



## WELCOME

### PREPARE

**Pray** | We encourage you to take time before each service to speak to God in prayer. Use your own words, or, if you're struggling to find the words, please refer to the Prayer Before Worship that is projected on the screens.

**Be a good neighbor** | Please greet those sitting near you and introduce yourself! Church is a place for the community of God's people, and we want you to be able to participate in it. So as not to distract others in worship, please silence your cell phone.

### PARTICIPATE

The order of service is printed for you in this bulletin and is projected for you on the screens.

If you are hard of hearing, personal listening devices are available from the elder.

If you are hard of seeing, large print bulletins are also available from the elder.

Please take a moment to fill out a CONNECTION CARD that can be found on the backs of each pew. This allows us to have a record of you worshipping with us today. You can place them in the offering plate following worship.

### RETREAT

**Restrooms** | The restrooms are located in the south hallway (over your left shoulder as you sit in the pew). Water fountains are in the hallways on either side of the sanctuary.

**Restless children** | We love having your children in worship and want to help little ones in their worship of our Lord! However, if you feel the need to leave the sanctuary but still want to follow along, a TV with a live feed of the service as well as rocking chairs, children's books and toys is located in the Library/Chapel across the south hallway.

### THIS WEEK

TODAY: 10:15am - Christian Education Hour

Tues: 9:00am - Women's Bible Study

Wed: 5:30pm - Midweek Advent Meal  
6:30pm - Midweek Advent Worship

Thurs: 7:00am - Men's Bible Study

Sat: 1:00pm - Live Nativity

### COMING UP

Dec. 21 - Breakfast with Jesus

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays

9:00am

1st Monday of the Month

6:30pm

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

A Bible Study on Apologetics  
Sundays @ 10:15am

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Bible  
Tuesdays @ 9:00am

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Harmony of the Gospels  
Thursdays @ 7:00am

### LIVE NATIVITY

Join us on Sat, Dec. 20 as the children of First Lutheran bring the very first Christmas to life. This year's Live Nativity will be held in our gymnasium, at 1:00pm.

Please note, we are looking for volunteers interested in making some cookies, brownies, and other dessert bars this year. If you'd like to bring a dozen of something, please sign up in the entryway.

## YOU'RE INVITED

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Join us Wednesday for our final Midweek Advent Service. This year, our theme is "Bible Songs of Christmas," and we'd love for you to join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. We will also be providing a meal at 5:30pm prior to the services. On December 17, join us for Sloppy Joe's, Macaroni and Cheese, and a Taco and Nacho Bar. We are looking for members to bring a dessert. If you'd like to bring one, please find a sign-up sheet in the entryway.

# GET INVOLVED

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us each Tuesday for our Women's Bible Study! On Dec. 16, meet us at Helen Hacht's house (6171 Raven Ct., Burlington, WI 53105) at 9:00am.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Our choir is looking for some voices to help beautify our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Thurs, Dec. 18 at 6:30pm
  - Week of December 21 — time TBD
- Rehearsals will run about 30 minutes.

## GIFTS FROM THE HEARTH

Our Gifts from the Hearth display will remain in the entryway until December 21. This year, we are collecting items to support individuals and families in need within our congregation.

In addition to general household and personal care items, we are also gathering gift cards and Christmas gifts to help bless families during the holiday season.

Items do not need to be wrapped unless you prefer to do so. If you do choose to wrap your item, please tape the tag on the outside of the package.

## DAILY BIBLE VERSE

**Monday** - Luke 1:30-33

**Tuesday** - Luke 1:46-47, 49

**Wednesday** - Matthew 1:20-21

**Thursday** - Luke 1:68-70

**Friday** - Luke 1:76-78

**Saturday** - Luke 2:1, 4-5

**Sunday** - Luke 2:6-7

# MORE INFORMATION

## WORSHIP STATS

Last week, 50 people joined us for worship and \$10,517 was gratefully given in offerings and tuition.

## PIANO AND BAND RECITAL

You are all invited to join us for First Lutheran School's Band and Piano Recital on Sun, Dec. 21. The recital will begin at approximately 8:40am.

## CALL RECEIVED

Stephen Kamps has received a Call to teach 4th and 5th grade and serve as principal at Peace Lutheran School in Livonia, MI. We ask you to keep Stephen in your prayers as he deliberates this Call. Your words of support and conversation are encouraged.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### AVIS GRAUMANN

Receiving palliative care at home.

### KEITH LOVE

Dealing with chronic pain and torn meniscus.

## BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Join us on Sun, Dec. 21 for Breakfast with Jesus. First Lutheran School will be serving breakfast following worship. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, pastries, and more. It will be the perfect opportunity to join together for food and fellowship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please note, a free-will offering will be collected to support our Tuition Grant fund.

## TEEN BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to launch a Teen Bible Study on Sundays at 10:15am, beginning January 4. This study is open to all students from 8th grade through high school and will be led by Stephen Kamps. Teens in this age group are encouraged to start thinking about topics they'd like to explore—bring your ideas with you on January 4!

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS AT FIRST

Please plan to join us for our upcoming special services!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 6:30pm.

**Christmas Day Service with the Lord's Supper** at 9:00am.

**New Year's Eve Service with the Lord's Supper** at 6:30pm

## 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2026 offering envelopes are ready for pickup! They are available on the table outside of Pastor's office. If you don't see a packet with your name on it, please contact Steven Davis in the office and we will be happy to get one prepared for you.

## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon - Wed: 8:00am - 3:45pm

Thurs - Fri: 8:00am - 12:00pm

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS

### ELDER

Dec. 21 - Jacob Pelas  
Dec. 28 - David Bachman

### ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 21 - Helen Hacht  
Dec. 28 - Kelly Schwartz & Connie Frey

### PROJECTIONIST

Dec. 21 - Brett Biwer  
Dec. 28 - Helen Hacht

### FELLOWSHIP

Dec. 21 - Breakfast with Jesus  
Dec. 28 - Pam and Briita Sherman