



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

### *Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

*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 Tom and Cindy Fitzpatrick in loving memory of their parents, Oscar and Olga Brenner and Jim and Thelma Fitzpatrick.

**THANK YOU TO ALLY JABODA** for sharing the voice of her cello during our 10:45 service this morning.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for Loni Seemann, 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.

**BEFORE THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE** of the Christmas rush, all sisters in Christ, young and mature, are invited to our **SNOWFLAKE SOCIAL** on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:00. Let us gather for hearty appetizers, a craft, devotions, and a time of fellowship as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. The social is free and RSVP tickets can be placed in the narthex. Your RSVP helps with our numbers, but please, come, even if you did not RSVP.

**LUNCH WITH PASTOR BOB** is Tuesday, December 11:30 at Café Marie's. All are invited to this time of community.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** for our at home members is today. All are invited to share in our community dinner and then venture out at 1:00 to share the Good News with those confined to their homes.

**THE MILLSTREAM SINGERS and OLD MILLSTREAM RINGERS** will present a concert of "Merry Men and Jingling Bells" this evening at 7:30. A free-will offering will be collected.

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

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

**SOCIAL MINISTRY IS GATHERING COATS FOR CHRISTMAS.** Any coats collected can be placed in the blue box in the coat room marked with the Coats for Christmas sign. These coats are then taken to City Laundry and will be cleaned and taken to Glenwood Middle School for distribution on Dec. 15 and 16. Tomorrow is the last day to bring your coats to the church.

**THE NURSERY** has been put back in order. The toys have been sorted, cleaned, and sanitized.

**A JESUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** for all congregation members will be December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 great event is sponsored by our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class.

**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 our local Lutheran Social Services office. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone special in your life, along with your donation going to help those in need in our community! Please place your envelope in the offering plate.

**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.

**ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US ON CHRISTMAS EVE.** Our Family Candlelight service is at 7:30. A *Festival of Lessons and Carols* candlelight service is at 10:30. Special prelude music will begin 30 minutes prior to each service.

**NEXT WEEK'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*".