

Annual Midweek Advent Worship ~ RESCHEDULED from Dec. 9

Lost in the Night:

An Advent Communion Service of Hope and Expectation

10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16

Special music by Joy Hagen & Melissa Moll

Due to last week's first snowstorm of 2009 the annual Midweek Advent Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch has been rescheduled to Dec. 16. Our worship service will center on the hymn *Lost in the Night*, which expresses humanity's plaintive longing for the coming of Christ. **This is a worship service for the entire congregation; make time in this busy season to attend this special service.** As a tribute to Pauline Gilbert, Sarah Circle and other volunteers have worked to create a lunch highlighting favorite recipes of Pauline's. Also, poet Connie Krueger will share one of her reflective, original Advent poems. If you are participating in the optional gift exchange, bring a \$5 gift that is suitable for either men or women.

Cookie and Candy Exchange for Dec. 16

If you were planning on donating cookies or candy for last week's Advent Lunch, your donations are still needed for this Wednesday, Dec. 16. Please bring to the church office on Tuesday or by 9 a.m. on Dec. 16. Those donations that were received before last Tuesday's storm will still be used.

Alternative Gift Market

Downtown 12/13; North Site 12/13 & 12/20

The Alternative Gift Market is an opportunity to both Christmas shop and simultaneously support various life-giving projects from around the world, including our own neighborhoods. You will be able to purchase food for the hungry, care for the sick, shelter for the homeless, renewal for our endangered planet and much more – truly meaningful alternatives to the usual holiday gifts – in honor of your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and children's teachers. Fair trade items will also be available for sale through Globally Sound, a fair trade store in downtown Appleton.

Advent LIFT Opportunities

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Joyful time to sing and learn the history of Christmas carols. Led by Anita Lyle in Room 220 at the Downtown Site from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

FELC Christmas Program

Next Sunday, Dec. 20 the Downtown Christmas program for grades 1-3 will be presented at the 9:15 a.m. worship service. The North Site children's Christmas program will be presented at the 10:30 a.m. North Site worship service. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 9-11 a.m. in the Downtown and North Site Sanctuaries.

White Heron Chorale Concert ~ Saturday, Dec. 19

A few reserved tickets (\$17) remain for the Dec. 19 White Heron Chorale concert at Lawrence Memorial Chapel. Contact Jean Monson in the church office if you are interested in attending.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship Services

Christmas Eve at the North Site:

4 p.m. Communion Worship with Joy and Hosanna Choirs

7 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship

Christmas Eve at the Downtown Site:

3 p.m. Communion Worship with Strings and Handbells

4:30 p.m. Worship with Cherub Choir, Angelus Choir and Flute

6 p.m. Communion Worship with Seraphim Choir and Handbells

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship with Parish Choir and Handbells

Christmas Day at the Downtown Site:

10 a.m. Communion Worship with Festive Music



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Volunteers Needed

Last week was the first week to sign up for worship volunteer roles for the seven holiday worship services being offered this year. Thank you for such a great response! There are still roles that need to be filled so sign up today in the Gathering Area for the role and worship service that will accommodate your family.

FELC Youth Today, Dec. 13

MissionDENVER 2010 participants are reminded of the meeting we have today at the North Site starting at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will be one hour. If you are in grades 9-12 and still want to go to Denver in July of 2010, you are welcome to come to the meeting and join this group.

Packer Game: FELC youth in grades 6-8 and 9-12 as well as families are welcome to come to the North Site today starting at 11:45 a.m. to watch the Packer game. Please bring a simple snack to share. Beverages provided. During the breaks we will have games, trivia, and more. Hope to see you there!

CLUB 45, a youth group for grades 4-5, is sponsoring GAME DAY today at the North Site from 4-5:15 p.m. Bring a favorite board game, a simple snack to pass and join us. Bring a friend.

Annual Chili Cook-off and Auction Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping plan and begin work on the 2010 chili cook-off and auction, plan on attending tomorrow night's first meeting at the North Site at 6:30 p.m. This popular event is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21.



Wednesday meal registration

To register for meals, e-mail the church office at felc@felc.com and include the information below, or complete and tear off this form, return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$5 for adults and for children ages 5 and older; children under 5 are free. (Family/household maximum is \$20.) Payment is collected on Wednesday nights. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Name: (Please print clearly) _____

Number of total attendees _____ Number of attendees under age 5 _____

____ Dec. 16: Pizza Buffet with salad: FELC LIFT hosts

Reservation deadline for these catered meals is noon on Monday. Please help our LIFT volunteers by honoring this noon deadline on Monday. To cancel your reservation, call the church office by noon on Tuesday. **Payment is needed for cancellations**