



Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45
Sunday School 9:30

Prepare the Royal Highway

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. We ask everyone to complete the "Footprints" listing if you are a visitor, communing, or have a prayer request. All baptized Christians who understand that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Wheat/gluten-free communion wafers are available on the baptismal font during communion. Grape juice is available on both sides. We ask that you "think green" and place blank "Footprints" forms in the narthex to be reused. There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God in honor of our greeters and lectors.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Loni Seeman who passed into the Church Triumphant last Sunday. May God comfort all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Ed, Jerry, Autumn, Brad, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Larry Deal, Larry Hall, Laura Cavitt, Jane Wobser, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Shirley Ruehle, Deb, Family of Paul Reusch, Rose Barbosa, Sue, Jack, Marcia, Mark, Dick Schweitzer, Family of Deb Waller, James Staschiak, Martha Racer, Sue Schrader, Renee, Rob, Ron Hoke, Mike Alge, Vanessa Vandale, Dave Gray, Ruth Ann Wedge, Tyler F., Sharon, Sue Schroder, Brittany, Chance, Herb, Larry McKanna, Michelle, and Catroina. Please pray for those serving in our military: Sean Napier, Drew Weissling, Matthew Price, Austin Brown, Brandon Shanahan, Corey Spoon, Thomas Leonard, Caleb Ekin, Jake Hardesty, Eric Lemire, Josh Rowan, Mitchell & Jackson Gardiner, Ian Roberts, Chris Wolfe, Barry Boutwall, and Chris Dierking.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for those in the fifth grade are December 10th and 17th at 9:30. If your child is younger than fifth grade and would like to participate in First communion, please contact Pastor Bob.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is up in the hallway by the church office. Please consider signing up for flowers that honor or remember special people or events in your life. Not only are you sharing God's beauty of nature on Sunday but you brighten your home or the home of a shut-in the following week. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

PASTOR BOB'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be on hold beginning December 10th and will resume on January 7th.

THE NURSERY has been put back in order. The toys have been sorted, cleaned, and sanitized. Thank you Martha Circle!

A JESUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for all congregation members will be Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am. There will be family games for everyone's fun. Fruit, muffins, cheese, cracker, coffee and juice will also be offered. This celebration is sponsored by our 7th & 8th grade Sunday school class.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY is sponsoring an Advent project entitled "Prepare the Way". Stop in the library after the service today and pick up a copy of the project. Two versions are available.....adult and children. Prizes are involved. Prepare the way for Christ's coming.

OUR "LOVE AND MEMORY TREE" will again decorate the narthex. Your monetary donation will be recognized by hanging a card "ornament" on our tree in memory or honor of loved ones and friends. Tributes will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. All donations will benefit Lutheran Social Services. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone special in your life. Please place your envelope in the offering plate.

AS YOU CONTEMPLATE DONATIONS this holiday season, please keep First Lutheran Church in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses—both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of church members, we offer online giving. To donate, visit the church website at 1stLutheranchurch.org, locate the link to our online giving page and follow the instructions.

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING will benefit Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter...." *Serving individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault through crisis intervention, emergency shelter, outreach, advocacy, prevention and education*".



Joy to the World

December 24th Worship

Sunday Morning 9:30 am

Christmas Eve

Family Candlelight Service
7:30 pm

Carols by Candlelight
10:30 pm

(Prelude to begin 30 minutes
prior to each evening service.)