

Life at FRC

Today at FRC...

9:30 A.M. Greeters: Randy & Karen

Dec. 26 - Joyce & Vera

Welcome Center: Joanne

Dec. 26 - Karen

Nursery: Mary V., Krista & Samuel

Dec. 26 - Sue, Brittany & Alyson

Worship Center: Sarah & Ryan

Dec. 26 - Sarah & Samuel

Kid Connection: (1st - 4th grade) Marilyn

Dec. 26 - Camryn & Cindy

10:00 A.M. Worship service/Small Group Leader Meeting after worship in Consistory room

7:00 P.M. Rise Youth Group Christmas Party

This Week at FRC...

Mon. - Wed. - 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. COA Meals with Salad Bar

Tues. - 9:30 A.M. Worship Planning

Wed. - No GEMS, Cadets, Club 57

Thurs. - 6:45 P.M. Praise Team #1 practice

7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve practice

Fri. - 9:30 P.M. Candlelight Service

Sat. - **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

Looking Ahead...

December 29 - No GEMS & Cadets/Club 57

December 31 - No COA meal

December 26 & January 2 - No Rise Youth Group meeting

December 28 - 9:30 A.M. Worship Planning

December 30 - 6:45 P.M. Praise Team #2 practice

January 5 - 4:30 - 6:15 P.M. Club 57 (5th - 7th grade)

6:30 - 8:00 P.M. GEMS & Cadets (1st - 8th grade)

January 9 - Communion

12:30 P.M. Newcomer Welcome Dinner

Birthdays...

December 20 - Georgia A.

December 20 - Taydra E.

December 26 - William S.

Church Office Hours

- The church office will be open this week Monday - Thursday from 8 am until 3 pm. It will be closed on Friday for the Christmas holiday.



Church & Community News

Soup Jars for GEMS - The GEMS Girls Club is selling decorative soup jars through Sunday, Dec 19! The new, improved recipe makes a delicious and thoughtful gift for Christmas or for a friend who is under the weather. The jars are \$5 and can be purchased at the table in the Gathering Center. We appreciate everyone who supports the GEMS program!

Wild Game Dinner and fish potluck: Jan. 21. Mark your calendars!

Silly Safaris will be featured with a live, informative, funny animal show celebrating the adaptability of God's creatures. We are making a play list of our biggest and best trophies. Send any pictures you have to the office of 2020 - 2021 kills or amazing catches. Also include a snippet of info about who, where, and what on, or what size, 1st buck, and include the name of hunter. We'd love to have plenty of adult and kids' pictures to show celebrating up north life in God's good creation.

Tithing Envelopes - If you did not get a box of tithing envelopes in your mailbox and would like a box, please see Kent H.

Remember our Shut-ins/Sick/Elderly at Christmas. If you would like to remember our shut-ins, sick and elderly with a card this Christmas, there is a list with their names and addresses at the Welcome Center for you to pick up. This is a good way to show they are being thought of. Let's swamp them with cards!

GEMS & Cadets - Reminder there will be **NO** GEMS, Cadets, or Club 57 on Dec 22 & Dec 29 due to the Christmas holiday. Programming will resume at the regular times on Jan 5, 2022.

Christmas Eve Service - Join us for a joyous, candlelight Christmas Eve service starting at 9:30 pm as we celebrate our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! We will sing contemporary and classic Christmas songs together and listen to scripture readings as we delight in the real reason for the season. All are welcome, including children in their warm and cozy pajamas. Hope to see you there!

Church Directory will be updated to print soon. If any of your information (updated pictures, phone #, address, email, etc.) has changed, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Reminder from the Office - When booking the church building for events, please submit the necessary forms, which are located on the information wall in the Gathering Center. You **MUST** contact the church office for availability prior to submitting paperwork. Security deposits are due no later than two weeks prior to use.

This & That

Prayer Chain - If you would like to join our prayer chain and pray about specific needs in our church and our community, please contact the church office and provide your email address. We will add you to the list, and will email you prayer needs and concerns as they arise.

Snack Donations Needed - We are in need of snack donations for the GEMS & Cadets programs. Each Wednesday evening, we feed approx. 50-60 kids. If you would like to provide the snack for an evening this winter or spring, please sign up on the form at the Welcome Center. You can also donate non-perishable items such as individual or large packages of cookies or crackers, or large containers of juice or fruit punch at any time and we will use them throughout the year. Thank you SO much for your help!

Free 2022 Calendars from Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home are available at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Center.

Small Group leaders meeting today 11:30 in the Consistory room to review the last series and hear the plan for the next small group/sermon series. The new series will begin at the end of January. Sermons will center on Heaven. Small group discussion will be on Biblical views of end times.

Thank you from True North Food Pantry for your gift of 115 lbs. of food, etc. donated to our Food Pantry in the last month or so. Your gift is very much appreciated by local individuals and families who often lose the daily battle of feeding their families by going without or having very little food. Because of you, our neighbors have the nutrients and sustenance to live healthy, productive lives. Please help by placing your items on the table at south entrance. Call the church office if you would like to donate money instead (Gary will do the shopping for you), or with any questions.

Hand 2 Hand donations needed! We are collecting peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, & individually wrapped granola bars for hungry kids on the weekends. All jars or bottles need to be plastic & NOT glass, and smaller portioned bottles or single serving packages are best. Please place any donations in the large blue box in the Gathering Center near the library, or in the box outside in the drive-in venue. Thank you for your help in feeding hungry community kids on the weekends! Questions, or to make a monetary donation, contact Judy V.

Newcomer Welcome Dinner: Pastor Joel and the SERVE team enjoy sharing hospitality with new guests to FRC. A January 9th at 12:30 P.M. Newcomer Welcome Dinner is being planned at Pastor Joel's home. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you wish to attend.