



Come You Faithful

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-free/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 ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by our 2016 Confirmation class. Affirming their baptism this morning are Jessica Betts, John Huff, Evelyn Napier, Sam Ried, Breanna Tabler, Jeremiah Tatum. and Dillon Timbrook. May god continue to bless them.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR Loni Seemann, Ed, Jerry, Autumn, Sam Blosser, Lucas & Luann, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Roger & Virgil Siler, Larry Deal, Larry Hall, Virginia Hackworth, Laura Cavitt, Jane Wobser, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Sally Robinson, Shirley Ruehle, Amy & Michelle Gibson, Jon Thomsen, Steve Kondik, Marty Schmidt, Andy & Ron, Tyler, Marilyn Basinger, Angie, Eileen Maines, Family of Karen Youngman, McKee Family, Melissa, Steve, Joyell, Keith Weldy, Krista & Lexi, Mary Ivan, David Russell, The Family of Mark Pepple, Virginia Freeman, Cindy Habegger, Rose Barbosa, and Daniel Beck. And those serving in our 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.

A SECIAL “THANK YOU” TO JAY CLARK for offering his time and talents this morning as our pianist. Thank you Jay!!

BECOME PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY. Baptisms will be celebrated on May 7th. New Member classes will be held at 9:30 on May 14th and 21st with new members being received on May 21st. If you or someone you know would like to be received as a member of our church family through Baptism or the New Member Class, please contact the church office or Pastor Bob.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMY AND BRITT GIBSON, on the birth of their daughter, Michelle Rose, on April 20th. Both are doing well.

SNACK DONATIONS are needed for EPiC. Do you like to bake cookies? We have youth who love to eat them! Any snacks, fruit, crackers....all are welcome. Also, drinks are needed to.

BABY CARE KITS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED to send to those affected by natural disasters and poverty. The last two weeks of April we are asking for donations of new long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet, sizes between 6 and 24 months. A collection box for the items is in the hallway.

THE BGSU A CAPPELLA CHOIR AND THE VAN BUREN VARSITY CHOIR will present a concert at First Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 11th at 7PM. The sacred portion of the BGSU A Cappella Choir program will feature a variety of styles ranging from a seventeenth-century motet to contemporary pieces. The secular half of the program will include a variety of pieces. The Van Buren Varsity Choir, under the direction of First Lutheran Church member James Vaughn, consists of 45 juniors and seniors that hail from Van Buren High School. The choir, singing three selections as part of a joint concert, is the upper level choir at Van Buren. For more information on specific music selections, please see the May newsletter.

YOUR COMMUNITY DINNER NEEDS YOU! Don't forget to sign up for next week's Community Dinner. There are still plenty of slots for service or donations. We need salads, desserts, fresh fruit, servers, and cleaner-uppers! Hope to see you next week, May 7th, for this happy event....definitely helping our community *move one step closer to God!*

A NEW 10:45 GREETER SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the hall bulletin board. Please feel free to pick your day to greet or read the lessons.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins on June 4th. Our worship times will change to 9:00 (Liturgical) and 11:00 (contemporary) and will run through August 27th.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR BOB is Tuesday, May 2nd. All are invited to join at 11:30 at Café Marie's.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY? Prayer shawls lap blankets, and wraps are given to those who need to be wrapped in Christian love. If interested, contact Pam Cochran at pam@ohiost8.com. The details will be worked out once Pam gets a sense of who may be interested.

Financials	Thru March.
General Fund Receipts	\$92,211
Actual Expenses	\$98,558
Year to Date Difference	(\$6,347)