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The Lord's Day – December 3, 2017

8:45 a.m. – Coffee & fellowship time in small gym
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Small Group Studies – classes for all ages

MORNING WORSHIP
10:45 a.m.

Prelude	
Choir Opener:	"Joy to the World"
Hymn:	"Angels We Have Heard on High" #196
Welcome & Prayer:	Pastor Grotzke
Special Music:	Cora Gunderson
Hymn:	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #201
Offertory:	Lindsay Jones
Choir:	"Child of Bethlehem"
Hymn:	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #205
Special Music:	Margie Erickson
Message:	Pastor Grotzke
Closing Prayer:	Forrest McMahan

4:30 p.m. – Choir practice; includes cantata readers also
5:15 p.m. – Choir cantata cast meet in the youth room
5:30 p.m. – Orchestra practice

EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 p.m.

Offertory: Christian Gunderson
Special Music: Erickson Children
-Natalie Thorson

Brief business meeting; election of 2018 church officers

*The Lord's Table: Tim Miller, Dave Simmons, Rolund Wetterlund,
Clarence Wold*

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Midweek Service: Adult Bible Studies,
Youth Group, AWANA (3 years old – 6th grade)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Men/Boys breakfast at Burger King

LRCS NEWS:

Friday & Saturday, December 8 & 9 – Paul Bunyan Basketball
Tournament (H); see school website for details.

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 12, 10:00 a.m. – Ruth Circle
December 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Youth Christmas party
December 17 – Choir cantata, "The Journey to the King" in the
morning service
– Sunday School Christmas program in p.m. service
December 20 – All-church caroling
December 21 – Senior Lunch
December 24, 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve service; no Sunday
School, no evening service, no midweek
ministries on the 27th.
December 31 – Normal schedule times in the morning; no evening
service on the 31st.

MISSIONARY BARREL OFFERING:

Next Sunday evening the missionary barrel will be out for your special offerings for our Lake Region Christian School teachers.

CHRISTMAS TRACTS:

There are Christmas tracts for your use in the tract rack in the main entryway. Please feel free to help yourselves.

SAVE THE DATE:

First Baptist's annual Mid-Winter All-Family Banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 9. This will be an all-Scandinavian night – food, dress, entertainment, etc. Suanne Maurer is working on a new mural in the fellowship hall too! We have obtained two groups for entertainment since we have so many Scandinavians in our church and in this area. Ole and Lena (3rd generation) from Wood Lake, MN will perform for us. Also Skoll Musik from this area will be on the program. There are widely known for their Scandinavian music and have played for the king and queen of Sweden. Mark this date on your calendar now so you don't miss this event. Watch for additional details coming up!

DECEMBER GREETERS:

East: Scott & Bobbie Blake Middle: Dave & Penny Bottorff
West: Linda Wolverter & Sheila Eberline Far West: Shelly Whited

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Happy birthday to Tom Kientzle, Margie Erickson and Lois Lahr today;
Beverly Hand on the 4th; Linda Winkleman on the 6th; Tanya Ogren,
Kathy Schack and Levi Young on the 7th; Sheila Eberline on the 8th;
Jennifer Kovacik, Crew Erickson and Luke Young on the 9th.

NURSERY SCHEDULE – for children up to age 3:

Sunday, December 3 – a.m. Keith & Rachael Anderson
p.m. Nate and Darla Grotzke
Wednesday, December 6 – Julie and Jennifer Kovacik

Sunday, December 10 – a.m. Tim and Amanda Miller; Whitlee and
Carson Moore
p.m. Katie, Cora and Christian Gunderson
Wednesday, December 13 - Julie and Jennifer Kovacik

<u>Last Week's Offerings & Statistics:</u>			
Offerings:			
General	\$5,377.29	Budget amount needed weekly:	\$8,486.77
Eric Franks	20.00	Budget giving YTD:	\$105,909.95
		Budget needs YTD:	\$110,328.01
Attendance:			
Morning service – 269	Children's Church – 44	Nursery – 13	
Evening service – 148	Nursery – 5		

May the Christmas ...
... GIFTS remind of God's greatest gift: His only Son.
... CANDLES remind us of Him, who is the "Light of the world".
... TREES remind us of another tree upon which He died.
... CHEER remind us of Him who said: "Be of good cheer".
... BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
... FEAST remind us of Him who is the "Bread of Life".
... CAROLS remind us of the song the angels sang:
 "Glory to God in the highest".
... SEASON remind us in every way and every day of Jesus Christ our King!

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