



First Things First

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Gather in Faith - Grow thru Grace - Share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." (Matthew 16:25)

Paul writes to his friends in Corinth: *"God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, 'He throws caution to the winds, \ giving to the needy in reckless abandon. \ His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.' (Psalm 112:9) This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God."* (2 Corinthians 9:10-11, *The Message*)

"The righteous are always generous and lend freely..." (Psalm 37:26)

The Gift Of . . . A monthly Body-building article on tending to the atmosphere of First Lutheran Church.

The gift of generosity—The gift of invitation...the gift of welcome...there is a third gift that is fresh in my mind as I reflect on the still-recent Pancoast relocation here to Minot that I think translates well to who we are called to be as this people of God called the church. That gift is the gift of **generosity**. What an amazing outpouring of gifts we found in the parsonage waiting for us once we finally arrived here in Minot back in June—cookies and all kinds of homemade baked goods...a pantry FULL of groceries...a refrigerator FULL of milk and juice and eggs... those wonderful rolls and buns from B & D...everything we needed to land on our feet and set up house without having even to figure out where the grocery store was! What a God-send! Literally. (By the way, we don't know what "B&D" really stands for but we're convinced it stands for "Buns & Donuts!")

The generosity was amazing and further confirmation that we were following a call that God has issued through you—even with hearts heavy with leaving a place we loved... even with hearts full of anxious anticipation for a place with which we are falling in love!

But, here is how the generosity of those gifts was most acutely felt: in our corresponding hour of our most dire need. Some of you may not be aware that on our way here to meet the moving van, the trailer we were pulling behind the minivan broke a leaf spring on the suspension and basically fell apart. So there we were...so close and yet so far...with a van itself packed full of kids and dogs and accompanying accessories and a fully packed

and loaded trailer broken down in Devils Lake. And as we looked for a room in which to stay for the night until we could evaluate our options the next morning either to get the trailer repaired or to rent a U-Haul, we learned an important lesson about North Dakota: there's ALWAYS a fishing tournament going on in Devils Lake... and with fishing tournaments go fishermen...and with fishermen go motel rooms. EVERY SINGLE MOTEL in Devils Lake was full except for one, and we got the last room. What a God-send! Literally.

The next morning, as we sought to formulate a plan in conversation with Pastor Ken and Marcella, we got this message: *Cindy Smith's brother David just so happens to have an empty trailer that he's pulling from Maddock to Minot, and he'll stop by the motel, help you get reloaded, and get your stuff to Minot.* What a God-send! Literally.

There is a context here, of course, for "our hour of most dire need." It was nothing life threatening. We were not going to starve to death. Our health, well-being, or safety were not in danger, all of which I think truly characterize "most dire need." But from the standpoint of a long, wearisome journey that didn't seem like it was going to end any time soon, that relative hour of our most dire need magnified the generosity and blessing we experienced every step of the way.

By the time you read this, we will be fully into a season that is supposed to be characterized by generosity. I say "supposed to be" because we all know that there is also this ugly underbelly to this season, as well, an ugly underbelly that tempts us to be excused from the generosity that God gives us on us on a daily basis. Our plates will be filled with parties and shopping and credit card bills and all kinds of things that in the end are anything but the generosity God wants to give us and in turn that God wants us TO BE to others...especially those who are truly in most dire need. The Salvation Army uses the slogan, "Need knows no season." Nor should our generosity know any season. Nor should our recognition of that of which we ourselves are needful know any season. The problem is our own full plates.

For the sake of the gifts God intends us to be as people created in his image, let us seek to leave something off our plates that we might recognize and react to others in generosity, especially in their dire need. We have much that God has given us—ourselves, our time, our possessions. Hear God's call to be renewed in our generosity. Hear God's call to rest in devotion and prayer and worship. Hear God's call to serve God by serving others. Hear God's call to be a God-send. Literally.

- - Pastor Mike Pancoast

OUR SCHEDULE . . .

Nov. 28/29 - **1st Sunday of Advent Worship**
Sat./Sunday 5:30 pm, 8:45 & 10:45 am

Dec. 2 - **Advent Vesper Service**
Wednesday 7:00 pm (in the Chapel)

Dec. 5/6 - **2nd Sunday of Advent Worship**
Sat./Sunday 5:30 pm, 8:45 & 10:45 am

Dec. 9 - **Advent Vesper Service**
Wednesday 7:00 pm (in the Chapel)

Dec. 12/13 - **3rd Sunday of Advent Worship**
Sat./Sunday 5:30 pm, 8:45 & 10:45 am

Dec. 13 - **Children's Christmas Program**
Sunday 3:00 pm

Dec. 16 - **Advent Vesper Service**
Wednesday 7:00 pm (in the Chapel)

Dec. 19/20 - **4th Sunday of Advent Worship**
Sat./Sunday 5:30 pm, 8:45 & 10:45 am

Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve Worship**
Thursday 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 pm

Dec. 26/27* - **1st Sunday of Christmas Worship**
Sat/Sunday 5:30 pm & 9:30 am

Jan. 2/3* - **2nd Sunday of Christmas Worship**
Sat/Sunday 5:30 pm & 9:30 am

* Please note there is only one service on these Sundays at 9:30 am.



FOOD DRIVE

December is our month to collect food and other non-perishables for the local food pantry. Remember, toiletry items are also needed. Please leave your donation in the carts in the narthex and Parish Center.



POINSETTIAS

We will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias once again. If you wish to make a contribution or memorial to be put towards these decorations, you may make your memorial for whatever amount you wish. Please let the church office know of any memorials no later than Wednesday, December 9th, at 10:00 am, to get them listed in the Christmas bulletins. Any received after the deadline will be in the next week's bulletin.



THE COLD & FLU SEASON . . .

For your convenience during the cold & flu season, and especially with this year's heightened sensibilities to the h1n1 virus, hand sanitizer and tissues are available in the Narthex (entry way) of our sanctuary. You are encouraged to carry and use small personal bottles of hand sanitizer, as well. While studies indicate that regular worshippers tend to get sick less often and for shorter durations, because of our Christian concern for our neighbor, we still want to make sure we're smart about short-circuiting potential vectors for the flu bug so that we can worship with peace of mind.

2009 YEAR END FINANCES

The end of the year is approaching fast. Contributions for the Year 2009 need to be received in the office by December 31. Mailed contributions need to be postmarked no later than December 31st. Any received after that will go on the Year 2010 postings.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is coming up soon. It will be held on January 31st, starting at 12:00 noon with a potluck lunch. As you know, it's a big job getting everything ready and the booklets made in time (two weeks prior to the meeting). Therefore, please get your inputs to the office by January 4th. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
October 24/25	390	\$ 5,070
Oct./Nov. 31/1	*589	\$ 9,601
November 7/8	392	\$ 7,738
November 14/15	388	\$ 7,680

* 125th Anniversary Service—223 in attendance

INCOME/EXPENSES

as of the end of October 2009

	<u>Actual</u>
October Monthly Income	\$ 52,322
October Monthly Expense	\$ 57,396
Year-to-Date Income	\$ 445,862
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 491,203

SERVICE GROUP #1

Thank you to the people of Service Group #1 for their willing efforts in the service of our Lord and the family of First Lutheran Church.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER

DEADLINES

Remember, the deadline for input and articles in the *First Things First* newsletter is the **10th of each month**, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for bulletin items is **10:00 am on Tuesdays** for that following weekend.

PARISH CTR & OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center and Office hours are 9:00—5:00 pm, Monday—Friday. The doors will be unlocked then. *If you need access at other times, you will need a key and will be held responsible for lock-up.* Contact Jerry for more info and a key.

At times other than office hours, please dial the 852-4853 number leaving a detailed message on the answering service. (It takes about 6 rings before it picks up.) *Your message will be reviewed the next work day.* If an emergency should arise during non-office hours, please call Pastor Ken Nelson (837-8783).

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Ackenna Marie Hoffman
Calli Jo Aho
Katelyn Grace Kokot
Tatum Lee McGinnis
Jacob Lee Ramsey

Marriages

Erin Haugeberg & Brent Tollerud

Funerals & Memorials

Mark Haagenon
Robert Thomas
Verna Bell

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on

**Thursday and Friday,
December 24 and 25**

in observance of Christmas.

The office will also be closed on

**Thursday and Friday,
December 31 and January 1.**

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please let the office know your new address. We'll do a temporary address change and continue to send you the newsletter. If you don't know the address, let us know anyway so we can put a temporary hold on your church mailings.

Even better, get on our email list and you can receive the newsletter by email no matter where or when you go.

Also, remember to call us when you return so we can change it back!



First Lutheran Adult Education Opportunities

There's something for everyone. Join us!



Sunday Forums - 9:45 am - Forum Room (in the basement of the church)

Nov. 29 — Dec. 20 **Charles Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol"**

Charles Dicken's classic *"A Christmas Carol"* is a memorable story filled with compelling characters, drama, humor, and tension, but it is also filled with important Christian themes of redemption and hope. This year, it will form the basis of a four-week small group study which will take place during the four Sunday's of Advent...November 29, and December 6, 13 and 20. A convenient spiral bound book with Dicken's story reproduced in its entirety, plus discussion questions, will be made available for this series. Cost of the book is \$6. Please join us for a re-reading of this timeless story, and engage its perspectives on the timeless truths of our faith.

Men's Breakfast Group - 2nd & 4th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Charlie's Café (Dec. 10)

We invite all men to join us for conversation and fellowship.

Thursday Men's Bible Study - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Conference Room (Dec. 3 & 17)

We are continuing to read and discuss the book *"Quiet Strength,"* by former NFL player and head coach Tony Dungy. Please join us. Coffee...donuts...and great conversation await. Contact Pastor Ken Nelson for more info.

Search Bible Study - Fridays - 9:30 am - Conf. Room - (Dec. 4, then break until Jan. 8)

Join us in studying different books of the Bible in 8 week sessions. No previous study is necessary and materials are provided. We are currently studying the book of Genesis.

ALTAR GUILD



We have openings and are looking for people to serve, approximately one month a year, on the Altar Guild helping to prepare for Communion and other duties relating to worship. We also need people who are willing to substitute. If you would be interested, please contact Vicki Stevens at 839-0562, Diann Hanson at 838-8915, or the church office at 852-4853. The following Altar Guild members will be serving:

December -

Jeanne Brekke, Adelaide Johnson, Mitzi Sundheim

January -

Cindy Wilhelm, Maxine Leite,
Karen Holte, Nancy Langseth

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

We send out the newsletter and other important church information by email. If you have an email address, and wish to receive your newsletter and other church information that way, please let us know your correct email address by calling the office.

The newsletters are also posted to our website. You can find it under the *Publications* heading.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by mail, please call the church office (852-4853).

With this change, that we implemented last February, we not only save a great deal in printing and mailing costs, but are doing a small part to help the environment.

from
Angie Speiser,
Worship Coordinator

Worship Corner



Jesus said, *"Let the little children come unto me..."* (Matthew 19:14)

FLC says, *"Let the children sit up in the front where they can see and hear."*

FLC says, *"Let the parents relax, the sound of children in church is beautiful."*

FLC pastors say, *"Let all FLC members love our kids to pieces!"*

There are activity papers, pencils and colors for the children in the narthex as well as devotional books for the family.

On Sundays, the nursery is open in the basement of the church for young children under 4. We hope they will be in worship as much as they are able, but please feel free to use the nursery when you feel it is necessary. Mary Hove, our nursery supervisor, will welcome them with open arms!

When children get restless, feel free to take them out for a few moments. You may use either the front side doors or the rear doors near the narthex. It's great to see so many children in church!

Some other notes . . .

Advent Vesper Services will be held on **Wednesday evenings**, at **7:00-7:30 pm**, in the **Chapel**, on **December 2, 9 and 16**. We will be using a beautiful service called Holden Evening Prayer, which will help us carve out an island of rest and peace in the middle of the hubbub of what our world says "Christmas" is.

RING OUT FOR JOY! - First Lutheran Church has two bell choirs directed by Jeannie Sovak. The Campana and Celebration Bell Choirs have inspired the congregation with beautiful music at worship services. The ministry of our bell choirs doesn't stop there!

The bell choirs have a history of community outreach where they spread the message of God's love to large and small audiences. The bell choirs played at the 2006 Hostfest and Minot's Worshipfest for 32 churches, where they are the opening music. Many of the participating churches do not have bell choirs and this is a wonderful experience for all in attendance. Visiting the assisted living homes in Minot is an annual tour event along with summer performances at our sister churches Saron and Peace Lutheran. Past performances are numerous and include: MSU Christmas Party, Erik Ramstad Christmas Concert, MAFB Officers Christmas Party, Germanfest, and MSU Christmas Concert.

It's no small task to "go on the road" to conduct this ministry! According to Jeannie the trek begins in the bell room off the sanctuary with packing up the following: 9 tables, 9 table pads, 6 table covers, 2 large table skirts, box of lights and extension cords, 7 bell cases that contain 5 octaves of bells, 7 music stands, 7 folders, box of bell gloves, rhythm instruments, and chimes. These items are carried down two flights of stairs to 5 waiting cars and it's off to spread the beauty of music and God's love.

The bell groups fits their performances around family and work schedules. The Campana Ringers practice at 5:15 on Wednesdays and is looking for 2-3 more players. The Celebration Ringers would like to add 1 more ringer on the heavy bass bells. If you're interested in playing bells, please contact Jeannie Sovak. Thank you to all the ringers for spreading the good news! God Bless your ministry!

CALLING ALL KIDS IN GRADES 4-6 – Do you like to sing, act, praise and perform? First Lutheran is starting a worship group just for you! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, in the church choir room. We'll be done in time for supper at 5:00 pm. For more information, contact Angie Speiser at 839-6005, or send an email to thespeisers@gmail.com.

GOOD NEWS BAND worship group would like to add a drummer and guitar players to the group for occasional Sunday performances. If you play the drums or guitar and would like to share your talent a few times a year, please contact Jylann Hanson at 725-4904.

GUITARS & TRAP DRUM SET NEEDED – If you have a gently used guitar or a trap drum set taking up room at home and you'd like to quit moving it around, please donate it to First Lutheran. Contact a pastor or Angie Speiser to arrange a pick-up time.

SINGERS INVITED – Does the upcoming Advent and Christmas season make you want to sing out loud? If you are interested, the Cathedral Choir (for adults) meets every Wednesday, at 7:30 pm, in the FLC choir room. Director Wayne

Thank You Notes

Here's a couple of notes from. . .

Peter Speiser (who's currently at Luther Seminary)
Pastor Patrick Loree (newly ordained)

Greetings to you in this time of Advent!

Just writing to say thanks to you all for your support as I move through the ELCA candidacy process for ordained ministry. I have just completed the "endorsement" phase and will be going out on internship next year. Until then, I'll be hard at work on papers and presentations here at Luther Seminary as the fall semester comes to a close. I look forward to seeing you at First Lutheran over Christmas!

God Bless,

Pete Speiser

(the following are excerpts from his letter)

Greetings from Moorhead, Minnesota!

I assumed my office as associate pastor on September 1st. I was installed on October 25th. I have been asked to head up a few projects surrounding the youth and family programs here at Our Savior's Lutheran in addition to my normal pastoral activities. My days can be long, but I awake every morning hoping to be surprised by what God might bring my way each day.

My wife, Suzie, and I have just moved into our first home. Who knew that buying a home could be so much fun and so much work! Suzie's job as music educator for Fargo Catholic School is going well and she's just starting to roll out the Christmas music for the children to sing. My, how time flies!

I want to say a word of thanks to each and every one of you for supporting my call to ministry over the years. I especially want to say thank you to those who attended my ordination service on August 29th. It was so amazing to see so many familiar faces and to share so many wonderful stories together. And thank you to all of you who gave gifts to us or gave to First Lutheran on our behalf. Your support of pastoral education is well known in the Lutheran church and it helps to establish the next generation of pastors to lead our denomination into the future. Thank you, again, for your support.

As I am here in Moorhead, with my congregation, part of you will always be with me and I know that my heart, mind, and prayers will always be with you.

Blessings upon the people of First Lutheran Church!

Sincerely in Christ,

Patrick Loree

from
Julie Benson,
Christian Education Director

Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday School Classes: 9:45—10:40 am

December 6, 13 & 20, January 10, 17 & 24

No Classes: December 27 & January 3

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

Regular Wednesday School Classes: 6:00—7:00 pm

December 2, 9 & 16, January 13 & 20

No Classes: December 23 & 30 Family Event: January 6

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 13, 2009

3:00 pm Please Note Time Change!

"The Reason for the Season"



All students who participate will meet in the church basement at 2:30 pm. Specific grade meeting locations will be sent at a later date through your students' classroom teacher.

CONFIRMATION

6:00—7:15 pm - Main Church Sanctuary

December 2—Theme Night

December 9—Theme Night

December 16—Fun Night

December 23 & 30—No classes—

Christmas & New Year's Break

January 6—Servant Event

January 13—Theme Night

THE SEASON OF GIVING

As the season of Christmas approaches, we will again collect toys for local agencies that provide toys for children in need. Each student is asked to bring a toy or item that they would like to give as our service project to the community.

Please drop toys off in your student's classroom by December 16th. These items do not need to be expensive. Suggestions: Games, puzzles, cars, soft dolls, trucks, dolls, legos, action figures, craft kits, drawing items, etc. Teenage items might include jewelry, purses, blankets, body lotions, games, etc.



"Rekindle the Spirit"

Do you remember when you were young and received a "Christmas Treat Bag" at the Christmas program? First Lutheran would love to have Grandpas & Grandmas rekindle this tradition and spread the joy of Christmas to every child that participates in the Christmas program. For us to accomplish that goal, **we need YOUR help!** We would like people to respond by December 6th.

We would like people to donate these items:

- ♦ Cases of oranges (approx. 110 pieces) = \$30.00 ---- we would need 1 case
- ♦ Cases of apples (approx. 125 pieces) = \$35.00 ---- we would need 1 case
- ♦ 25 lbs. of peanuts = \$43.00 ---- we would need 100 pounds
- ♦ MANY bags of Christmas candy (candy canes, Hershey kisses, old fashioned hard candy, peppermints, gum, etc.)

We also need helping hands to do the following:

- ♦ Grandmas and Grandpas to **STUFF** the bags on Sunday, December 13th, at 9:45 am, in the Parish Center Assembly Hall
- ♦ Grandmas and Grandpas to **HAND OUT** the bags on Sunday, December 13th, after the program in the Forum Room (about 4:00 pm)

The Christmas program is scheduled for December 13, 2009 at 3:00pm. A note will be attached to the treat bag...

"With Christmas Joy . . . Your First Lutheran Grandparents!"

If you would be willing to donate items, or volunteer to stuff the bags, please leave a message at the church office (852-4853) for Julie or Pastor Mike. Please state in the message which item(s) you would like to donate and/or if you would be willing to stuff the bags. Thanks for "rekindling the Spirit!"

First Lutheran Church Women

	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Day & Time</u>
#1	Eldora Eliason	Trinity Ret.	Dec. 3 - 2:00 pm*
#2	Adelaide Johnson	1000 20th Ave NW B3	Dec. 3 - 10:00 am*
#3	Bonnie Lillemon	917 8th Ave NE	Dec. 3 - 10:00 am*
#4	<i>No Hostess</i>	Kildahl Room	Dec. 3 - 11:30 am*
#5	<i>No Hostess</i>	Local Restaurant TBD	Dec. 3 - 1:00 pm*
#6	<i>No Hostess</i>	Friendship Room	Dec. 3 - 5:00 pm
#7	Marlene Rasmussen	1417 15th St SW	Dec. 3 - 6:30 pm*
#8	Diann Hanson	514 Hillcrest Drive	Dec. 3 - 7:30 pm*
#9	<i>No Hostess</i>	Friendship Room	Dec. 7* - 6:00 pm*



Act boldly.

*Please note the different meeting dates and/or times.

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 2 4:00 pm Bible Study Leaders
 Dec. 17 1:30 pm Christmas Program & Installation of Officers
 (Circle #7 serves)
No Exec. & General Board Mtg. in December

Remember—

December is FLCW's month to bring in food donations to FLC's Luther's Kitchen. Please bring them to the Parish Center Kitchen, marked 'Luther's Kitchen.'

Worship Committee

At its November 3 meeting, the committee began the task of affixing labels to the inside of the new hymnals in recognition of donor support and to make readily available the traditional wording of the Apostles' Creed. All groups seeking service were encouraged to help with this task. Angie Speiser was welcomed as our new worship coordinator. Other additions to the committee are also being sought. Parishioners who are interested should contact one of the pastors or any committee member.

Holiday schedules were established as follows. We will hold a joint **Thanksgiving** service on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 pm, with five rural churches. **Advent** vesper services will be held at 7:00 pm, in the chapel, on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16. Sundays in Advent will consist of our normal two services, with the theme, "*Out of the Bareness.*" **Christmas Eve** services will be held at 5:00 and 11:00 pm. On the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, we will have just one service at 9:30 am. Senior Sunday will be held at 8:45 am, on January 10.

Other business included a discussion surrounding sharing the peace in this flu season; a hand sanitizer center will be placed in the Narthex.

Healing services will be held in the months that have a fifth Sunday; there will be time after communion for intercessions.

A committee vote endorsed spending \$600 on a temporary solution for some of our sound and wiring problems. Longer-term solutions will be sought in the future.

Finally, initial consideration was given to wording of the invitation to and directions for taking communion during services. That topic will be considered at a future meeting.

Questions and comments about any of these topics may be directed to any of the committee members.

Julie Benson	852-6251
Clint & Jylann Hanson	725-4904
Joan Holum	839-7136
JoAnn Linrud (Chair)	838-2414
John Mercer (Council Liaison)	839-9232
Beth Murphy	839-1011
Pastor Ken Nelson	837-8783
Pastor Mike Pancoast	838-8111
Wayne Schempp	837-9662
Jeannie Sovak	839-3706
Angie Speiser	839-6005
Rick Stevens	839-0562
Rita Sundahl	838-8295

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<p>6</p> <p>Pastor Heather Brown</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Worship</p> <p>Pastor Mike - Shared Ministry North</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pastor Mike OIC</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p> <p>4:00 PM - 10:00 PM ND Childcare - Parish Center</p> <p>6:00 PM Circle #9</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 AM Staff</p> <p>1:00 PM Pasbr's Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Wednesday Schedule</p> <p>4:30 PM Grades 4-6 Praise Group</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation - Theme</p> <p>6:00 PM Congregational Life</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship</p> <p>Pastor Ken</p>																																										
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WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: <i>Wednesday School & Confirmation</i> 6:00 PM	Sunday: <i>Worship</i> 8:45 AM
Saturday: <i>Worship</i> 5:30 PM	<i>Sunday School & Adult Forum</i> 9:45 AM
	<i>Worship</i> 10:45 AM

NOTE: Sunday—December 27th—there will be One Sunday Service held at 9:30 am

Nursery provided at Sunday Services

Sunday Radio Broadcast - KRRZ 1390 AM - 8:45 am