the Narthex to purchase these items.

Disaster Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. To give, visit: elca.org/disaster

End of Year Donations

Reminder: End of year donations must be received by the end of Sunday services on December 31, 2017 to appear on your 2017 giving statement.

Ways to Give

- [1] On the church website (www.flrb.org), is a link to be able to give donations via Simply Giving. Click on “Online Giving” on the front page.
- [2] There is an Electronic Donations/Simply Giving alternatives poster on the wall bulletin board behind the Hospitality Desk. Feel free to tear off a Simply Giving application if it interests you. These are great ways to help us meet our financial obligations, smooth out the income levels throughout the year and free you up from the logistics of your financial donations.
- [3] You may set up bill pay through your personal online banking.
- [4] If you wish to have offering envelopes, talk to bookkeeper, Karen Ewing.

Income and Expense Summary for November 2017

	NOV	YTD
Giving/Income	\$56,684	\$198,642
Expense	\$60,705	\$232,426

At the end of November, a total of \$15,361 was borrowed from the operating reserve to cover the difference.

Scan here to give online:

