



# First Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Page

NEW YEARS DAY – Happy 2019!

The world celebrates, as it does, with parades, parties and excesses of every kind. But, the Church celebrates the new year in a very different way. Counting from Christmas day, January 1 arrives on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Jesus' life. And the Scriptures tell us something special about Jesus on that day.

***"And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21 (ESV)***

Celebrating a circumcision may seem strange and out of place among Christians today. But, it is a profound event that tells us more than we might think.

- The Son of God took to himself real human flesh. From His infancy on Jesus is the one redeemer, true God and true Man.
- Jesus humbled himself for us. The Son of God who is over all, came into the flesh and took our place under the law. Every part of the law was fulfilled for us in and through Jesus.

### Worship Service Schedule

Sunday Morning:

**8:30 a.m.**  
Traditional Worship Service

**9:45 a.m.**  
Sunday School & Bible Classes

**11:00 a.m.**  
Blended Contemporary Worship Service

*Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month.*

- At His circumcision, Jesus shed the first blood that is a part of our redemption.
- And, at His circumcision, Joseph was able to honor God’s word and promise by naming Him Jesus. His name was both a description and a promise, it means “Savior”.

The blessed memory of our Savior’s 8<sup>th</sup> day is a gift and comfort to us all.

Have a happy and healthy 2019 blessed in your Savior’s peace.

Pastor Dave

# Events Coming Up

### Ever Thought About Helping Quilt?

Our ladies will be getting together on Wednesdays, January 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to work on quilts they are preparing to send to Lutheran World Relief to help those in need. They need help in tying the quilts, which is an easy task to learn! If you have some time, they would appreciate you coming to lend a hand!

### Confirmation Classes to Begin Again

We will resume our Confirmation Classes following our Christmas break on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting again in the new year!

### Would You Lend a Hand?

We will try again to take down the Christmas decorations this Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11:00 service and would appreciate all willing hands to help!

### Boards & Parish Planning Meetings

Just a reminder that our Boards and Parish Planning Committee will meet again in January on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Parish Planning Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see all of our board and PPC members then!

### Offices Closed/No School

Please note that our offices will be closed and there will be no school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### New Member Welcome Reception

Mark your calendar now for the next New Member Welcome Reception. We praise and thank God for all of our new members to the First family. Our new members will be introduced at a special reception during the fellowship time preceding Bible study on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Plan now to join in this special time of fellowship to welcome our newest members.

### Prayer Times

Please remember to join us in prayers on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more details, please see the “Be A Witness” page of this newsletter.

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### Thank You!

All of the staff wish to say thank you to the many people who remembered them with cards, gifts and well wishes during the Christmas season. They were all greatly appreciated!! It is a great joy to serve our Lord together here at First!