

Music Sunday: The "O" Antiphons

December 15 at both worship services. Celebrate Advent with a presentation of the ancient "O" Antiphons. Every year since the 8th century the Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons during Advent, using biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but current ones as well. Music combined with readings and carols will accompany these special worship services as we reflect on the coming of Christ.



Candlelight Dessert Concert with Brass Quintet and Christmas Carols

Saturday, December 21, 7:30 pm. Help support our Music Program by attending this special event! This Christmas season we have invited the Seattle Brass Quintet to join us for an evening of carols and festive music to be enjoyed with special



desserts made by members of our congregation. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the narthex after worship services on Sunday or during the week by contacting Joel Bevington (music@flrb.org). This year, all proceeds will go toward our need for a new sound system in the sanctuary.

Christmas Pageant

December 22 at both worship services. The talents of our congregation will collide to tell of God's love through the gift of his Son. This year, our children and youth will use the Jesse Tree—stories of Jesus' "family tree"—to guide the retelling of the Christmas story.



CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15 - Music Sunday: The "O" Antiphons

8:30 am..... Classic Service
9:45 am..... Education Hour
* Children, Youth, & Adults
11:00 am Praise Service

Monday, December 16

5:45 pm..... Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 am..... Inasmuch Quilters
10:30 am School Christmas Concert
11:30 am Staff Meeting*
*special time
11:30 am Mom's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 am Word of Life Bible Study
10:30 am School Christmas Concert
5:00 pm..... JaM
6:00 pm..... Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm..... Youth Group
7:30 pm..... Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

11:00 am School (Lions, Kinders) Christmas Pageant
11:30 am Writers' Group
1:00 pm..... Staff Christmas Lunch - offsite

Saturday, December 21

7:30 pm..... Candlelight Dessert Concert

Sunday, December 22 - Christmas Pageant during both services

8:30 am..... Christmas Pageant: The Jesse Tree
9:45 am..... Fellowship Hour (No Sunday School or Confirmation)
11:00 am Christmas Pageant: The Jesse Tree



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Leading Worship Today

Pastor John Bjorge, Preacher/Presider
Terry Baird, Faith Formation Director
Joel Bevington, Director of Music Ministries
Liturgical Assistant: David Gibbs
Acolytes: 4th - 6th Graders
Hospitality: Gold 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! Children's bulletins and Busy Bags containing soft toys, crayons and paper are available for children in the Narthex.

Worship Creations - Each week during worship there will be packs of supplies available to create and/or respond to the story that is being preached on that week. This is an opportunity for kids (and adults) who would like to have a creative way to respond as they participate in worship.

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

Scripture Readings for **Sunday, December 22, 2019:**
Genesis 15: 1-5; Ruth 2:1-4, 4:16-17; 1 Samuel 16:1; Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2

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 **Ron Dudeck** who died on December 12, 2019.

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

Pray for **Judy Poulsen; Bill Gese; Scott Lindberg;**
Linda Gray Bird; Lars Austnes; Eileen McDade; Norm Ediger;
Sandy Bailey; Linda Ingerson; Karen Klein; Mary; Juliet Malay.



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – Family Service
8:30 pm – Traditional Candlelight Service
10:30 pm – Traditional Candlelight Service



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LIVING

Join FLRB at a Silver Tips Hockey Game

All are welcome to spend a fun intergenerational evening together cheering on the Silvertips.

- Regina vs Silvertips
- Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 4:05 pm
- Tickets: \$13 contact Terry Baird (ffd@flrb.org) for tickets by 12/31/2019.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Wednesday, December 18:

5:00 pm - Music Rehearsal

5:30 pm - Potluck Dinner

6:00 pm - All Speaking Parts Rehearsal

Saturday, December 21:

9:00-9:30 am - All Kids in Pageant **including preschoolers**

9:30-11:00 am - All Kids in Pageant (except preschoolers)

Adult Education

There will be no Adult Education today. Come to the Fellowship Hall and meet some new people. Parents looking for a time of support and community with other parents are welcome to join the group in the library (see announcement below). Mark your calendar for Adult Education in 2020:

1/5 **“Disaster Preparedness”**

by Shoreline Office of Emergency Management

1/12 **“Accompanying Our Global Companions: Young Adults in Global Mission in Madagascar”** by Kasey Shultz

New Opportunity for Parents - Today!

Are you a parent looking to grow in faith and connect with other parents? You are not alone. The joy of a church is the community that we have in Christ. You are invited to join other parents during Sunday School for a time to connect and discuss the scripture for the week. *Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 am in the Library.*

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LOVING

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 noon on December 31, 2019 to appear on your 2019 giving statement.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are here. Please pick them up at the Hospitality Desk.

If you have any questions, please contact bookkeeper, Karen Ewing (parishadmin@flrb.org).

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 18, 2019.**

2020 Daily Texts

The 2020 Daily Texts have arrived. Cost: \$8.00

Books are 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.



School Christmas Programs

Everyone is welcome to celebrate this Christmas season with our preschool and kindergarten children.

Tuesday, December 17

10:30 am..... School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 18

10:30 am..... School Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 19

11:00 am..... School (Lions, Kinders) Christmas Pageant

SERVING

Good Gifts – This Year Give the Gift of Fresh Water

Lack of access to fresh water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty in developing countries. It's also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. With a simple well, as many as 500 families can gain access to clean, safe water.

This year the Outreach Committee has decided the December focus will be on the congregation providing a well through ELCA's Good Gifts program. The cost of the well is \$2,500. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran and marked "Well".

For those who wish to continue a tradition of giving animals as Christmas gifts, the Good Gifts catalog offers a full barnyard of possibilities. The ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs and gift cards are available in the narthex.

Refugee Resettlement Project

First Lutheran and St. Luke Parish continue to work toward being ready for our refugee family when they arrive. Almost everything we need has been donated. Thanks again to all who have so generously donated money, furniture and household items.

Now we are waiting to hear from Lutheran Community Services about the arrival of our family. Please include the family in your prayers that the very big transition to a new country and home will go well and that they will feel safe and welcome.

Backpacks for Kids

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and FLRB Preschool & Kindergarten families, our church is able to participate in the Shoreline Backpacks For Kids program. Each week FLRB is delivering weekend food for 13 Syre Elementary students who are eligible for free or reduced fare breakfast and lunch during the school week. Please consider purchasing some of the items listed below for this program. There is a collection box by the office for your convenience.

Chocolate Milk (8 oz. shelf stable)	Applesauce Cups (4 oz) Pudding Cups (4 oz)	Easy Mac (individual pkt) Sleeve Soda Crackers
Healthy Choice Soup (15 oz)	Fruit Cups Belvita Breakfast Biscuits	Chili (15 oz) Mac & Cheese (boxed)
Mini Ravioli or Spaghetti (15 oz)	Fruit Snack pkg Instant Oatmeal variety pk	Cheese and Cracker pkg Peanut Butter/Cracker pkg
Peanut Butter (16 oz)	Hot Chocolate packets	
Small Juice Pouch	Granola Bars	

Income and Expense Summary November 2019

	NOV	YTD
Giving/Income	\$52,132.63	\$232,441.46
Expense	\$63,514.64	\$238,832.56
Net	(\$11,382.01)	(\$6,391.10)

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