



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

WHERE WE ARE *family.*

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: 9:00am - Live Nativity Practice
10:30am - Canvassing

COMING UP

Dec. 20 - Live Nativity

Dec. 21 - Breakfast with Jesus

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

Save the date for our annual 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

This year's Midweek Advent Worship services will be held on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17 at 6:30pm. 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 10, join us for Sloppy Joe's, Macaroni and Cheese, Burgers, and a Baked Potato Bar. We are looking for members to bring a dessert each week. If you'd like to bring one, please find a sign-up sheet in the entryway.

MORE INFO AT: firstlutheranwels.org

FIND US ON:



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. 9, meet us at Jan Lazzaroni's house (N4559 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI) at 9:00am.

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.

MORE INFORMATION

WORSHIP STATS

Last week, 26 people joined us for worship and \$4,204 was gratefully given in offerings and tuition.

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Join us on Sun, Dec. 21 for Breakfast with Jesus. First Lutheran School will be serving breakfast following worship. 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!

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:

- Wed, Dec. 10 – 15 minutes after worship
- Thurs, Dec. 18 at 6:30pm
- Week of December 21 – time TBD

Rehearsals will run about 30 minutes.

CANVASSING

We will be canvassing our neighborhood on Sat, Dec. 13, from 10:30am – 12:00pm, delivering postcards that invite families to our Live Nativity and upcoming Christmas services. If you'd like to help, please sign up in the entryway.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST

Please plan to join us for our upcoming Christmas Services as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30pm.

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

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Monday – John 14:16

Tuesday – John 15: 5, 8

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 18:15

Thursday – Isaiah 7:14

Friday – Galatians 4:4-5

Saturday – Matthew 2:4-6

Sunday – Luke 1:26-28

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 – 3:45pm

Thurs – Fri: 8:00am – 12:00pm

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS

ELDER

Dec. 14 – Jerry Thompson

Dec. 21 – Jacob Pelas

ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 14 – Gail Michnay & Jan Lazzaroni

Dec. 21 – Helen Hacht

PROJECTIONIST

Dec. 14 – Spencer Sonnemann

Dec. 21 – Brett Blier

FELLOWSHIP

Dec. 14 – Gail Michnay

Dec. 21 – Breakfast with Jesus