

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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

**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 David and Janet Wobser in loving memory of David's brother, Ralph Wobser.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS.... Emily Betts, Lisa Cox, Michael Leonard, Audrey Leopold, Adrienne Masterlasco, Cynthia Napier, John Ried, and Jaden Tabler. "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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, Ellie Bayler, Dawn Arvy, Ruthann Wedge, Venessa Vandale, Christian, Mark, Bill, Kathy, Libby Hendricks, Sue Schrader, Pastor Christian Dittmar, Jerry's Family, Chuck Fitzpatrick, Shirley Ruehle, Karen Smith, Margie Closson, Phil Bash, Dr. Rick & Cheri Mann, Libby Hendricks, Mary, Dave Gray, Kevin, Brian & Shirley Williams, Barry Turner Family, and Ron Hoke. 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 VOICES in our congregation! Today we honor our Senior Choir, directed by Jane Eakin. *Sing praises to the Lord.* James 5:13.

**LAST WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING** of \$139.69 will benefit the Lincoln School Lunch Program to provide lunches for those, for whatever reason, may not have a lunch that day.

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!

<u>OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> begins on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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!

MIKE ANDERS WILL PRESENT THE OWLS PROGRAM on Tuesday, May 22nd. The title of this program is "New Every Morning: Daylilies 101". He will talk about Northwest Ohio's most popular perennial garden plants and give away 30 potted plants. The program will begin at 6:00, following a potluck supper at 5:00. All adults are invited. Bring your own table service and a covered dish. If you need a ride, call Carole Bridinger at 419-425-9104.

<u>THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> is tomorrow at noon.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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* today 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.