

### Today in Worship

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God.

While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

### Prayers for Pastor John

Pastor John is recovering from surgery this week. Please pray for him as he heals.

### Bundle Up!

The Fellowship Hall is chilly this morning because the furnaces supplying that room are broken. Arrangements are being made to remedy this, but it will take a bit of time and will be a significant expense for the church.

### Blue Christmas Service - This Afternoon

Many people are facing the holidays with a different viewpoint, having lost a loved one, lost their health, lost employment among other losses. How do we face the merriment when our hearts are so very heavy?

We invite you to our Service of Remembrance and Hope. First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach offers this special time to honor your loss, remember, and hope. This service is **this afternoon at 2:00 pm** in the church library.

Sometimes it might be difficult to come alone so invite someone you know who is struggling, and share with them the solace our Lord alone can give. There will be resources and support available. This is sponsored by the Care Ministries of First Lutheran. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Thomas, RN, Parish Nurse.

### 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 17**.

### Job Opening at First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

Seeking full-time director of thriving Christian preschool and kindergarten serving 120 children. Position provides direction and leadership to 13 staff members. School is a vital ministry of First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach in Shoreline, WA. Competitive salary with benefits offered. To download a complete job description, visit [www.flrb.org](http://www.flrb.org) and click on "Job Opening-Preschool Director." Please submit cover letter, resume, and statement of faith to [comm@flrb.org](mailto:comm@flrb.org) before **January 5, 2019**.

### Download the GIVE+ App Today!



**Give+ Mobile**

Vanco, our service provider for automated giving, has increased their options with new apps for both Apple and Android. The GIVE+ app shows the same giving options as our website. You can make regular offerings and youth trip fees payments here. If you don't have this time saver setup, why not? If you need more help, or if you have questions, please contact Karen Ewing. Direct links to the app store of your choice: [bit.ly/androidGive](http://bit.ly/androidGive) [bit.ly/appleGive](http://bit.ly/appleGive)

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 9

8:30 am ..... Classic Service  
9:45 am ..... Education Hour  
11:00 am ..... Praise Service  
2:00 pm ..... Blue Christmas Service

### Monday, December 10

6:00 pm ..... Bell Choir

### Tuesday, December 11

9:00 am ..... Inasmuch Quilters  
10:30 am ..... Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm ..... Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, December 12

10:00 am ..... Word of Life  
11:30 am ..... Mom's Bible Study  
5:00 pm ..... JaM  
6:00 pm ..... Christmas Pageant—Speaking Part Rehearsal  
6:30 pm ..... Youth Group  
7:30 pm ..... Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 13

10:00 am ..... Mary-Martha Circle—off site this time  
5:30 pm ..... S.T.A.R.S event  
7:00 pm ..... 2nd Thursday Art Night  
7:00 pm ..... Hiring Taskforce Meeting

### Saturday, December 15

7:00 pm ..... Dickens Dinner

### Sunday, December 16

8:30 am ..... Advent Lessons and Carols  
9:45 am ..... Education Hour  
11:00 am ..... Bach's Cantata *Wachet auf* with Sand Point UMC

### 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....)

For the family of **Albert Jackson, Jr.** (father of Sharon Jackson) who died on November 23, 2018.

For the family of **Mae Lindlauf** who died on November 27, 2018.

For the family of **Pastor Jim Schoeld** who died on November 28, 2018.

For the family and friends of **Jerry England** who died on December 3, 2018.

For the family of **Charles (Dick) Jewell** who died recently.

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

Pray for **Kim Nesselquist; Maryrose Branyan; David Gibbs; Mark Van Binsbergen; Erica King; Julie Hanson; Eileen McDade; Dick Craig; Kristin Shoos; Pastor John Bjorge.**

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

For the birth of **Jaxon Lawrence David Scott** on November 20, 2018 to parents Tim & Carrie Rice Scott, grandparents Dave & Joan Rice.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

### Leading Worship Today

Jan Nesse, Preaching/Presiding  
Alina Stroh, Alan Herr, Liturgical Assistants  
Terry Baird, Faith Formation Director  
Joel Bevington, Director of Music Ministries  
Hospitality: 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.

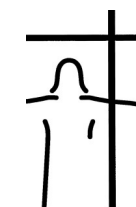
**Large Print**- The ushers can provide large print bulletins and large print Bibles for your use during worship.

**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 some time together. Simply turn left as you leave the sanctuary.

Sunday, December 16, 2018: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 7:18-28



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## LIVING

### Sauerkraut and Lefse Sale

To honor both our German and Norwegian roots the youth have been selling sauerkraut and lefse. A big thank you to Jim Shilt and Judy Paulson for leading the efforts in making Sauerkraut and Lefse. Lefse has sold out. Sauerkraut is still available: \$4.00 for pints and \$7.00 for quarts.

### Oberammergau Passion Play 2020—POSTPONED

Pastor John is putting together a tour of Classical Europe from June 28-July 8, 2020 to Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. The group will be attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau that happens only every ten years. See Pastor John for more details or pick up a brochure at the hospitality desk. The informational meeting that was scheduled for December 9 has been postponed.

### Cultivate your Prayer Life

This fall we are reading *50 Ways to Pray* as a congregation. We will be discussing the book and a variety of prayer practices on **December 16 at 9:45 am** (during the education hour). We have ordered (& reordered!) copies of the book from the publisher in bulk. There are five left that can be bought at the discounted price of \$10. If you would like to purchase one please contact Kate Nesse or Priscilla Strand between services or contact Kate Nesse at [kate.nesse@gmail.com](mailto:kate.nesse@gmail.com), 651-366-7736. If we run out, the book can be purchased online for \$15.99/paperback or \$7.99/Kindle.

### 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.

### 2019 Daily Texts

The 2019 Daily Texts have arrived. Cost: \$8.00 Books are in a basket at the hospitality desk. Payment for the book can be turned in to the offering plate or the office's mail slot using the labeled envelope tucked inside each book.

### FLRB CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

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## LOVING

### Christmas Pageant—December 23, 2018—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.
- Kids Speaking: There will be a few short parts for Elementary students.
- Youth Speaking: The youth will work on speaking parts during youth group.

All Speaking Parts Rehearsal (plus a potluck dinner): Wednesday December 19th, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Dress Rehearsal: December 22nd, 9:00 am-11:00 am.

Do you have talents you can offer? Contact Terry Baird, [ffd@flrb.org](mailto:ffd@flrb.org)

### S.T.A.R.S (Singly Together After Retirement)

Sylvia Pugh is inviting the S.T.A.R.S to a Christmas dinner party on **December 13** at the Hearthstone where she lives now. The party will be in the 10th floor party room, but there will be time to see and visit her new apartment. This year it won't be potluck. It will be partially catered by Hearthstone and the rest by Sylvia. (A small charge). She needs to have a head count soon. It is a busy time for all of us. The group will meet at the church around 5:30 pm to carpool to the Hearthstone (arriving about 6:00 pm). Questions: Sylvia (206-522-8945); Bev (206-801-7871).

### Art Night at FLRB

Art Night is the second Thursday of each month. The next Art Night is this coming **Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 pm**. Bring your own equipment. Come and share a creative evening. If you have questions, call Shirley Fjoslien at 206-546-3964.

### What the DICKENS!!

The Dickens Dinner at FLRB will be held on Saturday, **December 15**. Doors open at 7:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. The ticket price is \$25 per person and only one hundred tickets are available. The evening meal will be beef stroganoff, vegetable, salad and dessert.

The Dickens Carolers will again perform, featuring John Huddlestun and Jason Studstill. This event is a fundraiser to help the Music Department hire additional musicians (brass instrumentalists) for the Easter services.

Join us for great fellowship, conversation, music and food and begin your celebration of the season! Sign up in the Narthex on Sundays.

### Church Council 2018- 2019

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

President - Laura Schleede	Treasurer - Mike Laslavic
Vice President - Chris Verschuyl	At-Large - Bev Klein
Past President - Jim Borrow	At-Large - Cory Heins
Secretary - Laura Marchisio	At-Large - Stephanie Bertges
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.

## SERVING

### This Year Give the Gift Of Animals – and More!

The Good Gifts catalog from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America features God's Global Barnyard – including goats, cows, pigs, chickens, bees and fish – but also offers opportunities to give gifts that fund clean water projects in other countries, support for women and children, health care, and relief for international emergencies.

Whatever your mission interests, you'll find something in the catalog that you will be excited to give to help improve lives around the world. Look for the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs and gift cards in the narthex.

### Thanks for Giving - 2018

Thanks to another great outpouring of generosity this year from the members of First Lutheran we were able to serve 37 families in the Shoreline and Edmonds, each of whom received a turkey and all of the extras for a Thanksgiving meal. This has been a tradition for many years at First Lutheran. This year was different in that we were unable to find as many families that were willing to ask for the food. However all of the extra items we received were put to good use as we delivered over 400 pounds of food to the HopeLink Food Bank next to Ronald Commons.

A project of this type takes lots of work, and a big “**thanks**” goes to Candy Gaul, Liz Davis and their team for organizing the gathering and distribution of all of the food. Also very much appreciated are all of the sorters, and those who delivered the food and turkeys. This is another example of putting our *compassion* into *action!*

*2Corinthians 9:7*

*So let everyone give as they purpose in their heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

### Giving Statements

FLRB is moving further into digital communications. If we have your email address on file, you should have received an email last week with a statements of your giving through November 30. Our plan is to send these quarterly to members via email. Otherwise you will get a statement mailed to your home twice a year. Please make sure we have your current contact information. Updates may be sent to [office@flrb.org](mailto:office@flrb.org)

### Charitable Donations to FLRB

In this season of giving, please consider including FLRB in your charitable contributions. We are able to live, love, and serve in our community and our world through your generous donations. As a reminder, end of year donations must be received by December 31, 2018 at noon to appear on your 2018 giving statement.

### Income and Expense Summary November 2018

	NOV	YTD
Giving/Income	\$62,005.93	\$225,395.03
Expense	\$56,409.98	\$223,278.92
Net	\$5,595.95	\$2,116.11

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