



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 worshiping 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 - Breakfast with Jesus

Wed: 6:30pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thurs: 9:00am - Christmas Day Worship with Lord's Supper

COMING UP

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Worship with Lord's Supper

Jan. 5 - Monday Night Worship with Lord's Supper

Feb. 15 - FLS Vision Sunday

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

Will resume January 4

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Bible

Tuesdays @ 9:00am

Will resume January 6

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Harmony of the Gospels

Thursdays @ 7:00am

Will resume January 8

YOU'RE INVITED

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Join us TODAY following worship for Breakfast with Jesus. First Lutheran School will be serving breakfast following worship. We will be serving pancakes, egg bakes, cheesy potatoes, biscuits and gravy, 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.

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

GET INVOLVED

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:

- Week of December 21 – time TBD

Rehearsals will run about 30 minutes.

MORE INFORMATION

WORSHIP STATS

Last week, 115 people joined us for worship and \$16,390 was gratefully given in offerings and tuition.

BIBLE STUDIES

Please note that Bible Studies will be taking a short break.

Christian Education Hour will resume on Sun, Jan. 4, at 10:15am – **with a new**

Teen Bible Study starting!

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tues, Jan. 6, at 9:00am.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Thurs, Jan. 8, at 7:00am.

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.

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.

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!

GIFTS FROM THE HEARTH

Thank you for all that contributed to our Gifts from the Hearth this year! Gifts are due back to the office today and will be distributed to those in need within our congregation this week.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Monday – Luke 2:8-11

Tuesday – Luke 2:11-14

Wednesday – Luke 2:16-20

Thursday – Isaiah 9:6

Friday – Luke 2:28-52

Saturday – Psalm 103:1-2

Sunday – Matthew 11:28

PRAYER REQUESTS

AVIS GRAUMANN

Receiving palliative care at home.

KEITH LOVE

Dealing with chronic pain and torn meniscus.

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon – Tues: 8:00am – 2:00pm

Wed – Fri: Closed

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS

ELDER

Dec. 28 – David Bachman

ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 28 – Kelly Schwartz & Connie Frey

PROJECTIONIST

Dec. 28 – Helen Hacht

FELLOWSHIP

Dec. 28 – Pam and Brilia Sherman