

DECEMBER 2017

### **Mission Statement**

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit, we at FELC experience God through Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship.



The Wine and Word Women's Book Study is starting a new book. We will be reading Wait and See by Mary Pope. Please consider joining us! The cost of the book is \$10 through the church, or feel free to purchase your own copy. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the book; please see Pastor Eliza-

beth. Our book discussions take place upstairs at Faith ELC from 7-8:15pm followed with time for socializing. Wine, water, juice and snacks are at every meeting.

Wine and Word *Wait and See* schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 8 at 7pm: Introduction and Chapter 1

Monday, February 5 at 7pm: Chapters 2, 3, and 4 Monday, March 5 at 7pm: Chapters 5 and 6 Monday, April 2 at 7pm: Chapters 7 and 8 Monday, May 7 at 7pm: Chapters 9, 10, and the Epilogue

#### **Book Description:**

Every woman struggles with times of waiting—for a spouse, a child, a job. In *Wait and See*, Wendy Pope guides readers to focus on the person of their faith rather than the object of their wait. Pope draws on the story of King David, who was anointed king nearly twenty years before he took his throne.

This hands-on guidebook invites readers to record their own waiting discoveries. With practical suggestions and real-life stories, Pope shows readers how they can be active in the present as they hope for the future.

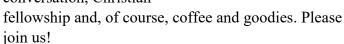


## RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY Friday, December 1 & Friday, December 8

Sign-up sheets are ported on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. All time slots are for one hour so several volunteers are needed. Thank you!

# Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

All women of Faith are invited to share conversation, Christian







## CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE December/January

8:00 a.m.

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4:30 p.m.
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Jan. 21



*Members:* Carlene Sensenbrenner, Edith Hanstad, Kenny Schaid, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, Ardis Walstra, Helen Van de Bogert, Jan Van Dreser

Family & Friends of Members: Kay O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister), Mike O'Toole (Strehlow's brother-in-law), Janet White (Bev Pruessing's cousin), Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law of Arnell's), Sandra Tigges (Kris Strehlow's sister), Kaitlyn Vegter (classmate of Clark boys), all service men & women, , Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Chris-

tensens), Dr. Katarzyna Zaremba, Bruce Lewis, Mike Palmer, Jean Null & family (cancer), Rebecca Greco, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel's), Marques Brugger, Jim Sarkis (friend of Jim Haeni), Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), Bishop Mary Froiland & the synod staff, Maddie Sarkis, Pete Maxon, Steve Hall & Marissa Max (friends of Connelly's), Peg Hoffman, (Becke Connelly's mother), all victims of violence

To report any changes/additions, call 275-3445 or email <a href="mailto:secretaryfelc@gmail.com">secretaryfelc@gmail.com</a>





12/4 Brent Tildahl

12/7 Karl Nelson

12/9 Barb Weborg

12/12 Claude Nelson

12/14 Don Shunk

12/15 Marissa Kovarik



12/1 Lisa Voss

12/2 Emily & TJ Schaid

12/15 Bruce Voss



12/22 Brent & Karla Tildahl

## **DECEMBER 2013**

- 3 Frank Andersen, Jim Haeni
- 10 John Schwenn, Kris & Kevin Strehlow, Steve Miller
- 17 Larry & Tracy Volbrecht
- 24 Scott & Mary Kovarik Brent Tildahl (9:00 a.m.)
- 31 Frank Andersen, Jim Haeni

- 3 Gail Nelson, Sue Schaid, Mary Heyer
- 10 Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Vera Maurer
- 17 Chad Roehl, John Schwenn, Jim Haeni
- 24 Pam Christensen, Sue Schaid, Gail Nelson (9:00 a.m.)
- 31 Lynn Lottig, Mary Heyer, John Schwenn



- 3 Kristi Reierson
- 10 Rick Lottig
- 17 Chad Roehl
- 24 Pam Christensen (9:00 a.m.)
- 31 Kristi Reierson





Enjoy the Christmas season with these games, centered around the theme of Jesus, our greatest gift.

#### JESUS' BIRTH FROM A-Z

#### What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (optional)



#### What you do:

Instruct players to think of as many Christmas-related words as they can that start with each letter of the alphabet. Start with A and give everyone a minute to brainstorm words for each letter. For example, M words include manger, Mary and miracle. If you get stuck, look at the Nativity accounts in Matthew 1 and 2, and also Luke 2. Players get a point for each word not repeated by others.

## PIN THE STAR ON THE MANGER

#### What you need:

- Butcher paper, poster board or plain wrapping paper
- Markers, paint or crayons
- Construction paper stars
- Tape
- Blindfold



#### What you do:

On large paper, draw a picture of a stable. Give each player a star cutout. Put a small + above the manger where the star led the shepherds and wise men to baby Jesus. Like in Pin the Tail on the Donkey, the blindfolded person who puts his or her star closest to the + wins.







### 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering June 25- July 2, 2018

We are so fortunate to have six youth attending this year's ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX from June 25 to July 2, 2018. This is

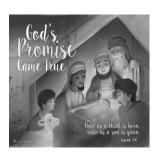
an amazing experience for our youth as they gather with others from around the world to serve, worship, and spark their Faith into action. This is the kind of experience that changes people for the better.

Please keep the following youth in your prayers as they prepare for this trip: Amanda Bender, Nick Freymiller, Ty Friemund, Lauren Glos, Adalynn & Elizabeth Quackenbusch

In order to make this experience a reality there will be multiple fundraisers between now and the departure date of June 25. Please consider supporting our youth as much as you are able! Thank you!

Your first opportunity to support them is already here. Please consider ordering fresh baked Christmas cut-out cookies from our youth. You can preorder either frosted or unfrosted cookies by the dozen. The Gathering participants will be baking cookies on December 16 and they will be available to pick up after worship service on Sunday, December 17. Please see the included order form for more details. Thank you for your support.

Join us for our Epiphany Program on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Our CEC, confirmation and High School Youth will be leading worship, performing Epiphany skits and sharing their musical talents



during this time. Please mark your calendar to attend.



#### **Advent Wreath**

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that

Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.