

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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 Please ask an usher for narthex. assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Erin Rodabaugh Gallegos and Eddie Gallegos in honor of their mothers and all caregivers on this Mother's Day.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all moms. A mother's love is beautiful, gentle, understanding, unconditional, loving and forgiving. May God continue to bless you and your families.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Ed, Autumn, Brad, Gary, Diana Mitchell, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Eileen, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Larry Deal, Larry Hall, Laura Cavitt, Jane Wobser, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Tyler F., Larry McKanna, Katie Otte, Whitley, Chance, Brittany, Pastor Christian Dittmar, Jerry's Family, Chuck Fitzpatrick, Shirley Ruehle, Karen Smith, Margie Closson, Phil Bash, Dr. Rick & Cheri Mann, Libby Hendricks, Sue Schrader, Mary, Dave Gray, Kevin, Brian & Shirley Williams, Barry Turner Family, Gabriella Mathews, Lil Slusher, Jean, Marissa Sanders, Please pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: 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.

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL MUSICIANS in our congregation! Today we honor our Kids of the Kingdom Children's Choir, and their directors: Sally Rice, Heather Nielsen, and Jenny Welte. We also are honored and blessed to have a Brass Ensemble, directed by Diane Adler.

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATIONG SENIOR in your home? Senior Recognition Day is Sunday, May 20th. If you did not receive a Graduation Appreciation letter, please contact the church office to make sure your special graduate is on our list.

A NEW MEMBER CLASS is offered today at 9:30 in Pastor Bob's Sunday School classroom upstairs. New members who choose to join our church family will be received and introduced to the congregation in worship on Sunday, May 20th. For more information you may call Pastor Bob at 419-788-0803. Or email him at *flcPastor@Hotmail.com*.

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, NEHEMIAH?? Looking for a short Bible study before the summer? Here's a way to recharge your prayer life and study a little known book of the Bible in just 6 short weeks! Think the Old Testament is too violent or boring? Nehemiah was a resourceful engineer and soldier. Come and see! Read! And Pray with us! We will meet upstairs today at 9:30. Join us!

FOOD BOX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Three people are needed to help distribute 30 pound food boxes on Sunday, June 3 at the Community Dinner. The need is from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please sign on the note posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

THE ELEVATOR WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow and Tuesday for repairs. If you need assistance accessing the building please call the church office.

<u>OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> begins on June 3rd. We will hold a liturgical service at 9:00 am and our contemporary service at 11:00. Miriam Gibson is shedding a new light on the contemporary service, so be sure to check it out!

DREAMING OF A YOUTH PASTOR. The First Lutheran Church Council has a dream for this congregation, but it can only come true if the congregation shares in it. We have a dream that we could hire a Youth Pastor, someone who would be fully engaged (not needing to take on extra jobs outside of the church) and stay with our youth beyond a few years.

We have a dream that we could once again have a 2nd pastor in the building during the week and at worship every Sunday. We have a dream that a full-time professional could look at our Sunday School program and work on ways to make the Sunday School wing come alive again with the voices of children. We have a dream that someone with a new vision and fresh perspective could help us put more feet on our new carpeting and fill the new gathering space we just created.

We will hold a vote on whether to increase the budget at a *Special Congregational Meeting* on <u>May 20th</u> for all voting members at 9:30 a.m.; we will recess the meeting and reconvene it at 12:00 noon to give everyone the opportunity to conveniently participate. Mostly, though, we need everyone to pray for God's guidance.

If you missed the informational forum, please contact Pastor Bob, Cindy Fitzpatrick, or any council member for details. If you attended the forum, please share this dream with other congregational members.