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WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

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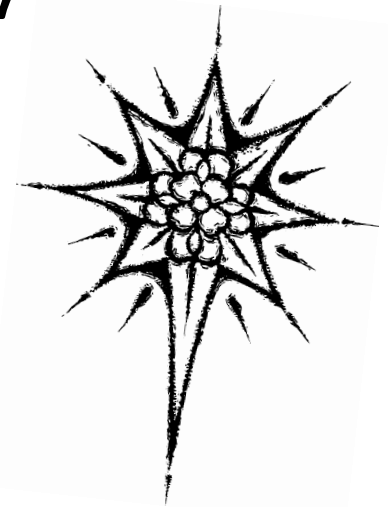
Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

*Come and Rejoice
at the Birth of our Savior*

December 17 & 18

"The Carols of Christmas"

First's Sanctuary Choir, Glory Ringers, soloists, ensembles, and praise teams will present carols of peace, wonder, praise, mystery and joy and the stories behind them at all three services.



December 21

6 p.m. — *Children's Christmas Program*

"The Best Christmas Present Ever"

Christmas Eve, December 24

5, 7 & 11 p.m. — *Candlelight, Carols & Communion*

5 p.m. A family friendly service featuring the children of Faithtime.

7 p.m. A contemporary service featuring music led by members of First's praise teams.

11 p.m. A traditional service featuring music provided by the Sanctuary Choir.

Christmas Day, December 25

10 a.m. — *Carols & Communion*

10 a.m. A traditional service in the Sanctuary followed by a free Christmas dinner for all members and guests in the Fellowship Room.

December 31 & January 1, 2012

5:30 p.m. Saturday — *Informal Worship*

8:30 a.m. Sunday — *Traditional Worship*

10 a.m. Sunday — *Contemporary Worship*

FIRST NOTES:

—Jul Gott Benefit on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Room.

—Cinnamon Roll Sunday on Dec. 4!

—Christmas Walk Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 4--7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Spirituality, Advent & Life

Underneath the physical world, there is another world at work. Behind the world we see, touch, hear and experience, there is another world that is even more powerful. I am, of course, speaking of the spiritual world. In the spiritual world there are two forces, good and evil. In our personal lives and in the events of history, we witness the spiritual world interface with the physical world.

One of the roles of the Church is to aid God's people in understanding the spiritual world. This is the very definition of spirituality - learning how to trust, hear and follow the spiritual world of God and reject the spiritual world of evil. In worship, we act this out when we renew our baptismal vows when we reject evil and confess the name of God.

Now scripture is filled with images and stories that address this role of the Church. One such story is the Israelites' release from slavery. It is recorded in the book of Exodus, the second book of the Old Testament.

The Israelites were enslaved in Egypt. They cried out to God in prayer and God answered their prayers. God sent them a leader in Moses. God ended their captivity in Egypt. God protected the Israelites from the Egyptian army. God provided them with food. God gave them the law, the 10 Commandments. God promised to renew Abraham's covenant of land with them.

But the Israelites were not in touch with the spiritual world. They grumbled about Moses, the food and everything that God had graciously given them. In the end, God sent them into the wilderness - a place where they became in tune with the spiritual world.

Over the course of the church year, we have two seasons that are designed to be like the wilderness. These seasons are designed to help us get in tune with the spiritual world. These two seasons are Advent and Lent, the time before Christmas and Easter. Advent and Lent invite us to make examination of our own spiritual journeys. In other words, this is a time to get in tune with your spirituality.

This is a very different message from our culture. Culture tells us the time before Christmas is about the trappings of the season. As I have said in the past, I have nothing against the holiday season. I too enjoy the decorations, the celebrations, the special meals and gift exchanges. Those are wonderful ways to celebrate. But if all we do is focus upon the physical world, Christmas is nothing more than a secular holiday of consumerism. Please no emails on how I sound like the Grinch!

If you want to know a joyous Christmas, then consider having a spiritual Advent. Take time for worship. Create space for prayer. Step into the wilderness. Don't be afraid, God will meet you there connecting the physical and spiritual world around you.

—Pr. Arthur

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:17-19



On behalf of the pastors, staff and council of First Lutheran Church, we wish you and your family a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

November 30, 2011

Advent Midweek 1, Noon and 6 p.m.

Today's text is Luke 19:1-10.

December 3 & 4, 2011

Advent 2

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a and Mark 1:1-8.

December 7, 2011

Advent Midweek 2, Noon and 6 p.m.

Today's text Luke 6:12-15.

December 10 & 11, 2011

Advent 3

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

December 14, 2011

Advent Midweek 3, Noon and 6 p.m.

Today's text Luke 24:28-35.

December 17 & 18, 2011

Advent 4

Saturday night's texts include 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:46b-55, Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38. Sunday morning worship, under the direction of Melinda Wildermuth, will be the musical program "*The Carols of Christmas.*"

December 21, 2011

Children's Christmas Program at 6 p.m.

Family Worship is the Children's Program, "*The Best Christmas Present Ever.*"

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve—Candlelight, Carols & Communion at 5, 7, and 11 p.m.

Tonight's texts include Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-20.

December 25

Christmas Day, 10 a.m.

Today's texts include Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-12 and John 1:1-14.

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.

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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. If you would like to purchase altar flowers in 2012, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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: Irene Caras, Dawn Collins, Guadalupe Correa, Janine Cunningham, Mary Fuelling, Connor Hartman, Charlie & Jenn Hanford, Bev Lewis, Lynn Lindell, Bob Pyevich, Joy Sundeen, John Tavernier, Nancy Verdick, Sandy Wilson, Mary Wooden and Kady Zumwalt.

Joys: Allison Boone, Anat Rubenstein and Marie Stenzel are improved.

Sorrows: On the death of Rev. Robert Jensen, father of Jane Reese and Pr. John Van Sant, Robin Donner's former pastor from Rejoice Lutheran in Frisco, TX.

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.

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PRAYER**

FIRST FAITHTIME MINISTRIES



Advent Service Schedule

Like last year, First Lutheran Church will be holding 30 minute worship services through the Advent season. The services will be at Noon and 6 p.m. Please note the time change from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the evening service. This year our theme will be anticipation.

November 30 at Noon and 6 p.m.

Anticipating Energy

December 7 at Noon and 6 p.m.

Anticipating Community

December 14 at Noon and 6 p.m.

Anticipating Peace

December 21 at 6 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

"The Best Christmas Present Ever"

Please see First Lutheran Church's Advent Brochure for additional details.

C.O.O.L. Sunday School

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

December's B.I.G. (*Believe in God*) focus is that we believe that the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem shows us that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

The lessons for the 3-year olds through 4th grade will be focusing on Jesus being the Savior God promised to send. Celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth.

Dates for December:

Christmas Program—

Wednesday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

No Sunday School—

December 18, 25 & January 1, 2012

Sunday School resumes on January 8, 2012!

Worship Assistants for Christmas Services

You are invited to participate in our Christmas services as a lector, greeter or communion assistant. The services on Christmas Eve will be at 5, 7, & 11 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10 a.m. If you would like to share in this wonderful experience, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 944-3196. Thank you for serving in this ministry!

Fellowship Gathering

On Saturday, December 17 from 7-10 p.m., there will be a fellowship gathering at Tom and Mandy Baumgardner's home, 213 Park View Drive, which is located just off Wolf Road. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert and a beverage to share. In addition, everyone is encouraged to bring a gift to share with the Geneseo Humane Society. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

56'ers Event

On Friday, December 2 the 56'ers (5th & 6th graders) are invited to a service/social event. We will be meeting at the church at 3:30 p.m. and filling stockings. If transportation is needed from school please let us know. We will then deliver the stockings to our shut-ins (*members of First who are unable to get out like they use to*). After we have delivered the stockings we will then head to Happy Joe's for pizza and bowling. Please mark your calendars to attend this opportunity to brighten the holiday season by giving and receiving this joyous time of year. The cost for pizza and bowling is \$10 per person. This event will end at Lee's Lanes at 8 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Lori Schefsky, Director of Children's & Faithtime Ministries, at 944-3196.

First Lutheran Youth—F.L.Y. with us!

Confirmation (7-8th graders)

This month we will be discussing how to bring the importance of Jesus' birth into our daily lives of this busy season. We will also be working on a service project remembering our members who are finding it hard to get out during this season. Here's an outline of the December schedule:

Dec. 7 — *Discuss sermon*

Dec. 14 — *Discuss sermon*

Dec. 21 & 28 — *No Confirmation classes*

Classes resume on January 4, 2012!

Scavenger Hunt

The Confirmation and Sr. High youth will be going on a Christmas Scavenger Hunt for Christmas items on Sunday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. We will gather in the Fellowship Room after the 10 a.m. service. Hurry and sign up at the Welcome Center.

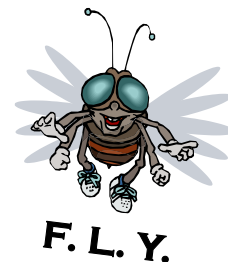
College Scholarship Offer

Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Alumni from the University of Illinois is now offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a male entering the University of Illinois in the fall of 2012. If anyone is interested in additional information, please contact Tim Oloffson, Director of Sr. High & Adult Ministries, at 944-3196 (toloffson@firstgeneseo.org).

2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Well it appears the team is set for the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering. A team of 21 youth and 6 adult leaders will be headed to New Orleans for a time of spiritual growth. With the core practices of Discipleship, Peacemaking, and Justice as the theme, plenty of opportunities for spiritual maturity will be offered. As we start to plan our fundraising we would like for you to put the Family Trivia Night scheduled for Sunday, January 8 onto your schedules. Also, it is **not** too late for any other youth (8th-12th graders) to sign up. There are still open spots available. Please contact Tim Oloffson, Director of Sr. High & Adult Ministries, or Pastor Arthur at 944-3196 if you are interested.

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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 December schedule:

Dec. 7 — *Advent service at 6 p.m.*

So, Who is Jesus? (Learning Video)

Dec. 14 — *Advent service at 6 p.m.*

Christmas Jeopardy

Dec. 21 — *Family Worship*

Dec. 28 — *Movie Day in the Youth Room*
1-5 p.m. (No Faithtime)

You're Invited!

First Lutheran's Youth Group is having a Christmas party themed after the movie "Elf". It will be at Emily Gustafson's house, 17 Hickory Hills, on December 10 from 6-10:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and a grab bag gift that is under \$5. Please make sure your gift is suitable for both girls and boys. You are also invited to bring a friend. RSVP to Emily through Facebook or by her cell 945-8146.

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Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettias that adorn our altar area during the Christmas season may be ordered in memory or honor of a loved one. This year's plants will be large 4-5 bloom plants for \$15. They will be used at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. You may take them with you after the service on Christmas Day. All donors and persons honored or memorialized will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Poinsettias may be ordered by completing the form located in the pew racks or by calling the church office at 944-3196. Order and payment are due by Sunday, December 11.

Angel Tree Gifts

Our Christmas tradition continues at First with the support of an "Angel Tree" which will provide Christmas gifts for a local family from the Geneseo Food Pantry; our sponsored Navajo child; and 40 seniors at Intouch Adult Daycare in Moline. To help with this ministry, please remove an angel, purchase and wrap the gift, and place it under the tree in the Fellowship Room by Sunday, December 11. *(Please be sure to attach your angel to the wrapped gift, so we can get it to the appropriate recipient.)* Thank you for helping celebrate our Savior's birth with those in need.

Christmas Walk Pasta Dinner

Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The youth of First will be hosting a Pasta Dinner for everyone to come and enjoy! Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, tossed salad and homemade desserts will be served in the Fellowship Room. The cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and children 10 and under is \$4. Tickets can be purchased in the Fellowship Room over the weekend of December 3 & 4 or in the church office. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support youth activities.

First Book Club

Join Linda Storm for discussion on the content of the book *Unwrapping Christmas* and faith response to the author Lori Copeland on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Room 5—*Cool Creations* on the second floor.

- January's book title will be *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Purchase your copy today and begin reading this novel about a young Nigerian refugee whose very existence changes the lives of a group of English citizens in dramatic ways. This is truly a special story and we don't want to spoil it!

Community Christmas Dinner

First Lutheran will host a free Community Christmas dinner on Christmas Day for those in our community who are alone or in need of a hot meal. All residents of the community are welcome to come for a full celebration meal including turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, salad and dessert. Volunteers will also be available to deliver to homebound residents and to local facilities. If you or someone you know could benefit from a home delivery, please call Sheryle Vergane at 309-236-6655. We will be serving this free meal from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. We are also accepting monetary and food donations for this ministry. A sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Center with volunteer opportunities and food donation requests. For more information, please contact Janet Larson at 944-6931 (jl Larson@firstgeneseo.org).

Council Highlights for November

Financial Report—

General Fund Offering:

October actual	\$44,568
October budget	\$35,020
YTD actual	\$361,191
YTD budget	\$321,443

Net Income Over Expenses:

October actual	\$8,274 surplus
October budget	\$2,295 deficit
YTD actual	\$16,093 deficit
YTD budget	\$55,323 deficit

Sanctuary Renovation—Reviewed a proposal drafted by Cabinet to create a Master Plan for Sanctuary Renovation.

First Communion Age—Discussed the possibility of allowing children to receive communion prior to 3rd grade.

Memorial Fund—Discussed a proposed Memorial Fund Request Form, and reviewed the current Memorial Fund resolution.

Annual Meetings

In January of 2012, First Lutheran Church will have its annual meeting. Our annual meeting takes place over the course of two Sundays. FLC annual meeting includes the reports of our pastor, staff, council and an operating budget for 2012. All members are encouraged to attend. The annual meetings dates are January 15 and January 22, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Annual Report Deadline

Each year a bulletin of reports for the Annual Meeting is provided for the membership of First Lutheran Church. These reports tell the ministry story of 2011 and look ahead to 2012. The deadline for report submission for the annual meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Thank you!

Fiscal 2011 Giving

The last day to make a gift for fiscal year 2011 is Saturday, December 31, 2011. Such gifts can be made during office hours during the week of December 26.

Stewardship 2012

On behalf of the Finance & Stewardship team we thank everyone for their participation in all the events of Commitment Weekend: being in worship, filling out a commitment card, and enjoying the potluck. The first weekend results included more than 140 pledges representing more than \$330,000. Thank you!

For those who have not completed a pledge card there is still time. You can return your pledge card to the office or place it in the offering plate during worship.

Charitable Opportunity

The Finance Committee would like to share this Charitable Opportunity with you. The Charitable IRA Rollover enjoyed by many donors has been extended for 2011. This means that you can give directly from your IRA without having to first recognize the distribution as income on your tax return.

- Only applies to IRA owners or beneficiaries age 70½ and over and is capped at \$100,000 per person, per year.
- Only applies to direct transfers of IRA funds to charities and not gifts made to grant making foundations, donor advised funds or charitable gift annuities.
- The charitable donation from your IRA will satisfy your required minimum distribution, but the IRA distribution is not includable in income.

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First Lutheran Preschool



First Lutheran Preschool

December is a very special time for First's preschoolers, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus! During the month we will be busy making bird feeders with oatmeal, decorations for our tree, and singing holiday songs. Other activities will include Swedish dancing, decorating Christmas cookies, making gifts to share with our families and preparing for our traditional Christmas programs on December 19, 20 and 21.

The 5-year-old class will also learn about "Christmas Around the World."

- **Christmas Break**—No school from December 22—January 3. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4!

First Friends: Senior Luncheon

Save the date! January 12 will be the "White Elephant" Gift Exchange at the next Senior Luncheon. Details on the menu will be in next month's Chimes.

Global Mission Equal Exchange

Global Mission Ministry is changing the procedure of purchasing Equal Exchange products such as coffee, tea, chocolate, etc. Starting this month, there will be an order sheet in the sign up book at the Welcome Center that will list the products available and the prices for each. It will also be possible to place special orders. You will be notified when your order is available for pick up.

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting—Come and enjoy a morning of quilting with the "Cover Girls" on Wednesday, December 14 at 9 a.m.

Elizabeth/Rebecca Circle will have their December 21 meeting at Victorian Manor, 217 S. State Street. The bible study will be at 10 a.m. and we will all stay for lunch afterwards. Please contact Sandi Holmstrom at 944-5704 for any further information.

First Health and Wellness

Health Tip: Beginning today, set aside 10 minutes to just sit, take deep cleansing breaths, and *listen*...for as Elijah discovered, God was not in the wind...the earthquake...the fire...but in the "sound of sheer silence." May His whisper flow over and around you as we celebrate the birth of His son...Emmanuel...God with us!

Blood Pressure: Our Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on December 10 and between services on December 11.

Care Ministry: Please call the church office or the Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, if you know of someone in need of a call or visit from a member of our Care Ministry team.

—Joan Holt, RN, PN
Director of Care Ministries

Backpack Blessings

First Lutheran Church will be involved in a program called "Backpack Blessings" with First United Methodist Church. The mission is to feed children living in extreme poverty in our community. The "Backpack Blessings" program is in partnership with the Geneseo School District. At the present time there are 52 children in our school district in need. Financial donations are being accepted. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with "Backpack Blessings" identified in the memo area. Any questions, please contact Dawn Ebarb, liaison for FLC, at 309-714-0885 (ebarb@geneseo.net).

DID YOU KNOW?

—This year's Christmas gift to our shut-ins is a stocking filled with "goodies" and a card from Pastor Arthur. The Faithtime children decorated the stockings while the 56'ers will fill and deliver them on December 2. Thank you to the children for *Sharing's Christ's Love* and spreading some Christmas joy with our shut-ins!

A Note of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered by serving food and helping us move from our home in Hazelwood to our new home in Prairie View. Words can't express what your help meant to us. God bless.

—Pr. Virgil & Marilyn Juliot

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while I was so ill. I am improved some and at Woodridge, come and see me. God bless you all.

—Marie Stenzel

Jul Gott Benefit

First Lutheran will host its annual "Jul Gott" (*Christmas Goodies*) and Silent Auction Craft Show on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Room. A variety of delicious homemade goodies will be available and a silent auction will be held for hand crafted items made by First Lutheran members. The silent auction bidding will close at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All proceeds will go to Lutheran World Hunger.

Food Pantry collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting flour, sugar, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, baking soda, baking powder, vanilla, brown sugar, stuffing mix, snacks, hot chocolate mix, laundry detergent Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, household cleaning products, non-aspirin pain relievers, cold medicine and diapers (*any size*) to share with those in our community. In addition, there is a huge need for kid's boots, snow pants, and also warm blankets. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

Christmas hours for the Food Pantry

Closes at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20
Reopens on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012

Thank You

Christmas came early to our home as so many of you gifted Lynn and I with delicious cookies, entrees, soups, desserts, cards, prayers and other kindnesses after my knee replacement. A special thank you to Marlee Steiner for her gift of friendship and time. Also Melinda Wildermuth was invaluable in organizing our house so I could maneuver easily. Thank you everyone!

—Christine Bergren

Lutheran World Relief—*Thank You*

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for health kits, school kits, layettes, soap, their time and monetarily towards the Cover Girl's LWR projects. Your generosity enabled us to supply LWR with 51 quilts, 17 layettes, 46 school kits, 16 health kits, 19# of bar soap, and 15# of fabric. Also \$313 was donated over the Quilt Dedication Weekend to help with the shipping of these much needed items all over the world. Again thank you and remember this is an ongoing project. Please watch for the updated 2012 needs list starting in March and come join the Cover Girls the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

—Carol Boyd & Carol Hagberg

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together Geneseo/Cambridge, a local nonprofit organization, provides home repair and modification services free of charge to low-income homeowners. In preparation for its 2012 work season, the organization is currently accepting applications and referrals for work. To be eligible for the program, a person must own and occupy a home in the Geneseo or Cambridge school district and meet income guidelines. For more information or to receive an application/referral, contact Sarah Snyder, executive director, at 944-6442 (exec@geneseo.net). Referral forms are also available at the Resource Center in the Fellowship Room .



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Meeting Schedule:

Cabinet — Monday, December 5
Ministries — Monday, December 12
Council — Monday, December 19

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**FAITHTIME SCHEDULE FOR
DEC. 7 & 14**

3:15 p.m. Check In & Games (*Gr. 1-6*)
3:45 p.m. Snack & Table Talk (*Gr. 1-6*)
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation (*Gr. 1-6*)
Youth Room Open
4:30 p.m. Celebration Choir (*Gr. 4-6*)
Faithtime Troupe (*Gr. 1-3*)
5:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir (*Gr. 1-3*)
Faithtime Troup (*Gr. 4-6*)
5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner Served
5:30 p.m. Check Out (*Gr. 1-6*)
Confirmation (*Gr. 7-8*)
5:30 p.m. First Book Club (*Dec. 14*)
6:00 p.m. Senior High Ministry
Advent Worship
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**FAITHTIME SCHEDULE FOR
DEC. 21**

2:00-5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (*Gr. 1-6*)
5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner Served
6:00 p.m. Family Worship —
Children's Christmas Program
(*No Confirmation, Sr. High Ministry
or Sanctuary Choir*)

NO FAITHTIME — DEC. 28