# Weekly Calendar

#### Monday, December 2

3 and 5 pm Serve at New Creations 5:30 pm Children's Bells 6:30 pm Carillon Choir; Scouts

#### Tuesday, December 3

10 am Quilting; Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Congregational Council

#### Wednesday, December 4

10 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:30-7:30 pm New Frontier Lutheran Radio Show; Kids Club; Nursery Available 7:30–8 pm Youth Group

#### Thursday, December 5

6:30 pm Journey Toward Justice Team

#### Saturday, December 7

10 am Alcoholics Anonymous

#### Congregational Fellowship Hour

The Holly Jolly Decorating Party is today! Stay after worship to decorate trees and put other holiday decor in place. Tasks for all ages and abilities! Stop in the Lakeview Room afterward for cocoa and cookies. Children's Christmas Program rehearsal is II-II:30 am in the North Room!

#### THE GIVING TREE IS BACK!

Select an ornament from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift for a family member in the Welcome Home apartments. Bring gifts to church by December 11—we will wrap them following worship on December 15!

## announcements December 1, 2024

Visit our website for service opportunities and more activities. Find the latest issue of The Ripple (our monthly magazine) in the narthex just outside the sanctuary or in the Commons gathering area. Please take one home.

#### HOSTS NEEDED FOR THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, December 14, 5-10 pm

We need hosts to make this event happen! Please consider signing up to host a small group dinner or the large group appetizer or dessert portion of the dinner.

Hosts are NOT expected to provide the entire meal for the small groups! All attendees bring a dish to create a full meal.

Do you live in an apartment or a condo? Perhaps a community room is available to host the appetizer or dessert portion for a large group of well-behaved Lutherans?!

Sign up in the Commons Area or contact Lizzy Roberts at elzbth.frmn@gmail.com today to host or attend this fun annual event. Whether you are new to the church or have been here for decades, this is a fun, relaxed social event for adults. Thank you to Lizzy and Dawn Bartl for organizing it!



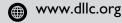
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#### LAKEVIEW FORUM ON WEDNESDAY

The New Frontier Lutheran Radio Show returns on Wednesday for the Lakeview Forum! Hilarity ensues in this modern rendition of a classic radio show, with special guest Dr. Bruce Forbes. Community meal at 5:30 pm. Show at 6:30 pm. Nursery available and the Kids Club runs concurrently. Free and absolutely all are welcome!

# DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Keeping in Prayer

Jane and Alva Pingel Family and friends of Dick Casey, especially Dick's partner, Beth Zemske (sister of Gene Zemske)

## This Week's Birthdays

Dec. 2 Richard Anderson

Dec. 5 Shelly Clausen; Robert Johnson

Dec. 7 Doris Erickson; Katie Pope

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## Advent Worship

Second Sunday of Advent: Music Festival December 8, 9:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent: Children's Christmas Program December 15, 9:30 am

#### Blue Christmas Worship Saturday, December 21, 6 pm

This quiet, candlelit service is designed especially for those who find the holidays challenging or need a moment of stillness amid the holiday rush.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship December 22, 9:30 am

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Tuesday, December 24, 4 pm

A traditional, contemplative candlelight worship service. Family-friendly with battery-powered candles for kids.



#### Mission of the Month Sanctuary Supply Depot

Financial donations are vital to helping Sanctuary Supply Depot meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors, keeping them safe and alive in the harsh Minnesota weather. A winter supply drive is currently underway as well. The following items are being collected at Diamond Lake Lutheran:

- Adult-sized clothing (new or used in good condition)
- Winter coats, snow pants, and boots in all sizes
- Socks
- Emergency blankets
- Hot hands/feet/body warmers
- All kinds of new batteries
- Lighters

Read more about how to give financially to the Sanctuary Supply Depot in today's bulletin.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWS WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

The Congregational Council has called a meeting on December 8, 2024, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the following motion:

The Congregational Council is seeking approval to move funds from the Endowment Fund to the General Fund to balance the budget as we close out the year. As a reminder, we voted in January 2024 to pass a stretch budget, and while giving has been strong, it has not kept up with either the "stretch" we anticipated or been sufficient to cover additional maintenance expenses incurred during the year. Only monies needed to cover these expenses at the end of the year will be withdrawn and are not to exceed \$150,000. Diamond Lake Lutheran Church has over \$500,000 in interest income and appreciated assets in the Endowment Fund, and principal amounts would not be affected.

Additional information regarding this motion will be available next week. A quorum is needed to act on the motion and this meeting will be held in person only.

Thank you, Sue Nelson Congregational Secretary

Sean Laird, President Leslie Pitt, Vice-President Sue Nelson, Secretary Jon Brunsberg, Treasurer

