



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

Fling Wide the Door

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 by Todd and Cindy Thompson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH participating in their First Communion: Ali Cox, Micah Fultz, Kendra Tatum, and Phoebe Treece. We pray you grow in grace and knowledge of our savior Jesus Christ.

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, Marilyn Taft, Fred, Libby Hendrick, Sue Schrader, Spencer Combs, Wendy, Family of Loni Seeman, James, Renee, Rob, Maurice, Ron Hoke, Andrea Altman, Family of Sue Leddy, Gary, Mike Alge, Dave Gray, Marilyn, Marlene, Larry McKanna, Michelle, Shirley Jensen, Deb, Family of Paul Reusch, Rose Barbosa, Sue, Jack Core, Marcia, Mark, Dick, Family of Deb Waller, Martha Racer, Sue Schrader, Vanessa Vandale, Ruth Ann, and Catroina. Pray for those serving in our military: Sean Napier, Drew Weissling, Matthew Price, Austin Brown, Brandon Shanahan, Corey Spoon, Thomas Leonard, Caleb, Jake Hardesty, Eric Lemire, Josh Rowan, Mitchell & Jackson Gardiner, Ian Roberts, Chris Wolfe, Barry Boutwall, and Chris Dierking.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is on the bulletin board 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.

THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is tomorrow at noon.

A JESUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for all congregation members is today 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. ***Today is the last day to make a tribute.***

LAST WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING of \$127.96 will benefit Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter

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

IN THIS SEASON OF GIFT GIVING to family friends and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to First Lutheran Church. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings. Download **Vanco Give+** from the app store to get started or visit the church website at 1stLutheranChurch.org.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas.



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.)