

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sharing Christ's Love

WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

*Official Notice of
Annual Congregational Meetings*

Sunday, January 15 & 22

Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m.

Annual Meetings—9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Part I—January 15, 2012

Opening Prayer

Reports of Pastors, Program Staff and Preschool

Reports of all Ministries and Organizations

Report of Church Council

First Reading: 2012 Proposed Budget

Closing Prayer

Part II—January 22, 2012

Opening Prayer

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from January 2011

Adoption of the Budget

Elections

Adoptions of Resolutions and Recommendations

Closing Prayer



Your vote is important, please plan on attending!

FIRST NOTES:

—First Friends: Senior Luncheon on Thursday, January 12 at noon.

—First Lutheran *TRIVIA NIGHT* on Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

—Fellowship Gathering at the home of Pete & Jennifer Johnson on Saturday, January 21 from 7-10 p.m.

—Family Fun *BINGO* Night on Sunday, January 22 from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited!



Five Years and Counting

On November 15 of last year, I celebrated my fifth anniversary as your pastor. I am thankful to God and to you for the gift of those five years. So much ministry has unfolded since I became your pastor. Here's a partial list of what has transpired in the last five years.

We have deepened our worship life together. Every week, First Lutheran Church offers contemporary worship which uses current Christian contemporary music as the heart of that liturgy. Every week at all services, First Lutheran Church offers the sacrament of Holy Communion which gives us the gifts of life, forgiveness and salvation. We now offer noon services during Lent and Advent. First Lutheran Church has a full time director of worship and music who oversees this important aspect to our life together.

We have maximized the ministry tool which is our new addition. First Lutheran Church is able to use every square foot of our facility for everything from worship to adult education, from Faithtime to Funeral Visitations and from parish administration to storage. Thanks to our building usage form, guests and organizations alike can reserve space within our building. First Lutheran Church has a full time director of operations who ensures that everything runs smoothly within our building.

We have deepened our stewardship. First Lutheran Church has reduced the debt on our building by \$500,000 and secured an additional parcel of property. Thanks to congregational giving, we have increased the budget of our congregation in difficult economic times which translates directly into ministry. We tithe 10% to the work of the larger church and give away 3% in the form of social ministry grants to our community and beyond.

We have strengthened our relationships in Christ. This occurred when First Lutheran Church decided together to agree to disagree with each other and the larger church over the ELCA decisions on human sexuality as it pertains to the clergy roster. We learned the great truth that our unity is not rooted in issues but in Jesus. This is such an important lesson to remember when conflict arises.

Guess what? There is still more. We haven't even addressed the growth of our children and youth ministries at Faithtime, the Veteran's memorial garden, the addition of Advent services and the list goes on and on.

There are two keys that have made this ministry possible. First, it's you. With the support of a dedicated staff, gifted presidents, supportive councils and loving congregation, this ministry has thrived. Second, we have begun and ended our ministry with a singular focus – God. God has blessed with his energy, love and dedication. The end result is a ministry that is a powerful tool of God's grace.

Now this is history. It's already occurred. Time to look ahead. There is much for us to look forward as we write the next chapters of First Lutheran's story by the grace of God.

Here's just a partial list of what's coming up for us: Sanctuary Renovations, Preschool Playground, the Vision of First Lutheran Church and Adult Education. No doubt, there will be other opportunities that will present themselves to us from God. But regardless of what the future holds for us, I know we'll embrace it together with our faith in God.

—Pr. Arthur

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

December 31, 2011 & January 1, 2012

1 Christmas

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 61:10—62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40.

January 7 & 8, 2012

Name of Jesus – Missions: Sharing Christ's Love

This weekend's texts include Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 2:15-21.

January 14 & 15, 2012

2 Epiphany – Vision: Youth Serving

This weekend's texts include 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51.

January 21 & 22, 2012

3 Epiphany – Vision: Positive Leadership

This weekend's texts include Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and Mark 1:14-20.

January 28 & 29, 2012

4 Epiphany – Vision: Worship

This weekend texts include Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 100, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 and Mark 1:21-28.

Andover Cluster Epiphany Service

The Andover Cluster Epiphany service will be held Sunday, January 8, 2012 at Calvary Lutheran Church, New Windsor. Worship with communion will begin at 4 p.m. with a soup supper to follow. A free will offering will be collected for the Henry County Food Pantries. The churches of the cluster are Calvary, New Windsor; Messiah, Aledo; the Four Edwards River Ministry churches; Messiah, Galva; First Lutheran, Geneseo; Cambridge Lutheran, Cambridge; St. Paul, Orion and Augustana, Andover.

**FIRST
WORSHIP
& MUSIC**



Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Barack Obama and Governor Pat Quinn. For regions suffering with violence: Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan. For those soldiers in harms way: Clint Abell, James Bent, Ben Bushno, George Cox, Matthew Holzgrafe, Jonathon Hunter, Kimberly Hunter, Brandon Sandoval and Matt Tallman.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Mark Hansen and Rev. Dr. Gary Wollersheim. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Paul Metili and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Vijayakumar, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Katie Blobaum and Randy & Carol Stubbs and family. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 10).

Health and Wellbeing: Robert Bennett, Nicole Besette, Loretta Denys, Kaitlyn Ebarb, Mary Fuelling, Ann Gray, Kerry Hafner, Aaron Johnson, Hannah Kain, Margaret Klingler, Bev Lewis, Delores Mason, Jane Montgomery, David Pearson, Al Sandoval, Marie Stenzel, Sharon Stenzel, Kent & Kristi and Kyleigh Swanson, Nancy Tieken, Emily VandeWiele, Sandy Wilson and Agnes Yesinowski.

Joys: Baptism of Duncan Dexter Reed, son of Bart & Sara Reed. Birth of Kyleigh Ann Swanson, daughter of Kent & Kristi Swanson. Janine Cunningham, Lynn Lindell and Kathy Mayerle are improved.

Sorrows: On the death of Bud Ward, friend of Pr. Arthur & Anne Bergren; Kayden Reade, son of Kent & Kristi Swanson; Roberta Little, member; Paul Gradert, member; Ken Montgomery, brother-in-law of Sara Carlson; Orville Harkey, brother-in-law to Ferne Lindell; and Cael David Burmeister, seven month old son of Greg & Liz Burmeister and grandson of Mark Breeden.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail prayers@firstgeneseo.org. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Arthur at home at 309-944-2034.

**FIRST
PRAYER**

FIRST MINISTRIES



Altar Flowers for 2012

Altar flowers can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one, special occasion, or simply for the glory of God. The cost of two arrangements is \$45. The following dates are open for flower donations.

January 1, 8, 15 & 22

February 5, 12 & 26

March 4, 11 & 25

April 22 & 29

May 6, 13 & 27

June 3 & 24

July 8, 15 & 29

August 26

September 2, 9 & 23

October 14 & 28

November 11, 18 & 25

December 2, 23 & 30

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Pastor & President Town Hall Meetings

Over the course of the past 3 months, cabinet and council have been working on a plan to facilitate sanctuary renovations. Highlights of this plan include incurring no additional debt, be master plan driven and congregational friendly. To learn more about the fullness of the plan, all members are invited to attend one of the following three Town Hall meetings.

Sunday, January 8 at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 14 at 4 p.m.

All three meetings will be held in the sanctuary.

Sermon Series: *Mission & Vision of First Lutheran Church*

From Fall 2010 through Spring 2011, our Strategic Planning Task Force engaged in a process that included congregational conversation, dialogue with community leaders and biblical reflection. Their goal was to listen for God's vision for First Lutheran Church. In their work, they discovered 5 visions that arose over and over again. Those 5 visions are Youth Serving, Positive Leadership, Worship, Senior Serving and Hospitality. Over the course of Epiphany, there will be a six part sermon series on the vision of First Lutheran Church.

Traditional Worship Shortened

On Sundays, January 8, 15 & 22, First Lutheran Church's traditional worship service will be shorted to 30 minutes to accommodate a Pastor & President Town Hall Meeting and our Annual Meetings. Like always, traditional worship will begin at 8:30 a.m. but finish at 9 a.m.

Pastoral Rotation for Hospitalizations

Beginning in January of 2012, First Lutheran Church will introduce a pastoral on call system for our hospitalized members. Pr. Lynn Bergren will be joining with Pr. Arthur to ensure daily pastoral care for our members who are locally hospitalized. As always, Pr. Arthur is on call for all emergencies.

Monday: Pr. Arthur

Thursday: Pr. Arthur

Tuesday: Pr. Lynn

Friday: Pr. Arthur

Wednesday: Pr. Lynn

Once Over the Weekend: Pr. Lynn

Due to Federal Regulations regarding patient confidentiality, all members are encouraged to call the church office when they are hospitalized to ensure that First Lutheran can minister to them.

Fellowship Gathering

On Saturday, January 21 from 7 to 10 p.m., there will be a fellowship gathering at Pete & Jennifer Johnson's home, 7237 Talbot Road, which is located just off Route 6. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert and a beverage of their choice to share. Also, please bring a favorite game! If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Sweetheart Dinner at Circa 21 Sunday, February 12

Go on a date back to the 50's! This lively and funny musical featuring Rydell High's spirited class of '59 captures the look and sound of the 1950's. Reservations are limited to the first 20 couples. Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, February 1. The cost is \$43.50 per person which includes a 5 entrée buffet dinner. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran with Circa 21 indicated on the memo line. Questions? Call Barb Fehlman at 944-3314 or Sara Reed at 502-9486.

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Small Groups

The Small Group ministry is on its way with three small groups. These groups are studying the book "Sabbath" by Wayne Muller over the next couple of months. If you have interest in joining a group, please contact Jan Larson or Tim Oloffson at 944-3196.

Family Fun *BINGO* Night! Sunday, January 22 from 4-6 p.m.

Calling all Kids, Moms, Dads,
Grandmas & Grandpas!

Prizes — Popcorn — Hot Chocolate

Join us in the Fellowship Room for
an evening of fun and fellowship!

Council Highlights for December 19, 2011

Financial Report—

General Fund Offering:

November actual	\$32,378
November budget	\$31,350
YTD actual	\$393,568
YTD budget	\$352,793

Net Income Over Expenses:

November actual	\$2,499 deficit
November budget	\$3,600 deficit
YTD actual	\$18,592 deficit
YTD budget	\$58,923 deficit

Budget Surplus Allocation—Approved a resolution that directs the allocation of any budget surplus beginning with 2011 towards operating cash reserve, the Sanctuary Renovation Fund and the Capital Project Fund.

Memorial Fund—Approved a

recommendation from Finance Ministry to amend the Memorial Fund Resolution, requiring those seeking a disbursement from the Fund to use a request form and that those requests must be approved by Finance, Pastor and Council.

Sanctuary Renovation—Approved the process of creating and implementing a master plan for sanctuary renovation.

Social Ministry Benevolence Request—

Approved Social Ministry Benevolence Requests to Abilities Plus, Intouch Adult Care Services and Immanuel Lutheran Church/Iglesia San Jose Obreras in East Moline.

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First Lutheran Preschool



First Lutheran Preschool

First Lutheran Preschool classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4! Winter is one of our main themes this month. We will explore how animals and people adjust to the cold weather as we talk about hibernation and winter clothes. The preschoolers will also celebrate winter by painting on snow and making snowmen to decorate our room. Other activities will include making a dragon and having a parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year! The 3-year old class will hear the story *The Gingerbread Man* and they will make gingerbread cookies and puppets.

- On Tuesday, January 24, First Lutheran Preschool will host a workshop titled, “*Making Math & Science Fun & Meaningful*” by Starnet, an organization sponsored by the Illinois Board of Education, which is dedicated to the education of preschoolers.

First Book Club

Join us for discussion on the content of the book *Little Bee* and faith response to the author Chris Cleave on January 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Room 5—*Cool Creations* on the second floor.

- February’s book title will be *Michal* by Jill Eileen Smith. The daughter of King Saul, Michal lives a life of privilege—but one that is haunted by her father’s unpredictable moods and competition from her beautiful older sister. As a girl, Michal quickly falls for the handsome young harpist David. But soon after their romance begins, David must flee for his life, leaving Michal at her father’s mercy in the prison that is King Saul’s palace. Will Michal ever be reunited with David? Or is she doomed to remain separated from him forever? Be sure to purchase your copy today and begin reading this amazing story that will take you on an emotional roller-coaster ride as Michal deals with love, loss, and personal transformation as one of the wives of David.

C.O.O.L. Sunday School

All children ages 3 through grade 6 are invited to participate in Sunday School! At each age level on every Sunday the children will be invited to a faith experience. It is during this time that they can come to a better understanding of God and what God calls them to do and be.

The January lessons for the 3-year olds through 4th grade will be focusing on Jesus, Son of God. We will be diving into the stories of Jesus’ life as a growing boy and learning what it means to “Come, follow me.”

The 56’ers lessons for January’s B.I.G. (*Believe in God*) focus is looking at the stories of Jesus growing up as ways in helping us understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

Please Note—

- 3- & 4-year olds go directly to their single based classroom in our Zaccheus’ Tree House at 10 a.m.
- Kindergarten through 56ers will go directly to their Sunday School room by 10 a.m, using the staircase at the south end of the Fellowship Room.

Thank You!

Global Mission and Lutheran World Hunger thanks everyone who participated in the Jul Gott (*Christmas Goodies*) and Silent Auction Craft Show. Thanks to all who brought in baked goods and crafts and those who purchased these items. This is what made it successful. In addition, a special thanks to Nancy Cassens, Beth Unrath, Joan Holt, Arlene Gesme, and Betsy Brudos for helping with the fundraiser. Thanks to those who updated our horse and also Charlene Daniels for displaying the horse on a daily basis. Total proceeds from the fundraiser were \$2,095.26 of which \$150 went to the Lutheran World Relief Program to assist in sending quilts and other items overseas; \$350 went to the Geneseo Backpack Program, established by First Methodist, for hunger assistance for children in the school district; and \$1,595.26 went to Lutheran World Hunger. Thanks again to everyone.

First Lutheran Youth—F.L.Y. with us!

Confirmation (7-8th graders)

During January we will be learning how God calls ordinary people to the life of ministry. We will take time to investigate the surprising blessings and gifts God has given to all of us and what we are called to do with those gifts. Here's an outline of the January schedule:

- Jan. 4 — *Jesus calls the First Disciples*
- Jan. 11 — *The Beatitudes*
- Jan. 18 — *Feeding the 5000*
- Jan. 25 — *Family Worship/sermon discussion*

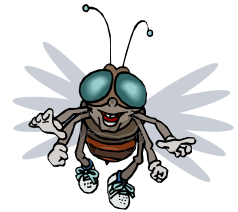
Senior High Youth Ministry

The Youth Room is open every Wednesday at 4 p.m. for youth in grades 9-12 to hang out, play games and socialize in a supervised environment. Friends are welcome!

Be sure to join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for announcements, games and Bible Study. January's focus will be on *Time, Talents & Treasures*. Here's an outline of the schedule:

- Jan. 4 — *Lesson 1 in the 3-T's*
- Jan. 11 — *Lesson 2 in the 3-T's*
- Jan. 18 — *Lesson 3 in the 3-T's*
- Jan. 25 — *Family Worship*

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Sr. High Service Event

On Monday, January 30 the Sr. High youth will be serving dinner to low income families at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in East Moline. The youth will be leaving from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. and getting back to Geneseo around 7:30 p.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or on the First Lutheran Youth Facebook page. Friends are welcome!

2012 National Youth Gathering

A parent/youth/leader meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8 following the 10 a.m. service. During this informational meeting we will be discussing all of the important dates everyone will need to get on their calendars, fundraising events, as well as everyone's responsibilities during this exciting time. Also, it is not too late for any other youth (8th-12th graders) to sign up. As of January two spots were still available. Contact Tim Oloffson or Pr. Arthur at 944-3196 if you still have interest.

First Lutheran TRIVIA NIGHT

Quick...

1. Name the 7 stranded castaways on Gilligan's Island.
2. What is the South American equivalent of the North American 'cowboy'?
3. Elizabeth Taylor has famously indulged in eight marriages to seven men. Who is the Welsh actor whom she married (*and divorced*) twice?
4. Which daily newspaper has the widest circulation of any newspaper in the United States averaging over 2.25 million copies every weekday?
5. The name of which American sports team has its origin in how the fans avoided getting knocked down by trolleys on their way to the games?



Got them all? GREAT! Need some help? Not to worry—plan on attending the First Lutheran TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and you'll have a table full of friends to help you fill in the gaps! All you need to bring is your brain and \$10 per person for an entire evening of hilarious trivia-oriented and family-friendly entertainment. This **FUN**raising event will help send our 20 high school youth to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. So put January 20 on your calendar and line up some friends and family members to join forces (*Quick*—what TV species uses the mind-meld technique? If you can find one of those to join you then you've got it in the bag!). Prizes will be awarded to the tables with the top three point totals! Questions? Contact Anne Bergren at 944-2034.

FIRST MINISTRIES

2012 First Lutheran Directory

The First Lutheran Church directory will be updated soon. At this time, we would like to have everyone update their contact information so we can make sure our records are accurate. You can do this simply by filling out the Welcome Card when you attend worship; email your information to Heidi at hstanfield@firstgeneseo.org; or by calling the church office at 944-3196 by Wednesday, February 15. If for some reason you do not wish to have your information published in the directory, please let us know. Thank you!

Save the Date — “Youth Auction”

The 2012 Youth Auction will be taking place on Sunday, February 19 at 11 a.m. This is also Transfiguration Sunday for the church.

First Friends: Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon is Thursday, January 12 at noon in the Fellowship Room. We will enjoy a hot meal of casserole, salad, roll, and dessert for the cost of \$8. Then join the fun as we gather for another “*White Elephant*” Gift Exchange with your First Friends. Just bring a wrapped item that is occupying valuable space in your home and make room for a new, much more interesting item, to take its place. Hurry and sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196. See you there!

Thank You!

Thank you very much for the food donations you bring to the Pantry. It is greatly appreciated and our clients will benefit. God Bless.

—Geneseo Food Pantry

First Health and Wellness

DID YOU KNOW?

—First Lutheran member Emma Slaymaker, 9 and her friends and family bagged up 1,600 Kids Against Hunger meals as part of her birthday at The Center, 1411 Brady St., Davenport on Sunday, Dec. 4. The meals will feed hungry children in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Haiti as well as going to Q-C food pantries and kitchens. To hear Emma’s story listen to Pr. Arthur’s Christmas Eve sermon online.

Service of Healing and Wholeness: The Litany of Healing with remembrance of Baptism, laying on of hands and anointing with oil, if desired, will be included in the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, January 21.

Health Tip: “We’re all assigned a piece of the garden, a corner of the universe that is ours to transform. Our corner of the universe is our own—our relationships, our homes, our work, our current circumstances—exactly as they are. Every situation we find ourselves in is an opportunity, perfectly planned by the Holy Spirit, to teach love instead of fear.”

—Marianne Williamson

Have a great day and the BEST year!

Blood Pressure: Our Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on January 14 and between services on January 15.

Women’s Health Program: “*High-Tech Dentistry*” is the topic of the noon luncheon on Thursday, January 26 at The Cellar. The cost of lunch is \$8 per person, which is payable at the door. Please register by calling Hammond-Henry Hospital at 944-9112.

Diabetes Support Group: “Helping Hands” will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room at First. The evening will include a soup supper and live entertainment by the Senior Citizens Band performing. The organization is open to anyone who is directly or indirectly affected by diabetes. For more information, contact Gary or Mary Anne Daniels at 944-2404 or visit www.helpinghandsingeneo.org.

—Joan Holt, RN, PN
Director of Care Ministries

Coupons for Troops

We are always looking for ways to support out troops. One very simple way is to recycle our expired coupons and help our military families at the same time. Often our military families don't have access to manufacturers coupons that we find in newspapers and magazines, but their commissaries accept manufacturers coupons that have expired up to six months. If you would like to support our troops by recycling your coupons there are a couple good websites with information.

One of the largest and longest serving websites spearheading coupons for troops is www.ocpnet.org. They will give you step by step instructions on how to package and ship your coupons and how to choose a base to send them to. Another good site is www.couponsfortroops.com, they provide information on sorting and mailing both expired and current coupons, and lists of overseas bases and organizations within the U.S. that collect and ship coupons.

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting—Come and enjoy a morning of quilting with the “Cover Girls” on Wednesday, January 11 at 9 a.m.

Elizabeth/Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All women are invited to this time of fellowship and Bible study.

Volunteers Needed for the Money Management Program

Alternatives for the Older Adult is in need of volunteers for their Money Management Program. This program pairs volunteers with area seniors in need of bill paying assistance due to illness that impairs their vision, memory and or full use of their hands. Volunteers will help a senior balance their checkbook, read and explain utility bills and write out checks all under the supervision of the Money Management Supervisor. Time commitment for volunteers is approximately 2-4 hours a month. For more information please call David Otten or Ellen Berberich at 309-277-0167.

Food Pantry collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting sugar, soda crackers, graham crackers, cereal bars, pancake syrup, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, lotion, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers (*any size*) and cleaning supplies to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

In addition, there is a need for blankets, coats, snow pants, etc. to keep the clients warm throughout this winter season. If you have any of these items that are gently used and no longer needed, the Food Pantry would welcome you're your donations.

Date: January 28, 2012
 Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Location: Intouch Adult Day and Home
 Care Services
 4011 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 102
 Moline, IL 61265

YOU'RE INVITED

CAREGIVER FAIR

Speakers

10:00 a.m. ~ Dr. Jill Bjerke - Aging in Place
 10:30 a.m. ~ Jerry Schroeder - Caregiver facts
 11:00 a.m. ~ Dr. Robert Milas & Mary Milas,
 Parkinson's Disease
 11:30 a.m. ~ Dr. Waseem Ahmad - Diagnosing Dementia
 and treatment options
 Noon ~ Caitlin Leeney - How to Stay Young the First
 100 Years
 1:00 p.m. ~ Melissa Uzzell, Veteran's Administration
 Accredited Attorney, -Veterans Benefits
 1:30 p.m. ~ Vickie Reschke -Master Gardener, Indoor
 Gardening

Cost: FREE!
Breakfast and lunch will be available.
*Questions? Contact Caitlin at 309-793-4858
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Meeting Schedule:

Cabinet — Tuesday, January 3
Ministries — Monday, January 9
Council — Monday, January 23
Please Note: Special Council Meeting
on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

**FAITHTIME SCHEDULE FOR
JANUARY 4, 11, 18 & 25**

3:15 p.m. Check In & Games
(Grades 1-6)
3:45 p.m. Snack & Table Talk
(Grades 1-6)
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation
(Grades 1-6)
Youth Room Open
4:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
(Grades 4-6)
Faithtime Troupe
(Grades 1-3)
5:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir
(Grades 1-3)
Faithtime Troup
(Grades 4-6)
5:00-6:15 p.m. Dinner Served
5:30 p.m. Check Out *(Grades 1-6)*
Confirmation *(Grades 7-8)*
5:30 p.m. First Book Club
(January 11)
6:00 p.m. Senior High Ministry
Family Worship
(January 25)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir