

First/ **News & Views**

Nativity

December 2013, January 2014



Join us in worshipping our newborn king on Christmas Eve at Nativity Lutheran at 5 p.m. and at First Lutheran at 7 p.m. Christmas Day worship will be held at First Lutheran at 10 a.m.



Join us for the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sun., Dec. 15th 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran.



**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
DECEMBER 28

See p. 5 for details.

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Dear Friends and Members of our First and Nativity Lutheran Parish;

Our Advent/Christmas season is upon us. This season of the church year calls us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are called to “repent and believe” the Good News of the coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. It’s such a wonder that the Son of God has come to show the love of God. In the days when Jesus Christ walked the earth few believed because it seemed too wonderful. Yet many came to trust in Jesus because of His teachings, miracles and his very person. On the first Christmas the shepherds heard the Angels message;

“I bring you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the City of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:11



And when they heard it they believed and rushed see the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem. As we hear the great and glorious message of Jesus Christ, we too believe it and become sons and daughters of God. May we rush to worship our Lord as the humble Shepherds did so many years ago.

As you prepare for Christmas you are preparing to receive your Lord. In your preparing, seek to do those things that point you to Christ.

Pastor Peterson

In Memory Of....

Jeanette Schiller who passed away on 11-17-13



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Worship Matters by Megan Plicka

December has come upon us and soon we will be ringing in the New Year. Before every New Year is celebrated we take the time to celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Christmas. Christmas has always held a special place in my heart since I was a little girl. There is something so magical about the Christmas season; the Christmas trees filled with ornaments, lights, and for my family the special angel at the top. Houses are decorated with fancy lights and different figures that light up the night. Families are outside playing in the snow; making snow angels, ice skating, sledding, and having snowball fights. Others can be found inside warming by the fireplace with hot coco, laughing about past memories, and watching cheesy holiday movies. One of my favorite parts about Christmas is having the opportunity to see "A Christmas Carol" at the Pabst Theatre. When I was young roughly six years old my grandma took me to see it for the first time. I can remember dressing up in my fancy little dress, my furry white coat, my itchy tights my mom made me wear, and my shiny shoes. I had no idea what was in store for me that night or how it would affect me to this day. That night something happened, something magical, that helped create the love I have for Christmas now. There was more than just that one night that has brought me to have this love for Christmas that I do.

The biggest reason I love Christmas has to do with my family. Growing up Christmas was always a time that brought my family together. Before my grandma passed away her house was the prime location for the Christmas celebration. I can remember many games being played, many presents being opened, lots of laughs, lots of smiles, plenty of great food, and lots of love. I cherish those memories and I am truly grateful to be so lucky to have had them. I am truly lucky and blessed to have the wonderful family I have.

There is another favorite thing that happens during Christmas that is the candlelight service. The candlelight service for me is like no other church service during the year. Those moments when the lights dim, the candles are lit and being passed from neighbor to neighbor and the congregation is quietly singing "Silent Night" that fills the room with a comfort and peaceful feeling. Then that moment when the lights come back on, the candles get blown out, and voices raise singing "Joy to the World" comes almost like it is out of nowhere. Those two moments represent to me the miracle of Christmas. That is why attending the candlelight service always brings Christmas full circle for me.

Christ was born during this time of year, brought to this earth to save us all. This is our time to celebrate the birth of a little miracle that was born in a stable and placed in a manger. This Christmas I encourage all of you to take some time to witness the magical things happening around you. Take the time to spend with your family, making memories to be cherished. After all Christmas only happens once a year, why miss out on one moment of the magic?

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Have a safe and wonderful New Year.

Bible Study Opportunities

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

BIBLE
STUDY



Our Bible class is busy studying the Book of Revelation. We have enjoyed a DVD of the Seven Churches in Revelation. We will continue our study during December and January, dealing with one new chapter each week.

On Jan. 14th (weather permitting) we will have our Christmas Lesson, and have been invited to Laverne Williams new home for class. We'll meet at church and car pool to her place. After class we will be going for lunch at a nearby restaurant. I'm working on a new place since the one I had picked was closed permanently.

All are welcome to join our class. Bring your Bible and join us in the Fireside Room at First at 10:00am on Tuesday mornings. Class runs until 11:00am. Often a group of us go out for lunch after class. John Bennethum is our Teacher.

For Women Only....



The Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study meets most Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in First Lutheran's Fireside Room. If you have any questions, or to check the schedule, call the church office. New members are always welcome!



Prayer can help... If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need. If you are interested in joining a prayer chain, contact Marie Le Page (First Lutheran), Laverne Breed (Nativity Lutheran) or the church office.

We Three Kings of Orient Are



"We Three Kings", also known as "We Three Kings of Orient Are" or "The Quest of the Magi", was written by the Reverend John Henry Hopkins, Jr., who wrote both the lyrics and the music. It is suggested to have been written in 1857 but did not appear in print until his *Carols, Hymns and Song* in 1863. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., then an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church, was instrumental in organizing an elaborate holiday pageant (which featured this hymn) for the students of the General Theological Seminary in New York City while serving as the seminary's music director. In 1872 Hopkins was ordained an Episcopal priest and later served as rector at Christ Episcopal Church (Williamsport, PA).

The Magi also referred to as the (Three) Wise Men or (Three) Kings, were in Christian tradition, a group of distinguished foreigners who visited Jesus after his birth, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They are regular figures in traditional accounts of the nativity celebrations of Christmas and are an important part of Christian tradition. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the only one of the four Canonical gospels to mention the Magi, they were the first religious figures to worship Jesus. It states that "they" came "from the east" to worship the Christ, "born King of the Jews." Although the account does not mention the number of people "they" or "the Magi" refers to, the three gifts has led to the widespread assumption that there were three men. In the East, the Magi traditionally number twelve. Their identification as kings in later Christian writings is probably linked to Psalms 72:11, "*May all kings fall down before him*". While traditional nativity scenes depict three "kings" visiting the infant Jesus on the night of his birth, in a manger accompanied by the shepherds and angels, the Biblical account simply presents an unnumbered party of unnamed "wise men" visiting much later after his birth, with Jesus described not as a baby but a child, and residing in a house, not a stable, with only "his mother" present.

Traditions identify a variety of different names for the Magi. In the Western Christian church they have been commonly known as:

- Melchior (also Melichior), a Persian scholar;
- Caspar (also Gaspar, Jaspas, Gathaspa, and other variations), an Indian scholar;
- Balthazar (also Balthasar, Balthassar, and Bithisarea,) an Arabian scholar.

Christian Scriptures record nothing about the Biblical Magi after reporting their going back to their own country. Two separate traditions have surfaced claiming that they were so moved by their encounter with Jesus that they either became Christians on their own or were quick to convert fully upon later encountering an Apostle of Jesus. The traditions claim that they were so strong in their beliefs that they willingly embraced martyrdom.

Did You Know by John Bennethum

BOXER DAY is the 26th of December. It is celebrated in Canada and other Commonwealth Nations. This is a time when "Bosses" often recognize their workers by giving them surprise Christmas Boxes...hence the name. Celebrated in many countries of the world, it is an opportunity for each of us to Thank those people who work on our behalf "behind the scenes". Remember to Thank those who work on you behalf! Officially a bank holiday in some countries, workers are paid a days wages for not working... a gift of a day's pay.

December 26 - St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr; stoned to death
December 27 - St John the Evangelist
December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; Children under age 2 killed by King Herod
January 1- Name of Jesus
January 18 - Confession of Peter
January 25 - Conversion of Paul



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*December 15th
9:30 am
at First Lutheran*

Followed by breakfast for Sunday School children, parents, guests, and members of First and Nativity.

Rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 14 at 10 am



A Nativity Christmas

CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

Please join Soprano-Susan Platt, Tenor -Gus Barnes and Organist-Dennis Jon Wolfgang for a concert of Traditional and Festive Music for the Season of Christmas. The Concert will take place on Sun., Dec. 29th at 3:00 p.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church, 6905 W. Bluemound Rd. The Nativity Building is an excellent and beautiful example of Colonial Revival architecture and is blessed with wonderful acoustics.

Highlights of the program include four new sparkling Christmas arrangements by Mark Hayes, two wonderful African American spirituals, a tour de force organ composition by Dr. Dennis Janzer: Fantasy and Toccata on “Joy to the World” – plus organ arrangements by Charles Callahan and Raymond Haan, Susan and Gus’s spectacular duet version of Adolphe Adam’s most beloved “O Holy Night”, as well as a host of traditional Christmas favorites.

The concert is free, though a free-will offering will be received. A delicious reception will follow the concert!

You may bring a non-perishable food item for the First/Nativity Lutheran Food Pantry.



Mitten Tree

Cold, snowy and bitter days will be upon us soon (really-even though fall as has been warm and sunny). Please donate new hats, scarves, and gloves to be given to Sojourner Family Center. All sizes (adult and child) are greatly appreciated and needed. Visit the Mitten Tree in the Nativity Narthex and admire the many beautiful, snuggly and adorable items as you place yours on the tree. Know that you will not only warm hands and heads but also hearts. First Lutheran members can take donations to the church office. We will be collecting through December 30th.

Hanging of the Greens

Both churches will be decorating on Sunday, Dec. 8th, following the service. Nativity’s coffee hour will be held in the narthex. If you can help out, stay after the services that day - many hands make light work!



“I have a better Caretaker than you and all the angels. He it is who lies in a manger, but at the same time sits at the right hand of God, the almighty Father. Therefore be at rest.” —Martin Luther



Operation Christmas Stocking

Operation Christmas Stocking is First Lutheran’s annual holiday outreach remembering those in need in our church, community and Synod. This year we will be distributing Christmas Stockings on Sunday December 15th after the Sunday School Christmas Program.

Parents, grandparents and their children/grandchildren from our food pantry will be picking up their stockings that Sunday. If you know of anyone who would like to pre-order a stocking and attend the service please fill out a stocking registration form. If you are interested in filling a stocking they are hanging in the Narthex.

Throughout December we will be delivering holiday cheer and gifts to female clients at the Free Clinic at Cross Lutheran, ELCA Synod Serenity Inn (men), expectant/new parents in the WA/WM Shared Journeys Program and mugs for our Food Pantry clients. We will no longer receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial Services, so all donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who have been busy knitting and donating to Operation Christmas Stocking.

Community Information

Lilac Bus - December

Open to all West Allis Area Seniors. Call 302-8715 to make a reservation - *First Come, First Served!* Cost is \$3 per round trip. You will be picked up at your home.



Mon., Dec. 2 - Mitchell Domes Christmas Show, Shopping along Miller Parkway. Lunch at Mad Rooster.

Wed., Dec. 11 - Shopping and lunch at Brookfield Square.

Wed., Dec. 18 - Evening bus tour of Christmas lights and decorations.

Hart Park Senior Center

Crafter's Corner - 1st Thurs. of each month at 9am

Scrabble - Wednesdays at 10am

Cards and Games for Ladies and Gents

Skat: Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Men's Sheephead: 12:00pm Mon. thru Thurs.

Bridge: Thursdays. at 12:00; call Pat at 231-3935 to sign up.

MahJongg: Wednesdays at 12:00.

Call 471-8495 for information.

Clement Manor Center for Enrichment 9405 W. Howard, Greenfield

Lifelong Learning Book Club - 1st Tue. at 12pm

Dec. 3 - The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

Jan. 7 - Then Came Heaven by LaVyrle Spencer

Matinee Movie Series

Dec. 10 -12:30 p.m. - R.E.D. with Bruce Willis

Club Loomineers - A No-Needle Knitting Group - 1st Wed. of month. 12pm. No charge.

Bridge Group - Every Tues. - 9-11 am

Call Clement Manor at 546-7302 for registration or info.

City of West Allis

Saturday, December 7th

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall

Christmas tree lighting, Christmas carols, and community sing-along.

4:30 p.m. - Christmas Parade

Holiday Food Collection at tree lighting will benefit local food pantries.

Tuesday, December 31st, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

West Allis/West Milwaukee Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) will host its annual New Year's Eve Family Event at Central H.S. Enjoy music, open swim, basketball & volleyball, family-friendly movie, clowns, food and balloons.

Live to Give

In Acts 20:35, Paul quotes Jesus that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Interestingly, that's the only recorded statement of Jesus that's not found in one of the four gospels.)

At Christmas and throughout the year, the blessings of giving are profound and lasting. Poet Maya Angelou says, "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."



Honey Glazed Pit Ham with Sides

Heritage Senior Living

7901 W. National Ave., West Allis

Thursday, December 19th

11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Stop in for a hearty portion of pit ham, homemade cheesy hashbrown potatoes, green beans, a choice of beverage and a freshly baked cookie.

**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
First Lutheran's Food Pantry!**

Nativity News



SAVE THE DATE!

Nativity will hold a pot luck dinner following the Annual Meeting on January 26th. You know what to do!



The next **WELCA** meeting will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 10:15 a.m.**

Rummage Sale Update:

Thank You to everyone that generously gave of their time and/or possessions to make our Nativity rummage sale a success! I am **VERY** happy to announce we had 1,025 people go through our doors for the two day sale & we made a grand total of \$3,474.40!

Mark your Calendars - our "Spring Rummage/Plant Sale" is scheduled for May 16th & 17th, 2014. So, let's keep collecting & start growing!
Jill R. Mickelson



Nativity Lutheran
Sunday, Jan. 26th, 12:00 p.m.
Followed by Pot Luck Dinner

First Lutheran
Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 10:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW.....



Scholarships Awarded

that donations to First Lutheran's Scholarship Fund are welcome at any time? Place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Scholarship Fund". Two people have benefitted from our Scholarship Fund this year!



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Roger Gray (right) and other volunteers help to pick up, sort, and set up the food for First Lutheran's Food Pantry.



Evangelism on the Move....



Cards and Caroling



Delivering Christmas Cards to Veterans

Thanks to those who donated Christmas cards and to those who helped sign 167 cards to be delivered to veterans staying at the VA Hospital. Join us to deliver them on Wed, Dec 4 at 2pm, Saturday Dec 7 at 1pm and, if needed, Wednesday, Dec 11 at 6pm. We will meet at church at this time and car pool to the VA Hospital. *We are also looking for some carolers to spread some Christmas cheer...* Contact the church office to volunteer help deliver and/or carol or see the sign up sheet on the welcome desk. Thanks to Mike Temke and staff at the VA for coordinating the delivery.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Family Movie Night on November 22. There were lots of kids and everyone had a great time!



Become Part of Our Church Family

Attention New members! Our 2014 new member reception will be held at both services the third weekend in January, Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th. If you are considering becoming a member, now would be a good time to get involved.



See us on the web.

Check out our website at: www.firstlutheranelca.org. You can find information on all of our activities and view an online version of this newsletter in color (saves postage costs). If you prefer viewing the newsletter electronically vs. receiving a mailed copy, please notify Barb in the office at 414-476-4664. Thank you.

"Reaching out in our community to share the word of God".



Social Ministry Corner



Thank you to Linda Grulke, and helpers Jackie Bayer and Sharan Kruschka for the interesting presentation on "Eating low sodium and liking it" for the fall Bread Breakers program. The recipes were great and the "samples" were a complete lunch. We all learned that low sodium recipes are easy, healthy for you and the food tastes great!

Food Pantry

Our food pantry continues to provide food and fellowship to families in our area. We are so grateful to be a part of this vital ministry. Here are some comments that our food pantry visitors have shared with us:

- We give thanks for the food and the gift from the Lord.
- Don't worry about tomorrow. God is already there. The food is very, very good. God Bless.
- It means a lot to me. The fellowship is good. Great way to turn up the peace in your life. Thank you to everyone who donates time, music talent and clothing items, too.
- I am so thankful for this pantry. Sensational! Wonderful!

Thanks to everyone who supports this ministry.

During services the weekend of Nov 30 – Dec 1, we will be recognizing our many volunteers with special prayers during the services. All are invited to bring a donation of food or funds for the pantry and join us for ice cream and pie after the service.



Fundraising- Wendy's Night

We are planning some additional fundraisers for the food pantry in the coming months. Our first event will be a **Wendy's night on Monday, January 13th at the Wendy's on 109th and Greenfield.** Show your flier/voucher and the food pantry will receive a percentage of the proceeds of your purchases that evening. Check our web site for more information (firstlutheranelca.org) or contact the church office at 414-476-4664.

Thanks to the following members and friends of First Lutheran/Nativity who have donated or prepared food for the food pantry lunches in the past month: Peggy and Glen Phillips, Pat and Mike Temke, Don and Joan Brauch, Natalie Jaeger, Cindy Labadie and Jamie Schoberg. If you'd like to prepare a dish for us to serve, we'll provide as many of the ingredients as we are able. Contact Joy Dowd for more information.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31



Stewardship -
Make It Simple - Roll With It

2013 is almost over and 2014 is about to begin! It's the time of year when we think back over the past twelve months and recount the great days and events, and perhaps mourn losses and lost chances. We wonder what 2014 will bring. Will new doors open and opportunities abound? Looking ahead we can dream about what we would like to happen.

We know that God enriched our lives and guided us through 2013. He will be there as we journey into and through the new year! Have you explored the expanse of God's treasures in your life? Recognize the opportunities that you have before you to thank God, to grow in following Jesus, and to make a difference in the lives of God's people near and far.

God is generous! Stories in the Old Testament tell of God's response to give: grace, manna, truth, and hope. In the New Testament, He gave His son to proclaim mercy and forgiveness so that we might live an abundant life, set free from worry and guilt, and set free to receive God's blessings! He has entrusted us, as stewards, to care for all He has given.

If you were in church on Commitment Weekend, Nov. 23 - 24th, you were asked to reflect on your blessings from God, complete the *Promise Pledge card*, and submit it to help First Lutheran continue its ministry. A pledge is a promise to God to give the amount pledged as you are able. Pledging is part of our spiritual growth! **THANK YOU** for your response! If you have not returned your pledge card, please do it soon!

Electronic Giving is also available! Each month the amount which you have designated is transferred from your banking account. It is a simple, and efficient way to make your contribution. If you are currently giving electronically, please remember to update your contribution according to your ability. For more information, please talk to Barb in the office.

Thank you to members for their work and faithful service. Thank you to members for submitting their Faith Promise Pledges so that First Lutheran can continue its missions. Thank you to Dave Gruelke and helpers for providing our celebration brunch! Give thanks to God for what First Lutheran has accomplished this past year and we ask for God's guidance as we meet the opportunities of the coming year!

**WHEN PEOPLE GIVE OF THEMSELVES TO THE LORD,
THE LORD MAKES THINGS HAPPEN!**

With God's Guidance,
Lavone Reis
Stewardship Chairperson



The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported First Lutheran this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

If you have questions or would like to enroll, contact Werner Bayer or Joy Dowd for assistance. There is no cost to you for participating and you can end it at any time.



PRAYER CUBES

The prayer cubes have been popular and there are still some left. They would make thoughtful Christmas gifts for family, friends, neighbors, etc. and perhaps enrich or introduce a prayer presence into a family.

Each of the three wooden cubes has 6 prayers on it: **6 bedtime, 6 mealtime, and 6 friendship.** They are \$3 each or a set of 3 for \$9 or the special price of \$10. Following the Saturday and Sunday services, the cubes will be available in the narthex, or during the week, in the church office.

Stop, look, and feel them in your hands. The smooth wood, and size will encourage the use of them at the dinner table, bedside and during the day. Get yours now!



Fun was had by ALL at Nativity's Rummage Sale on Nov. 8-9. And they made \$3,474 to boot!



Our seminarian, Gus Barnes, had a change of pace from Wartburg Seminary and took a "Rural Plunge" in Capron, Illinois, where he not only preached, but milked cows, too!



This 'n That Around Here

Dec./Jan. Birthdays

First Lutheran:

12/1 Monica Bayer
 12/1 Dorothy Daniels
 12/2 Linda Kaehler
 12/6 Kenneth A. Masch
 12/12 Crystal Zehe
 12/14 Hannah Medina
 12/17 Crystal Wegener
 12/20 Jason Zehe
 12/22 Maxx Jaeger
 12/25 Hailey Barth
 12/27 Michael Temke
 12/28 Donald Moncher
 12/29 Joy Dowd
 12/29 Dorian Jaeger
 1/1 Nancy Krizan
 1/5 Paule Kolff
 1/9 Jill Petermann
 1/10 Brayden Mleziva
 1/11 Carla Ullerich
 1/15 Melissa Wallow
 1/21 John Isaacson
 1/22 Patrice Olszewski
 1/29 Brooklyn Scheid
 1/30 Lois Taylor
 1/31 Joshua Armstrong

Nativity Lutheran:

12/4 Roger Reinert
 12/5 Marcus DeBack
 12/13 Maureen Jones
 12/18 Wallace Buske
 12/27 Pauline Haerter
 12/31 Lorraine Kuchma
 12/31 Lori Leiser
 1/7 Alexander Leiser
 1/27 Alice Clos

Anniversary Blessings

Nativity Lutheran:

No Anniversaries in December or January

First Lutheran:

12/11 Carrie & Joseph Muffler	3 yrs.
12/12 Garrett & Cindy Labadie	32 yrs.
12/22 David & Meagan Ulbrich	4 yrs.



FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCES 2013			
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
October	\$ 13,606.22	\$ 15,358.77	(1,752.23)
<i>Year to Date</i>	\$132,054.48	\$141,173.21	(9,118.73)

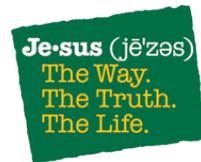
Note: Expenses YTD include payments for bathroom remodeling.

FIRST LUTHERAN ATTENDANCE				
	2013	2012	Diff.	% +/-
October	322	392	(70)	(37%)
<i>Year to Date</i>	3,854	4,287	(433)	(11%)
Number of Svcs.	8	8	(0)	(0)
<i>Year to Date Svcs.</i>	95	96	(1)	(1%)

BIBLE QUIZ...

According to Scripture, what does the name Jesus mean?

- A. "God is with us."
- B. "Anointed One of God"
- C. "[The Lord] will save his people from their sins."
- D. "Son of the Most High God"



Answer: (See Matthew 1:21.)



Congratulations and Blessings to Madelyn Herbert as she graduates in December from Wisconsin Lutheran College. She will graduate with Double- Majors in English and Communication as well as a Minor in History. Madelyn will start Graduate School in January at Mt. Mary University to earn her Masters Degree in English and Writing. Her family is very proud of her accomplishments!

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”

—Calvin Coolidge



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*We wish you a
blessed Christmas
and a happy and
healthy new year.*

From the staff at First and
Nativity Lutheran Churches:
Pastor Peterson, Dennis Wolfgang,
Barb Reed and Natalie Jaeger

Worship With Us

*Saturday
5:30 p.m. at
First Lutheran*

*Sunday
9:30 a.m.
at First Lutheran*

*11:00 a.m. at
Nativity Lutheran*

If you no longer wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office.