# Long Lake Lutheran Church

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December 14, 2025 Joy



# Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Worship

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

**PRELUDE: Special Music:** Cora Maguire

Miura Yurich

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY AND LIGHTING: JOY

**GATHERING SONG:** "Light of the World"

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 

**TEMPLE TALK:** Missions: LWR: Global Barnyard

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Adalie May Doden

**GOSPEL READING** 

SPECIAL MUSIC: Helen & Cora Maguire

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** 

**SONG OF THE DAY:** ELW 264 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**OFFERING:** Temple Talk: Capital Campaign: Ronda Fenlon

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Bruce & Miura Yurich

Offering Song: Choir: "We Await You"

Offering Prayer:

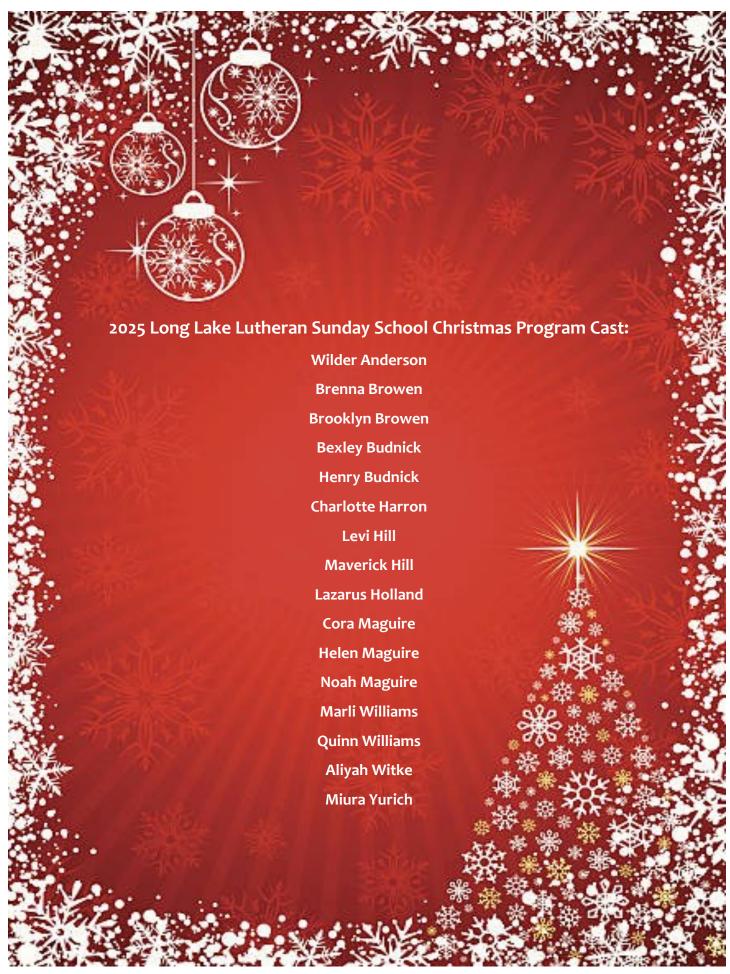
**Lord's Prayer** (Please stand as you are able)

**BLESSING:** 

**SENDING SONG:** "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

**DISMISSAL:** 





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 2025

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# **NOVEMBER 2025 OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

Needed monthly: \$33,949

Offering: \$36,246 .00 Attendance 424 Mission of the Month: Live Nativity \$390.25

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

Cash/Check Mobile Giving QR Code TEXT Give to 833-623-0354



# Additional ways to Give:

- Automated recurring giving: set up online via our website Online Giving Link.
- Stocks: consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.
- QCD: Qualified Charitable Distribution

#### **SCAM**

Recent scams using AI (artificial intelligence) have surfaced impersonating someone close to you in a dangerous situation.

Clergy have been warned that scammers are taking our voices and creating a plea for help.

Please remember, Pastor Sue, LLLC staff will NOT call, e-mail, or text you requesting money or gift cards.

Don't become a victim.

We have hearing assist headsets in the sound room. See Kent to get one.

**DISCLAIMER**-As you may know, our cameras broadcast our services to the public on multiple social media platforms. Being in the Sanctuary implies consent to be on camera. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the back third of the Sanctuary. Communion distribution will not be broadcast.

#### Mission for the Month:

**December** is: ELCA Global Barnyard **January** will be Lutheran World Relief

# Pop cans

Please remember to recycle your aluminum cans or if you have any, please donate them to the youth. 2025 income from cans: February: \$108.00; May \$338.80; November \$383.40.

#### Thrivent members:

Thrivent Action Teams can help you make a positive impact in your community. Simply gather a team of friends, family or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity together. We'll provide the resources you need to get started – including up to \$250 in seed money. Then you and your team can get busy bringing your project to life. Thanks for living generously in your community!

Through Thrivent Choice®, our clients with membership can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars®. Make a personal donation, nominate an organization, or direct some of Thrivent's charitable funds to a favorite nonprofit organization or cause today!

#### **CHOIR**

Mondays at 6:00 pm. Director: Karen Schlegel... karenschle@gmail.com



Breakfast Club: Calling all youth 8th grade & up! Breakfast Club will meet every Sunday right after church service downstairs in the Cornerstone. We will have food, fun, bible activities, games discussions-oh, and did I say FUN? Please come

and join in the Fun!



#### SENIOR CARDS

Senior Cards will be on Wednesday, December 17 @ Noon Lunch & Treats



# **Live Nativity**

Thank you to the many great volunteers who helped make this 28th Live Nativity a success. We had close to 300 visitors from far and wide to see the performance and feel the warmth of this congregation.

The volunteers in the kitchen and the soup and chili makers raised 786.30 and donated it to the Benevolence Fund

to help people in need.

The free bread was a hit, as usual. We appreciate all the effort that goes into bringing hundreds of loaves to us.

There are so many who put in hundreds of hours, it is incalculable, but it must be close to 1000 hours of volunteer time.

Thank you doesn't seem like enough, but just know how grateful our leaders Rosie Hass and Karyn Hansen are for all of you.

#### **GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD**

Long Lake and LLLC Sunday School invite you to join us in supporting God's Global Barnyard. Your gifts help provide animals and resources to families in need across the globe. Let's make a difference together!



Do you love Long Lake Lutheran Church? Do you have energy, enthusiasm, and imagination? Then Church Council has a seat open for YOU! Please pray for discernment. Ask God to lead you to do His will. We have one council seat open and would love to have you say, "yes," when asked to serve. If you cannot serve at this time, please continue to pray for your council and support their work and decisions.



## **Poinsettia Orders**

We will be ordering poinsettias again this year.

Orders are due by December 15. They are \$20.00.

You may also choose to bring your own poinsettia.

Please fill out the enclosed form even if you are bringing your own. Remember to circle either "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of", and clearly print the person's name.

Thank you!

A special thank you to the Education Team and Sunday School teachers for planning and practicing and to Rachel Maguire for providing accompaniment.

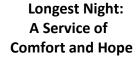
Thank you Sunday School kids, parents, and families for your hard work and dedication in making this program possible. Thank you for sharing the story of Jesus' birth with us. Continue to go and tell it on the mountains, over the hills, in fields and woods, at playgrounds

and

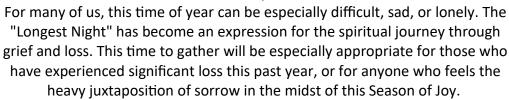
cafeterias and Everywhere!

The Longest Night





Sunday, December 21st 2:00 pm



In this time of worship, you are invited to a quiet refuge of prayer, music, scripture, and Holy Communion. We will acknowledge our losses, ponder the

Everlasting Hope given to us in the birth of the Christ Child, and cling to our Emmanuel God who promises to be with us always—even and especially in the deepest darkness.



# **Christmas Worship Schedule**

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 & 10:00 pm
Thursday, December 25th

Thursday, December 25th 9:00 am

St Lucia's Day (Dec. 13) commemorates St Lucia, a young Christian martyr who died for her faith. According to the legends, St Lucia would secretly bring food to the Christians hiding in Roman catacombs under the city. She would light her way with candles held in a wreath on her head so she could have both hands free to carry things.

St. Lucia is celebrated around the world, especially in Scandinavian countries, like Sweden. Her name means "light" and she reminds us in this season of darkness, to look towards the Light of the Christ Child.



Natten går tunga fjät rund gård och stuva; kring jord, som sol förlät, skuggorna ruva. Då i vårt mörka hus, stiger med tända ljus, Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia. Night walks with a heavy step Round yard and hearth, As the sun departs from earth, Shadows are brooding. There in our dark house, Walking with lit candles, Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia!

# Week of December 14-21

Sunday, 14th Baptism Doden

9:00 Worship/Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Program

10:00 Sunday School

10:10 Breakfast Club

10:10 Property Mtg.

Thursday, 18th 9:00 Prayer Group 12:00 WELCA

Friday, 19th 6:00 Council Mtg.

**7:00** AA

Monday, 15th
1:00 Staff Mtg.

**6:00** Choir Practice

**6:00** Council Mtg.

<u>Tuesday, 16th</u> **9:30** Fellowship Café

**7:00** AA

Wednesday 17th 12:00 Senior Cards 5:00 Dinner 6:00 Worship 7:30 Youth Mtg. Sunday, 21st 9:00 Worship/

Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday School

10:10 Breakfast Club

10:10 Cong. Life Mtg.

10:10 Mission Mtg.

**Today's Worship Helpers** 

Greeter: Dave & Mel Ringstad
Usher: Mike & Karen Schlegel
Kitchen: Jenny Boniarczyk
Donut Pick-up: Margaret Bauer
Council Rep: Morgan Engren

**December 21st Worship Helpers:** 

**Greeter:** Richard & Jessica Larsen

**Usher:** Larsen Girls

Lector:Mackenzie LarsenKitchen:Margaret BauerDonut Pick-up:Therese CathersCouncil Rep:Morgan Engren

**Choir Director:** Karen Schlegel **Slide technician:** Dylan Monroe **IT & Broadcast:** Kent Eittreim

# PRAYER CONCERNS (Let us know how we can pray for you.)

# Pray for healing for:

**Barry Smith** 

Loann Herold's sister-in-law Brenda

Therese Cather's brother James and family, and

her niece Kelly

Vicki Theede's daughter Kirstin

Morgan and Dice's friends Jesse & Wendy Lindahl

Jill Osborn's daughter, Angie

Mo Spike's Goddaughter's baby-Emerson

Claudette Oberg

Wanda Strike's Cousin Molly

Mary Schuett's brother-in-law Dale Sherf

Marcy Stoeckel's daughter in law Nikki, and niece

Erin

Dave Baker's sister Marcella, and Dave & Karen's

friend Lee

Kent and Joanne Eittreim's friends Natalie

Goldston and Wang, and Kristi John (Rose) Hass' nephew Kevin Lisa Gustafson's mom Rosie, brother Eric, sister Laura, cousin Mike, and her friends Julianna,

Brenda, Kathy

Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole

Becky Agranoff's friends Jimmy, Rick, and Doug;

sister Kathleen; cousin Marie Jenny Boniarczyk's sister Cheryl

Judy Nelson

Dale & Kathy Findell's neighbor Mark

Lillian Reetz

Bruce Riebe's Son Erik

Pray for comfort for all who grieve: Nancy Sandahl and family in the loss of her dad, Ted Erickson; Michelle Yurich in the loss of her mom Mary Jo; the

family of Linda Merchlewitz

Please update the office staff about people placed in the prayers.