Lutheran Church of the Master

December 29, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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Announcements

• (Bi-weekly) Midweek Communion 10:30 am Jan. 8, 22

- (Monthly) Church Council Meetings Regular meeting Jan. 9, Council workshop action items Jan. 13 1:00 pm. Garth's house
- (Monthly) Ladies Breakfast Sat. Jan. 18, 10 am, 525 Restaurant & Patio
- (Weekly) Airdrie House of Prayer Wednesdays 12-1 pm St. Francis Anglican
- (Weekly) Confirmation Class Wednesdays 4:30 on Zoom. Resuming Jan. 8
- (Weekly) Quilting Group Starting Jan. 9. Thursdays 9:30 am noon
- 1. Calling all Quilters! Weekly quilting begins this January and will run until April on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. The group accepts donations of used sheets for quilt backings and monetary donations for batting rolls. Anyone who would like to come and tie quilts or sew tops from the precut material packages are welcome to join. No experience necessary! Interested individuals can talk to Velma Wray for more information.
- 2. **Special Congregational Meeting Jan. 12** immediately following service

To present the following motion for congregational vote:

'That Lutheran Church of the Master act as the Constituent Group to sponsor a Syrian family through CLWR.'

More information to follow about the sponsorship prior to the meeting.

3. Secret Sister Tea Jan. 25 1:30-3:30 pm

LCM Secret Sisters is a ministry lifting up a congregational sister in Christ. Join us as we wrap up our year, find out who our special sister was and have names selected for the upcoming year. All are welcome! For more information, see Debbie Kemp.

4. Upcoming LCM AGM - Feb. 23 following service

First Sunday of Christmas

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

- ¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.
- ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
- ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say,
- "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.
- ²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

- ¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
- ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
- ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.
- ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.'



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Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

- ⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.
- ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."
- ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.