

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHIMES

*Sharing Christ's Love*

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**WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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

## *Festival of All Saints*

On the weekend of November 5 & 6, First Lutheran Church will remember all Christians who have joined the Church Triumphant in the Kingdom of Heaven. In all three liturgies, during the Prayer of the Church, we will read aloud the names of those saints who were buried from First Lutheran this past year: *William Schneider, John H. Nelson Jr., Pauline Hancock, Donald Riekema, Juanita Terpening, Edna Kannemann, Joyce Rickman, Bernadine McGee, Karis Breeden, Lois Gradert and Myrtle Sheets*. In addition, all worshippers will be invited forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us and receive comfort, strength, and hope through Word and Sacrament.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4*

## *Stewardship 2012*

Over the course of November, First Lutheran Church will be holding its annual stewardship program. At its most simple form, stewardship is living out the faith. Personal stewardship includes our dedication to our families, our service to our community and the financial gifts we give. In other words, stewardship is our response to the gifts that God has given us. As God has been generous with us, we are generous with God. Being a steward is how we live out the faith. Here are the important dates of our stewardship program.

### **Weekend Worship of November 12 & 13**

*Special Speaker: Mr. Bill Bartlett, Northern Illinois Synod Vice President*

### **Weekend Worship of November 19 & 20**

*Pr. Arthur Bergren Preaching, Dedication of Pledge Cards for 2012*

### **November 20 at Noon**

*Congregational Potluck and Report of the Program*

As this is an important time in the life of our parish, we know that every member will make every attempt at being present for these important dates.

### **FIRST NOTES:**

—Cinnamon Roll  
Sunday on Nov. 6!

—First Friends: Senior  
Luncheon on Thursday,  
Nov. 10 at noon in the  
Fellowship Room.

—Lifelines Prayer Vigil  
on Saturday, Nov. 19  
from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

—New Member  
Orientation on Saturday,  
Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to  
noon in Sunday School  
Room 5—*Cool Creations*.

# *The Saints*



The other day, I spied a picture of my mother's father. In the snapshot, he was holding up his fishing line. A bluegill was hooked at the end of the line. In his mouth was his cigar which he smoked outside because my grandma didn't like the smell of it indoors. The picture brought back many good memories of my grandfather.

My grandpa's name was Carl Gustav Carlson. Carl was born in Chicago and lived in the Swedish neighborhood. When he was a young man, his father died. With a junior high education, he went to work and provided for his mother and three younger brothers. With hard work and perseverance, he eventually became an engineer.

How he loved his family. He adored his wife, Arthild and his only daughter, Christine, my mother. Grandpa truly enjoyed his grandsons, my brother and I. I have the privilege of carrying his name as my own, Arthur Carl Bergren.

As a person of faith, he worshipped regularly with his wife. He served his parish in a number of ways, most notably as an usher and choir member. My grandfather died in 1983, but I still have vivid and joyful memories of him.

My grandpa is now a saint in heaven, joined with the faithful of every time and place. As I moved deeper into my middle years, I have a richer and fuller appreciation of how God provides for the living through the faithful dead. The Church teaches us that we are given three gifts through the saints.

First, the saints are a model of the faith for us. My grandpa believed in God and the work of the Church. He even refused to play cards on Sunday! This was his own personal act of piety. While I do play cards on Sunday, my grandfather's life taught me respect for the Church.

Second, the saints are ever present in our lives. Because they have been resurrected, they have eternal life. They now live forever with God and dine at God's table. When I commune at God's table on earth, I know that my grandpa is connected with me in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It's a good feeling to know he is there at the Table with me.

Third, the saints remind us that there is something beyond death. There will come a time when my life will come to an end, when I will die. When that time comes, I will be reconnected with those who have died before me including my grandpa. How I will enjoy seeing him again.

The saints are a great gift to living. The saints are so important that the Church sets aside a special weekend every year when we remember them. The celebration is called All Saint's.

First Lutheran Church will celebrate All Saint's Weekend Saturday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 6 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. At each service, we will remember by name in prayer all the saints of First Lutheran Church who were laid to rest since November of 2010. We will also invite everyone forward to light a candle in memory of the saints who have impacted your life.

Thank God for the saints who surround us with their life, witness and faith.

—Pr. Arthur

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

*Hebrews 12:1*

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## November 5 & 6, 2011

### All Saints

This weekend's texts include Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12.

## November 12 & 13, 2011

### Pentecost 22

This weekend's texts include Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8, 12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30.

## November 19 & 20, 2011

### Christ the King/Commitment Weekend

This weekend's texts include Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46.

## November 26 & 27, 2011

### Advent 1

This weekend texts include Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-37.

## Advent Service Schedule

Like last year, First Lutheran Church will be holding 30 minute worship services through the Advent seasons. Please note the change in time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. This year our theme will be anticipation.

Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. – *Anticipating Energy*

Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. – *Anticipating Community*

Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. – *Anticipating Peace*

Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. – *Children's Christmas Program*

Please watch your mail later this month for First Lutheran Church's Advent Brochure.

## FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC



### Community Thanksgiving Service

Come and begin your Thanksgiving celebrations by offering your thanks to Almighty God. First Lutheran members are invited to a Service of the Word which will be held at St. Malachys Church at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 20. This service is sponsored by the Geneseo Ministerial Association. Refreshments following the service.

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*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:** Christine Bergren, Allison Boone, Rick Brown, Vern Carlson, Mary Fuelling, Lylah Holstrom, Rev. Laura Koppenhoefer, Lynn Lindell, David Pries, Janice Rasmussen, Marie Stenzel, Sandy Wilson, Charlotte Vandemark and Nancy Verdick.

**Joys:** Birth of Duncan Dexter Reed to Bart & Sara Reed; and Miles Kenneth Pearson to John & Amy Pearson, Marie Stenzel's son and daughter-in-law. Baptism of Kenzie Rayne Doughan, daughter of Kirstin & Ryan Doughan. Nita Johnson is improved.

**Sorrows:**

**Thanksgiving:** Tim Hays has returned safely to the U.S.

*If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail [prayers@firstgeneseo.org](mailto: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 FAITHTIME MINISTRIES

First Lutheran Preschool



### First Lutheran Preschool

Our preschoolers enjoyed their visit to the Geneseo Fire Station in October. Fireman Spence Rusk put on his uniform and showed us around the station. We also took turns spraying the hose! After visiting the fire station we will begin talking about fire safety in November. We will also focus on Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. The preschoolers will learn about the Pilgrims, enjoy Native American dances & games and talk about the many blessings we are thankful for. Other activities include making butter, cornbread and pumpkin bars which we will serve at our annual Thanksgiving Feast and PowWow celebrations. This is a special time when we invite the families to come and celebrate with us. We will sing, dance and play games together!

- No school — Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving break — Nov. 21-25.

### New Member Orientation

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran Church? Would you like to know more about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian? First Lutheran is ready to welcome you and your family to our Church family. Join Pr. Arthur on Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in Sunday School Room 5—*Cool Creations* on second floor. Childcare will be provided, if needed. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Room or by calling the church office. Questions, contact Pr. Arthur at 944-3196 ([abergren@firstgeneseo.org](mailto:abergren@firstgeneseo.org)).

### C.O.O.L. Sunday School

All children ages 3 through grade 6 are invited to participate in Sunday School!

November's B.I.G. (*Believe in God*) focus is that we believe that stories of praise teach us many different ways to praise God.

The lessons for the 3-year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be about the story of Joseph. We will discover that as we grow we learn what God wants us to do and be. That God is always with us helping us do the right thing and loving us even in bad times. The 56ers will focus on the Stories of Kings. We believe that the stories of faithful kings helps us to be faithful leaders for 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.

### Thanksgiving Greeting

On behalf of the pastors, staff and council of First Lutheran Church, we wish all members and guests of our parish a very blessed Thanksgiving. God bless you and your family!

### "Opening the Bible" Class

All third graders and their parents are invited to our "Opening the Bible" class on Saturday, November 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. Please join us in sharing the joy and responsibility of fulfilling our baptismal promise to our children and put the word of God in their hands. Your child will receive their own bible on Wednesday, November 16 during the Family Worship service. If you have any questions, contact Lori Schefsky, Director of Children's & Faithtime Ministries at 944-3196 ([lschefsky@firstgeneseo.org](mailto:lschefsky@firstgeneseo.org)).

## First Lutheran Youth—F.L.Y. with us!

**Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)** — During November we will be discovering that though an imperfect King, David was chosen to represent the people before God and the ancestor of the Messiah. God committed to us in a new way in the anointing of King David. We will also hear this most familiar of Bible stories with ears tuned to the details of God's remarkable entrance into human life. God's Son's heralded by angels and witnessed by shepherds. Here's an outline of the November schedule:

**Nov. 2** — *King David*

**Nov. 9** — *Birth of Jesus*

**Nov. 16** — *Family Worship followed by sermon discussion*

*(The youth will be involved in the service.)*

**Nov. 23** — *No class*

**Nov. 30** — *Advent Service followed by sermon discussion*

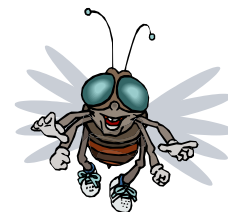
## Holiday Greetings

Social Ministry is sending holiday greetings from Pr. Arthur to all our college students, whether attending college locally or away. If you would like your son or daughter to receive a personalized letter from pastor, please send their name and college address to Barb Burghgrave at burghgravebj@mchsi.com by Sunday, November 6. Our hope is that they receive their holiday greeting prior to leaving on Thanksgiving break.

## 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering Update

Twenty-one youth and five adults signed up and will be headed to New Orleans next summer for the "*Citizens with the Saints*" ELCA National Youth Gathering. First Lutheran will be joining 35,000 other youth to practice discipleship, peacemaking, and justice. Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming fundraising activities and Youth Gathering events. If you did not make the first deadline for registration you still might be able to go depending on availability. See Tim Oloffson in the church office for possibility of a late signup. Also, for those who have signed up, the \$150 deposit is due on Wednesday, November 2. Make checks out to First Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, regarding anything related to the Youth Gathering, please call Tim Oloffson at 944-3196.

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### 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!

Join us every Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. for announcements, games and an interactive Bible Study. Here's the November schedule:

**Nov. 2** — *"Proof" Lesson 5 Learning series*

**Nov. 9** — *"Proof" Lesson 6 Learning series*

**Nov. 16** — *Family Worship followed by sermon discussion*

*(The youth will be involved in the service.)*

**Nov. 23** — *Movie Day in the Youth Room 1-5 p.m. (No Faithtime)*

**Nov. 30** — *Guest Speaker*

### Minute to Win It

On Saturday, November 19 at 7 p.m. the Sr. High Youth will once again be having a fun night of fellowship with the "*Minute to Win It*" event. All Sr. High youth are invited to come and have a great time playing some of the popular "*Minute to Win It*" games seen on TV. Of course, friends are always welcome! Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and go to the FLC Youth Facebook page for more event details. Food will be served throughout the night so come and enjoy some good time with good friends, and good food!

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### Pastor & Staff Appreciation — *Thank You!*

Each week our congregation gathers for worship with the choice of three unique worship styles and experiences which require much work and preparation. First Lutheran is blessed with the gifts of many, our Pastors, Arthur, Virgil, and Lynn, Director of Worship & Music, Melinda, and a talented range of musicians from choirs of adults to children, Praise teams, and individuals who provide us spirit filled, enriching worship services.

*First Lutheran is blessed* with a dedicated staff who faithfully assists with our concerns and requests and enables us each week to carry out the ministry and programs of this congregation.

*First Lutheran is blessed* with a faithful church council who guides us to serve as God's hands and feet *Sharing Christ's Love*.

*Thank You* — All of you make the family of First Lutheran a wonderful experience. There are many more praises to recognize. May each member of First Lutheran reflect on how our Pastors and Staff enrich our faith walk and offer thanks for their faithful service and sharing their gifts and Christ's Love with us.

—Kathy Nelson

### The Juliot's Big Move

Rev. Virgil & Marilyn Juliot will be moving from their home on Wolf Road to their new home in Geneseo. They are in need of help. Their move date is Saturday, November 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please contact the Juliot's directly at 441-6072 if you can help.

### First Book Club

Join Judy Carbiener for discussion on the content of the book *Same Kind of Different as Me* and faith response to author's Ron Hall & Denver Moore on Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Room 5—*Cool Creations* on the second floor.

♦ December's book title will be *Unwrapping Christmas* by Lori Copeland. It's that time of year again, and with excitement and high expectations, Rose has planned the perfect Christmas for her family and friends. But when she feels them drifting away during a time that should celebrate togetherness, Rose is forced to slow down in the most unexpected way. In this whimsical, uplifting story, she discovers the true meaning of giving. Purchase your copy today and begin reading this excellent story that will help you put the Christmas season in the right perspective.

### The Greatest Story

In November, Pr. Arthur will begin teaching the final four sessions of The Greatest Story. Each session is taught once on Thursday and once on Sunday.

#### Session 13: *The Power Of God For Salvation*

Nov. 3, 7 p.m., Fellowship Room

Nov. 6, 11 a.m., Conference Room A

#### Session 14: *So Great A Cloud Of Witnesses*

Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Fellowship Room

Nov. 13, 11 a.m., Conference Room A

#### Session 15: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Fellowship Room

Nov. 20, 4 p.m., Conference Room A

*(Please note time change)*

#### Session 16: *Jesus People*

Dec. 1, 7 p.m., Fellowship Room

Dec. 4, 11 a.m., Conference Room A

Pr. Arthur will be teaching these classes once again over the course of 2012.

## Council Highlights for October

### Financial Report—

#### General Fund Offering:

September actual	\$28,564
September budget	\$32,280
YTD actual	\$316,623
YTD budget	\$286,422

#### Net Income Over Expenses:

September actual	\$8,593 deficit
September budget	\$4,540 deficit
YTD actual	\$24,367 deficit
YTD budget	\$53,028 deficit

Confirmation—Approved Megan Dale, Drew Himmelman, Hannah Kain, Carson Krause, Dylan Mannon, Kelsi Pittenger, Katie Puls, Zach Schefsky, Emma Swigart, Emily VandeWiele, Ian VanHerzeele and Jennifer Yager to be received as confirmed members of First Lutheran at the Rite of Confirmation on October 30.

Social Ministry Benevolence Request—Gave approval to a request from Social Ministry, as a part of its Benevolence Policy, granting \$850 to sponsor a Navajo child's education through the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission.

## Jul Gott Benefit

First Lutheran will host its annual "Jul Gott" (*Christmas Goodies*) and Silent Auction Craft Show in the Fellowship Room on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Christmas goodies will be available including cookies of different assortments, candies, and breads. The craft items donated for the silent auction are all handcrafted by the members of the congregation. It is requested that the baked goods and craft items be brought to church on Friday, December 2 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to Lutheran World Hunger. If you have any questions or would like to donate an item for the silent auction, contact Nancy Cassens at 944-5028 or Gary and Mary Anne Daniels at 944-2404.

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### **Pictorial Directory Update**

Portrait sessions for our new pictorial directory are being scheduled now. Both November and December are our portrait months. This is an exciting venture for First Lutheran and we want everyone who considers this their church home to be pictured in the directory. All participants will receive a choice of either a complimentary 8 x 10 color portrait; or a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate to use as you wish; and a new keepsake directory. Sign up in the Fellowship Room or online at <http://signup.olanmills.com>.

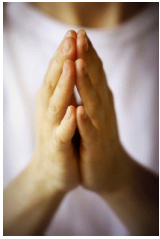
## Military Care Packages

In the spirit of Christmas, Social Ministry would like to send a care package to our First Lutheran military personnel that are serving in areas of conflict. We want our servicemen to know how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

Since this Christmas we will only have two or three servicemen in harms' way, we will have their individual shipping boxes available at the display in the Fellowship Room, so everyone can select where their gifts will go. Please feel free to add anything that you think they may enjoy, but remember that we cannot send glass and its best not to send chocolate. A list of suggested items can also be found at the display. Items will be collected starting the first weekend in November through Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you so much for helping us to bring some of the comforts of home to our military.

—Social Ministry

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### Lifelines Prayer Vigil

On Saturday, November 19 there will be a prayer vigil from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Chapel adjacent to the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us as we surround our church, its ministries and our congregation with prayer. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center for you to set aside a 30-minute time slot and complete a reminder slip to take with you. Materials will be available to assist you during your prayer time. Another way for our members to be involved is through our prayer concern cards. These cards will be in your service folder and you may write any concerns that you have, drop it in the offering plate and they will be prayed for at the prayer vigil on November 9. Come and see how our Lord and Savior listens and answers our prayer petitions.

### First Friends: Senior Luncheon

Come and spend an afternoon with your First Friends on Thursday, November 10 at noon in the Fellowship Room. Enjoy a tasty meal catered by HyVee which includes ham, hash brown casserole, 7 layer salad, roll & butter and cream cheese pumpkin roll for dessert. The cost of the meal is \$8. After the meal, Theresa Bumann will talk about Trinity's Health Aware program. Find out how seven minutes could save your life. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the office at 944-3196.

### Christmas Decorating

Come and decorate the church for the holidays on Saturday, November 26 at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

### First Health and Wellness

**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, November 19.

**Health Tip:** American Diabetes Month is a time to raise awareness of diabetes prevention and control. In the United States, 24 million people are living with diabetes and 57 million more are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Over time, if it's not controlled, type 2 diabetes can cause serious health problems like heart disease, stroke, and blindness. You can do a lot to lower your chances of getting type 2 diabetes by: eating healthy; watching your weight; being active; and controlling your blood pressure and cholesterol.

**Blood Pressure:** Our Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on November 12 and between services on November 13.

**Women's Health Program:** "Chiropractic Health" is the topic of the noon luncheon on Tuesday, November 22 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, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room at First. Dr. Traci Davis, psychology instructor at Black Hawk College, Moline will be speaking on "Dealing with Holiday Stress." 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.helpinghandsingeneseo.org](http://www.helpinghandsingeneseo.org).

—Joan Holt, RN, PN  
Director of Care Ministries

#### DID YOU KNOW?

First Lutheran Preschool has a total of 61 children enrolled in 2011-12 school year.

#### DON'T FORGET

Standard time resumes on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m. Be sure to change your clocks before going to bed. *FALL* back one hour!

## A Note of Thanks

Thank You for the cards, flowers, gifts, and “Best Wishes” and also the Happy Birthday sang on the phone for my special day. I am thankful for my friends and family at First Lutheran. May the Lord bless each and everyone.

—*Gladys Swanson*

## Thank You!

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for awarding me with a scholarship to be used at Illinois State University. I appreciate very much receiving the support from my church family. Thank you so much!

—*Megan Ficken*

## Women’s Ministry

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

**Elizabeth/Rebecca Circle** will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room at First.

## Lutheran World Relief

Thank you for all the donations and help packing LWR items. More detailed information will follow next month.

## Thank You!

The Confirmation and Sr. High youth would like to thank everyone for their support of this year’s Boo-4-Food event which supports the Geneseo Food Pantry. Over 800 items were collected by the youth. Once again thanks for your support by helping us help others!

—*Tim Oloffson & Lori Schefsky*

## Food Pantry collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting baking ingredients for holiday cookies, pancake mix, pancake syrup, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy mix, chicken & beef broth, jello, jelly, cereal, paper towels, small bottles of laundry soap, household cleaners, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, body wash, pain relievers and decongestants to share with those in need in our community. In addition, warm clothing, outerwear and blankets are needed for the winter season. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

### Holiday hours for the Food Pantry

**Thanksgiving**—Close at 4 p.m. November 22

Reopen Monday, November 28 at 9 a.m.

**Christmas**—Close at noon December 21

Reopen Monday, January 2 at 9 a.m.

## Holiday Shopping Expo!

One Stop Holiday Shopping on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring your friends for a fun day of shopping with over 30 different direct-sales consultants and crafters all in one room for one day only. Be sure to stop in and register for all the door prizes. We look forward to seeing you! For additional information contact Jill Laingen at 944-2453 ([laingen@geneseo.net](mailto:laingen@geneseo.net)).

- First Lutheran youth will also be hosting a bake sale during the expo to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. This is a sweet deal for everyone!



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**Meeting Schedule:**

Cabinet — Monday, November 7  
Ministries — Monday, November 14  
Council — Monday, November 21

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**FAITHTIME SCHEDULE FOR  
NOV. 2, 9, 16 & 30  
NO FAITHTIME —NOV. 23**

**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  
*(November 9)*  
**6:00 p.m.** Senior High Ministry  
Family Worship  
*(November 16)*  
**6:30 p.m.** GIFTS—Support Group  
*(November 2 & 9)*  
**7:00 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir