

The monthly newsletter of  
First United Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

**GOOD**

January

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## Sharing God's Word \* Strengthening Faith \* Serving Community

Happy New Year! The new year brings hope for new beginnings, a clean slate, and a chance to instill new habits in our own lives. What will this year bring for you, and for us at First United? That is a question none of us can fully answer. As much as I love to plan and look to the future, I know that God brings surprises and that nothing is guaranteed. Every day is a gift. Each sunrise brings new possibilities and new life in God.

Every day, we wake up to a God who loves us and who wants good things for us. God wants to forgive us for the mistakes we ALL make. We just need to ask for forgiveness, and to work to change what we can so that we don't continue making the same mistakes over and over. In the Bible, God lays out a path for us to help us: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. When we do this, our lives and the lives of others are changed for the better!

Each day is a new start - in God's eyes. I believe that it's harder for us to let go of the mistakes of the past - both the mistakes we have made and those other have made - than it is for God to forgive us. We can be so much harder on ourselves than anyone else. But guess what - none of us are perfect! Really. That's why we have Jesus!

In this new year, I pray that you will give yourself some kindness. Think of how God sees you - as a beautiful creation, as a precious child, as someone worth giving a second, third, or 77th chance. We are all new creations in Christ, and we can have great joy in knowing and living this.

See you in church!

New Year Blessings,  
Pastor Heidi

# FULC HAPPENINGS

## January Worship Schedule

**Thursday, Jan. 4**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, Jan. 7**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, Jan. 21**

### **2024 BUDGET MEETING**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

9:40 AM - 2024 Budget Meeting

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, Jan. 25**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, Jan. 28**

### **ANNUAL MEETING PART 2**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Annual Meeting Part 2

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Happy New Year, members of FULC!



November and December are always busy months of the year, making it a less than ideal time to start a new job, move, and navigate any number of extra activities, but with the help of an excellent staff, and with the support of you, the congregation, it has happened at FULC. You've officially welcomed me as your new Director of Music Ministries, and I am very grateful! You should be proud to be part of a congregation that was able to make that possible. I am glad to be settling into my position, and I am thankful for the outpouring of support, patience, guidance, and understanding of the people surrounding me.

Here is an update about choir rehearsals in 2024:

- We will continue to rehearse on Sundays between services, beginning at 9:40 in the choir room.
- We will not meet on Sunday, January 7th, but will resume on Sunday, January 14th.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Grace and Peace,  
Matthew Thorne  
Director of Music Ministries  
matthew@firstunitedelca.org

*Happy New Year!*

**The Church Office will be closed**

**Monday, January 1.**

**Have a safe and happy New Year!**

**In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day,**



**the Church Office will be closed Monday, January 15.**

"If you can't fly, RUN. If you can't run, WALK. If you can't walk, CRAWL, but by all means keep moving."  
-Martin Luther King Jr.



## **Our Staff**

Transition Pastor • Heidi Borkenhagen  
Director of Music Ministries • Matthew Thorne  
Children & Family/ Great Beginnings Preschool Administrator • Mary Gorges  
Youth/Technology • Thom Nicla  
Church Administrator/  
Discipleship • Debbie Schneider  
Administrative Assistant • Kelly Stoelb  
Preschool Lead Teacher • Ellen Yedica  
Financial Secretary/Community Ministry • Cheryl Nicholson  
Children & Family Ministry Assistant • Gabrielle Huolihan  
**Let us know how we can help you. 920-452-2401**

**BUDGET MEETING** **Sunday, January 21**  
**9:40 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**



**ANNUAL MEETING Part 2**  
**Sunday, January 28**  
**9:40 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**  
 Join us as we gather to discuss and approve our church family budget.



**ASP** **Mission Trip**  
**Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT**  
**First Workshop**  
**Sunday, January 7**  
**at Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee**  
**9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK™**  
**THANK YOU**  
 To all who volunteered through donations or your time this past year,  
**THANK YOU!!**  
 Join us Friday March 8 or Saturday March 9 for our Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event. Registration opens up Sunday, January 21.



**MISSION TRIP 2024**  
**FAYE'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation:  
 Please consider donating pizza vouchers to the Bridgeway House, Salvation Army, or our FULC Food Pantry.

Pizza Sales!  
 Order vouchers to pick up your pizzas at your convenience.

Order forms due by 11:30 a.m. Sunday, January 21  
 Proceeds will go to our Mission Trip!

Type	Voucher	Bridgeway House	Salvation Army	FULC Food Pantry	Total Count	\$ Sub Total
Cheese (\$8.50)						
Pepperoni (\$8.50)						
Sausage (\$8.50)						
Sausage & Pepperoni (\$8.75)						
Sausage & Mushroom (\$8.75)						
Pepperoni & Mushroom (\$8.75)						
Bacon Cheeseburger (\$9.25)						
Deluxe (\$9.25)						
Total Due (Checks payable to First United)						

Pick up Vouchers January 28th in the Gathering Area between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

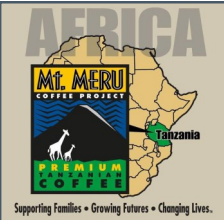
# Birthdays & Other News

## Grief Warriors

Will meet in January  
Please contact the  
Church Office for details



All are welcome to join us



Calling all coffee lovers! If you love Mt. Meru coffee and would like to support its mission, please consider picking

up a bag or two in the Gathering Area or stop by the Church Office during our regular office hours to choose your favorites.

## First United FOOD PANTRY

If you or anyone you know needs food, please check out our Food Pantry located in the Serenity Room. We have everything from canned goods to baking supplies to household items. The front office can assist you if you need help.

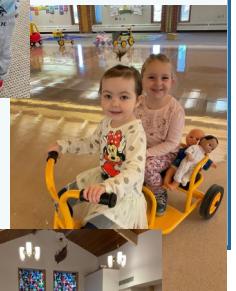
Mondays 9AM - 12PM

Wednesdays 1PM - 4:00PM

## Great Beginnings

We were very busy in December. Our class adopted children for the Adopt - A - Family program and helped bring in gifts for those boys and girls. We also bought gifts for 2 nursing homes. In addition to that, we learned the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus' birth and participated in the Children's Christmas Program. We all had lots of fun decorating Christmas trees, wrapping gifts, making Christmas crafts, learning new songs, and making cookies!! We can't wait to tell you all about our January adventures!

- 1 Nadine Bock  
Rebecca Kamana  
Norman Loesing  
Rosey Naw  
Perri Reinke  
Jane Roberts  
Brady Ryan
- 2 Jake Horst  
T.J. Ingels  
Vungh Khan Kiim  
Andy Seymour
- 3 Ben Heins  
Suzanne Loesing  
Leyna Nicla
- 4 Susan Kuck
- 5 Donna Laack  
Beth Stockdale
- 6 Richard Cinealis  
Debbie Frick  
Mike King  
Abbey Machtig  
Pete Thoresen
- 7 Ashley Blakely  
Ellen Cheney  
Godwin Kamana  
Thom Nicla  
Amy Thede  
Ty Voight
- 8 Bobby Holland  
Eric Kleine  
Ray Ramos
- 9 Zachary Aldag  
Ryan Evenson  
Brantley Long  
Jack Martin  
Maxwell Meller  
David Schmidt
- 10 Leroy Hamilton Jr.  
Sherry Scholz
- 11 Jennifer Blaha  
Deb Hoffmann  
Rhonda Holland  
Mary Molepske  
David Teeselink  
Lilie Turgeon  
Carrie Zempel
- 13 Chris Hein  
Gary Schroeder  
Courtney Trescher
- 14 Sharon Guetschow  
Randy Ingels  
Wayne Kolzow  
Brian Thomas
- 15 Lun Cing  
Kimberly Meller  
Rylee Roelse  
Pat Wehmeyer
- 16 Shannon Klahn  
Brynn Ostermann  
Richard Wachholz
- 17 Helen Flynn
- 18 Craig Kuhfuss  
Mary Nao  
Tracy Roth  
Sheila Teeselink  
Emily Thorpe
- 19 Barbara Fischer
- Lisa Ingels  
Mackenzie Neils  
Sara Warden  
Ryan Wilke
- 20 Ryan Hogle  
Karla Krueger  
Donna Menart  
Michelle Zschetzsche
- 21 Janet Anderson Weimer  
Ava Cinealis  
Emma Cinealis  
Sonja Heins  
Evon VanOrnum
- 22 Daniel Carriveau  
Ian Huolihan  
Alan Kellner  
Lana Roever  
Christian Steinert
- 23 Chandler Fogle  
Gage Oldenburg  
Adriana Reyes  
Terry Rose  
Sandy Roth  
Steve Schneiderhan
- 24 Sue Hildebrand  
Liam Huolihan  
Tyler Ott  
Katie Spence
- 25 Rick Seidemann
- 26 Charile Green
- 27 Carl Campbell  
Gavin Evraets  
Tyra Gutschow  
Arya Hofmann  
Bridget Zamora
- 28 Sadie Anderson  
Jeremy Maslanka  
Nancy Neils
- 29 Colby Gannaway  
Judy Hangartner  
Nancy Harms
- 30 Jim Faltinek  
Trisha Krebsbach  
Kaitlyn Sonntag
- 31 Austin Dockter  
Reymar Harms  
Arianna Hein  
Jim Holmes  
Kristine Wake  
Jeff Wigdahl



# Calendar of Events

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED NO FOOD PANTRY	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 11:30 AM Morning Glories 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 pm Laundry Love	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	 <p>Morning Glories Wed., Jan. 3 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch The Book of Revelation: SIGNS Led by Marianne Comstock</p>	
<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:45 AM ASP Workshop in Milwaukee 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>9</b> 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM New Spirit Circle	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED NO GREAT BEGINNINGS NO FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM Congregation Council 6:30 PM Scouts 	<b>16</b> 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Versiti Blood Drive	<b>20</b>
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# Forward looking . . .

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You are invited to join us for in-person and online Worship Services:  
Facebook page: First United Lutheran Church - ELCA  
YouTube channel: First United Lutheran Church - Sheboygan WI

## Important Dates

**Monday, January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Office & Food Pantry Closed**

**Sunday, January 7: 9:40 a.m. Sunday School Resumes**

**Sunday, January 7: 9:45 a.m. ASP Workshop in Milwaukee**

**Wednesday, January 10: Confirmation Resumes**

**Monday, January 15: Office & Food Pantry Closed**

**Sunday, January 21: 9:40 a.m. Budget Meeting in  
Sanctuary**

**Sunday, January 28: 9:40 a.m. Annual Meeting Part 2 in  
Sanctuary**

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