

Monthly Footprints January 2024

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January 2024 Footprints May God bless the new year

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

First Lutheran Church of Hope

Growing in Christ. Sharing His Love. Reaching the World.



This week at Church
Sunday Worship. Jan 7 @
9:00 am, in Hope, MN
with Communion

Message by Pastor Scott
"The Baptism of Jesus"

Scripture: Mark 1:9-14

After Worship: Fellowship

Sunday School 10:20 am

Prayer Service Jan 4 @ 6:30
pm in Hope, MN

First Lutheran Church records the Sunday worship services and posts the video on YouTube. The videos receive a good amount of views each week. If you are serving in lay ministry, you will likely make an appearance on the video. During the children's message we do adjust the camera, to keep this time more personal. We will delete the entire communion service portion of the video. If anyone has concerns about this please feel free to talk to me. Thank you, Pastor Scott

[Watch the video](#) from the most recent recorded worship service.

We are in the middle of the Three Days of Prayer. We will be posting prayers on the First Lutheran Church's [Facebook](#) page. May God bless this time of prayer...may these prayers be pleasing to our LORD God, Amen.



What to expect

Our 12th Annual Three Days of Prayer takes place January 2-4, 2024. Every congregation in LCMC is invited and encouraged to join together to set aside some intentional time to pray during each of the three days.

More Info: <https://www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer>

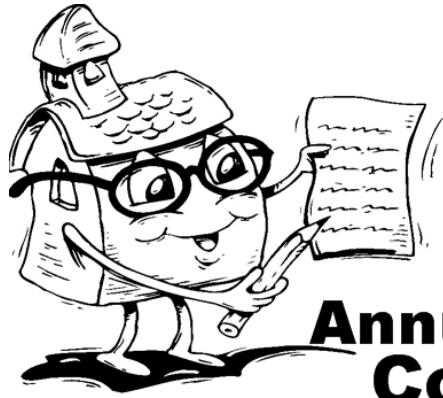
Important Reminder: You are invited to a prayer service on January 4 @ 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church

Important Announcement: The ANNUAL MEETING of First Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 21st at 10:30 am immediately following our worship. Annual Reports will be available to the congregation on Sunday, January 14th. If you're not able to pick yours up at church, they will be mailed out upon request. A potluck dinner will follow as we celebrate what God has done, what He is doing, and what He will continue to do in and through our ministry.

We have entered a new season of ministry at First Lutheran Church, and we really encourage all members to attend. We are all part of the body of Christ and we are all called. We are excited to watch what God has planned for us in 2024!

Please bring a dish to pass according to your last name:

A – G Salad; H – L Hot Dish; M – Z Dessert



Annual Congregational Meeting

Please be in prayer for Israel.

"It seems we cannot
pray enough for
Israel and all the
Jewish people."

Pastor Scott

Psalm 137:5-6 NET

5 If I forget you, O
Jerusalem, may my
right hand be crippled.
6 May my tongue
stick to the roof of my
mouth, if I do not
remember you, and
do not give Jerusalem
priority over whatever gives me the most joy.



Psalm 122:6 NET Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love her prosper.

Sunday School

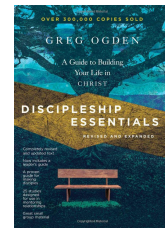
Reminder: If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Amanda Buzzard or Pastor Scott. I would like to encourage all of us to invest in these children lives, as God calls you.

Please be in prayer for the children and God's desires for Sunday School, thank you.

Thank you to Amanda Buzzard for all her planning and organizing. She has worked really hard organizing so many things and preparing so many lessons for the upcoming Sundays.

Adult Education

Update: Small groups are studying this book,. Please be in prayer about the groups, and if you are still interested, I will find a way to make it work



Note: If anyone needs a book, I have copies at the church, please let me know.

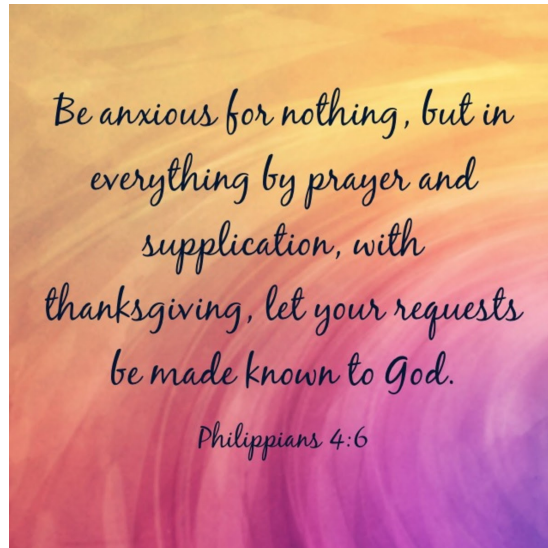
Prayer Service: Jan 10, 2024 6:00pm
Praying with Jesus
on the Mountain of God

"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

"My house shall be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4

"Continue steadfastly in prayer...pray without ceasing" Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Please remember: "If you have a PRAYER REQUEST, you may fill out a prayer request card available in the pew holder and put it in the prayer box in the narthex. I would be honored to pray for you" Pastor Scott

And **please remember** during communion time is a great time to pray. God has blessed us with faithful prayer ministers during this time as well.

Lay Leadership needed for January 2024
Lay Leadership needed for this Sunday Jan. 7
Signups have been added for February 2024

[You can sign up here](#)

Thank you everyone for serving God and His church!

May God Bless all those who we serve during this time. May each person experience God's mighty compassion, His loyal love and His everlasting kindness. God is working through this ministry, I am convinced. Thank you to everyone who supports the Laundry Love ministry. Please be in prayer for this ministry and the people we are blessed to serve.

An Amazing update: We received a bucket of quarters and laundry detergent from the Kindness Crew. What a blessing from God's hands.

What a great gift from God to the Laundry Love ministry.

Click [Here](#) for the newspaper story.

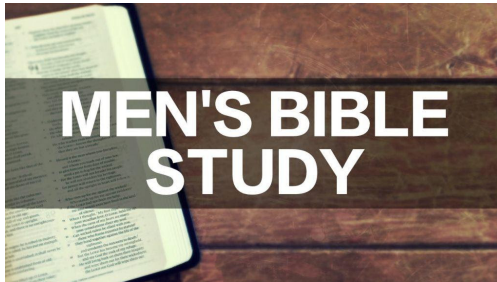
Thank you Father God! Another surprise from our Father in Heaven! WOW!



Save the date: Jan 15 @ 04:30 pm, please pray about joining us!
Cedardale Laundromat in Owatonna

First Communion Instruction

If you are interested in your child participating in the first communion study,
please email Pastor Scott at the church email: fchopemn@gmail.com



Saturdays at 7:30 am

- Join us!
- Eat Breakfast together
- Study God's Word
- Pray for each other
- For more info [contact Jim](#)

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Servant Roles for Sunday, Jan 7

Ushers: Todd and Raquel Hansen
Sound Technician\Projector: John PirkI
Reader: **Open**
Greeter: **Open**
Communion: Raquel Hansen
Prayer Ministry: **Open**
Prayers for the People: **Open**

Altar Guild for Dec: Kathy Peterson and Chris Jensen
Warriors of the Word Service Group for Dec: Hope

Thanks to each of you for serving! If you are scheduled to serve and are unable to be there, please make arrangements for a replacement and [email here](#). Thank you!

[Click here for prayer needs](#)

The prayer list continues to grow, if you have concerns that I should add, please let me know.

Click here for Nov 2023 Council Report And click here the Nov 2023 Treasurer's Report

Calendar for this Week

Tuesday - Thursday | LCMC Three Days of Prayer
Thursday, Jan 4 | 6:30 pm | Congregational Prayer Service

Saturday, Jan 6 | 7:30 am | Men's Bible Study

Sunday, Jan 7 | 9:00 am | Worship Service in Hope, MN
Sunday, Jan 7 | after worship | coffee and fellowship
Sunday, Jan 7 | 10:20 am | Sunday School

Wednesday Jan 10 | 6:00 pm | Congregational Prayer Service

[Click here for January 2024 Calender](#)

Church Attendance for December 2023

December 3: 32
December 10: 37
December 17: 38
December 24: 42 (Christmas Eve)
December 31: 26

It was a blessed December.
Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ!
Our God came to save us, Amen.

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