

First News

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA

From Our Pastor...

NO FOOLIN'... HE'S ALIVE!

As we continue in this Lenten

Dateline: During Passover, about 2000 years ago. Some of Jesus' closest followers went to Jesus' tomb. They found it empty; and depending on what gospel is being read, some being, human or angelic, announces that Jesus has been raised from the dead. The reactions, emotional and behavioral, of the world to this news were varied. In Mark 16:8, we read that Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome were overcome with trembling and amazement. They fled from the empty tomb with great fear. In Matthew 28:8, we read that Mary Magdalene and the "other" Mary, left the tomb quickly, with fear and astounding joy. In both accounts, they share this news with others. In Matthew, the reaction of the chief priests is far different. Not entirely sure of what happened, they devise a plan challenging any notion of resurrection by purporting that Jesus' lifeless body was stolen. Still others offered a suggestion that news of Jesus' resurrection was simply a hoax, a pathological joke.

Dateline: April 1, 2018. The church around the world gathers together proclaiming that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and is present: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, in-

deed! Easter Sunday on a day commonly referred to as April Fools' Day. But God's not joking around.

The resurrection of Jesus has changed the course of history. It has introduced new meaning into the concepts of life and death. Life is more than a chronological continuum to the point of death. As the Apostle Paul indicates in 1 Corinthians: "Death has been swallowed up in victory!" We, as Easter people, believe that our lives are

measured by God's love for us, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. As Christ lives, so shall we!

But even in our day, the reaction to the news of Jesus' resurrection is widely varied. To be sure, the concept of resurrection that is eternal, and not simply an extension in time, defies logic and material explanation. This has led to some, even some people in the church, to speak of resurrection as metaphorical or parabolic. Because resurrection stands outside the ordinariness of temporal and spatial categories, the Apostle Paul suggests an understanding of resurrection that is analogous; that is, an exchange from that which is perishable to that which is imperishable, from that which is mortal to that which is immortal. In short, talk of resur-

rection is best left in the faithful and prayerful hands and hearts of faith, and not pursued in mathematical and material formulations.

As Easter people, our belief in the resurrection of Jesus and, subsequently, the promise of our resurrection is to be both the guide and the direction of the manner in which we live; an understanding that that which we call eternal has become a present reality for us in the presence of the Risen Jesus realized in faith. In John 5:24, we read these words from Jesus: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life."

This year, Easter dies fall on April 1st; but God is not joking around. By God's will revealed in the resurrection of Jesus, death no longer is or can be the last word. As we read the words of Jesus in John 6:40: "This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen! Indeed!

See ya' in and as the church.

--Pastor John



2018

Staff & Council Members

- Rev. John Yost, Pastor
- Diane Scott, Director of Music
- Heather Klose, Church Administrator
- Cher Gorton, Asst. Church Adm.
- Paul Houtz, Sexton
- Harry Boyer, Council President
- Jeff Mensch, Vice President
- Barb Randecker, Secretary
- Cher Gorton, Treasurer
- Deanna Billow, Council
- Gary Gorton, Council
- Libby Loss, Council
- Bill Musser, Council
- Jane Moore, Council
- Jim Schwartz, Council
- Sue Jows, Council
- Linda Skinner, Council
- Logan Mensch, Council

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Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

Maria Kuba	04/01	Nancy Snook	04/15
Noah Kuba	04/03	Donna Rhoades	04/17
Peter Henninger Sr.	04/04	Don Seebold	04/17
Perri Hull	04/05	Bob Musser	04/18
Harvey Ilgen	04/05	William Musser	04/18
Karen Fritz	04/06	Catrina Bollinger	04/21
Tessa Woodring	04/06	Ray Mincemoyer	04/23
Kinsley Herb	04/07	Jim Shipton	04/23
Helen Troup	04/09	Janelle Hicks	04/24
Darryl Mincemoyer	04/10	Jeffrey Mensch	04/24
Sue Smith	04/10	Clark Wagner	04/24
Reagyn Rothermel	04/11	Dwayne Reed	04/28
Wayde Confer	04/12	Cora Reed	04/29
Zachery Taylor	04/13		



Adult Sunday School Class

April Sunday School Schedule for
Adult Class 9:15 in the Multi-purpose
room:

Sunday April 8 -- No SS

Sunday April 15 -- DVD Series
"The Power Of a Simple Prayer" Max
Lucado

Sunday April 22 -- DVD Series part II

Sunday April 29 -- DVD Series part
III

Sunday May 6 -- DVD series part IV



April Bible Study Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>7:30 p.m</u>
<u>CULC</u>	<u>FELC</u>	<u>CULC</u>
	April 3rd	April 4th
April 9th	April 10th	April 11th
April 16th	April 17th	April 18th
April 23rd	April 24th	April 25th
April 30th		

Community Meal

The Community Meal Committee is looking for a few good folks to help serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We begin preparing the meal at 9:00 and are usually done by 1:30. You can come for an hour or 2, or stay the whole time. We serve between 50 and 60 people each month. This is a great way to help reach out to our community. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Contact Libby Loss @966-1606 or Sue Jows @ 966-3644 if you can help. Meal serving time: 11AM-12:30PM.

Donations Needed

Donations are needed for the Chinese Auction being held during the Youth hosted Spaghetti Dinner, on April 14th. We are looking for new items only please. Handmade items are welcome as well. Please place items in the church office, or give them to Cher Girton or Angie Harvey, no later than April 8th. Any questions please contact Cher or Angie. Thank you for your support.

Thank You

The Church Council would like to thank, Ray Mincemoyer for his time and talents used to repair the painting in the Fellowship Hall and for repairing the broken pew in the sanctuary. On the behalf of the members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, we thank you, Ray!

Sincerely,
FELC Church Council



The Church Council would like to thank, Ed & Leona Wagner, for their donation of the antique Sunday School register. The register has been mounted downstairs on the west wall of the Fellowship Hall. Ed and Leona, on behalf of the members of First Evangelical Church we thank you for your generous donation and will cherish having this piece as part of our church.

Sincerely,
FELC Church Council

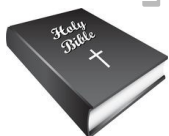


On behalf of the members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, we would like to thank the members of the Lutheran Church Women for their generous donation of \$300 to the General Fund of our church. This donation comes at a good time as oil for the winter months has been costly. Thank you!

Sincerely,
FELC Church Council



Pew Bibles



We are still in need of Bible purchases for some of the pews. Please consider purchasing and dedicating a Bible in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office to place an order. Bibles are \$8 each.

Parish Help Needed

Parishioners Helping Parishioners: What can we do to help our older parishioners who need help around their house or property? This group has been looking for people to help start up the process. For more information on how you can help plan or offer help, contact Dianne Shuck.

Social: This group has been charged to plan activities for adults, children or families of the parish. They have started to meet and are looking for additional ideas and people. For more information, contact Barry Spangler.

Bible School: This group will be planning for a Bible School for the parish and community. Help and ideas are greatly needed. If you are interested, please contact Gary Girton and Harry Boyer (both of FELC).



Camp Mount Luther

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
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E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

Now is the time to think about being part of the Camp Mount Luther's summer programs in the coming year. The brochure for Summer 2018 has just been published to the camp's website (www.campmountluther.org) in the summer camp section.

This year's summer camp season will begin on June 17 and run until August 16. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families.

- Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House:
Sunday, April 22, 2018, from
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Spring Workday: Saturday, May 12, 8:00a.m.-
1:00 p.m.
- 13th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic:
Monday, May 14, 11:00 a.m. - Registration starts; 11:30 a.m. - lunch; 12:30p.m. -
Golfing Shotgun Start Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf
- Join a Camel Crew



Parish Happenings

April 8th: Interested in learning how to operate the soundboard during church? Gary Girton will be holding a training on the soundboard on April 8th. Please see Gary for details.

April 14th: Back by popular demand, the Second Annual Youth Hosted Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held at First Lutheran from 5PM-7PM. Tickets are \$10, youth ages 4-11 \$5 and age 3 and under is free. Tickets include salad, beverage, bread, dessert and all-you-can eat spaghetti. Take outs will also be available. Proceeds benefit the youth trips to work camp in Wrightsville in June and Harvey Cedars in July. Tickets can be purchased through the church office, a youth member, or by contacting Cher Girton 570-755-1671 or Angie Harvey 570-765-1459.

April 15th: Jr./Sr. High Youth Dinner and Devos 6PM at The Sawyers.

April 29th: Parish Social Committee Meeting, 11:30AM @ First Lutheran, multi-purpose room

May 12th: Mother's Day Mother/Daughter & Son Banquet at Christ's United beginning @ 6PM. Program: well known magician, Children 12 and under—free, Children over 12 to adult—\$4 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 6th. See Barb Randecker, Jim Schwartz or the church office for tickets.

May 19th: Our Parish will be holding a chicken & waffle benefit dinner on Saturday, May 19, at Christ's United, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will go help John Snook, a local farmer and First Lutheran member who has health issues. The cost is \$10.00 per person over age 10 and \$5.00 for those age 10 and under.

June 9th: Father's Day Father/Son & Daughter Banquet at First Lutheran. Program: well known singers, Children 12 and under—free, Children over 12 to adult—\$4 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, June 3rd. See Barb Randecker, Jim Schwartz or the church office for tickets.

June 10th: Mark Sunday, June 10, on your calendars. All events will be held at the Mifflinburg Community Park. Worship, following by a joint Parish picnic, will first take place. Picnic attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share. The Parish will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Afterwards, a community block party will follow. Details on times for all three events will be forthcoming.

****More detailed information regarding these events are in the monthly newsletter. Copies are available at the back of the church as well as any order forms. Please see the bulletin board in the main hallway for sign-up sheets.**

The 2018 Workcamp is seeking at least one, or more, adult male and adult female, 21 years of age or older to serve as a chaperone during the week of workcamp, June 16-23, 2018. Please share if you might know of someone who would want to serve this week.



Enjoy a Chicken and
Waffle Dinner
and
Help a Local Farmer
in Need at the Same
Time!

Chicken &

Waffle Dinner

Benefiting

John Snook

All proceeds will go to
John to help out with his
medical expenses.

*A ministry of Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish
Christ's United Lutheran Church, Millmont
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg*

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

a.k.a. "4 Bells Church"

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PA 45

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**Saturday,
May 19, 2018**

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**\$10.00/person
\$5.00/age 10 & under**



Spaghetti Dinner

*Hosted By The Youth of First
Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Saturday,

April 14th

5:00 PM—7:00

404 Market Street, Mifflinburg

All-You-Can-Eat

\$10.00 Per Ticket

4-12 Years Old \$5.00

3 & Under Free

Take-outs available.

A Chinese Auction will be held
during the dinner. You need not
be present to win.

**Dinner includes:
salad, bread,
spaghetti,
beverage &
dessert**

To purchase tickets call the church at 570-966-0266, or contact
Cher Gorton 570-755-1671 or Angie Harvey 570-765-1459.

Tickets also available at the door.

Proceeds benefit the Youth Program and Mission Trips.

March 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Harry Boyer.

Present: Cher Girtton, Gary Girtton, Pr. John Yost, Harry Boyer, Jane Moore, Jim Schwartz, Libby Loss, Sue Jows, and Deanna Billow

Absent: Heather Klose, Logan Mensch, Linda Skinner, Bill Musser and Barb Randecker

Pr. John opened with John 14 and prayer.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were submitted and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: [February reports submitted.](#) Pr. John explained that expenses are high due to the amount of oil being used. Already over \$4000 into our budget for oil. Jim stated that he had contacted Swiebert to fix the thermostat issue in the sanctuary, and he was to come in and look at it at a service call fee. Jim told him that was fine but he did not come. Klose's has been called and they will be coming in the morning to look at the thermostat. Sue motioned that a new thermostat be purchased if Klose could not fix the issue. Jane seconded the motion and it was approved. February reports approved as read subject to audit.

Pastor's report: Pr. John reported that we are half way through Lent. He thanked all who were able to help with the Lenten Dinner held at the church this evening. Next two Wednesday Lenten meals being held at _____ and then at 4-Bells. Then Holy Week: Palm Sunday will be at First @ 10:30AM, Maundy Thursday service @ Four Bells @ 6PM, Good Friday @ First @ 7PM, Easter Dawn @ Four Bells @ 6:30AM, Easter service @ First @ 10:00AM.

Communication: \$300 General Fund Donation from Erma Hower & Lutheran Church Women. Jane explained they had a flower fund which contained too much money and they decided to make a donation to the General Church Fund. Harry asked that a thank-you be placed in the bulletin from council to the LCW for their generous donation.

Executive: None

Gifts & Endowments – None

Worship & Music – Gary reported that there will be training on the sound board on April 8th. He asked that it be placed in the bulletin

Property – Jim Schwartz submitted a report from the Property Committee:

Portable altar in Fellowship Hall has new casters installed.

Asks that secretary send a thank-you note to Ray Mincemoyer, for painting repairs and repairing pews recently.

Ed Libhart and Ray Mincemoyer repaired pews.

Ray Mincemoyer touched up paint in the Fellowship Hall.

Antique Sunday School Board has been hung in the Fellowship Hall on the west wall.

Fire Extinguishers have been hung on the walls in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall according to codes regulations.

Guts in toilets have been replaced (4)

Piping in handicapped restroom is replaced.

Vestibule stained glass window has been repaired and reinstalled.

Stokers did not work, discovered emergency shut off switch was turned on.

January water bill was over 21,000 gallons

Oil bills are running over budget (way over)

Paul replaced toilet seat in the restroom in the Fellowship Hall.

Send a thank-you to Ed and Leona Wagner for giving the Sunday School Register board to the church, which has been mounted in the Fellowship Hall.

Called Tony Sweigert concerning thermostat in church.

Jim asked that the thank-yous for Ray and Ed & Leona be placed in the bulletin and newsletter. Harry reported that the open wire electrical issue in the parsonage has been fixed. Roto Rooter was also in to fix the plumbing issues. Harry questioned if bills are to be paid by Rooted Relational. Pr. John and Jeff both said that Rooted Relational is responsible for the bills. They are to be running the repairs by council before they incur the bills.

Christian Education –no report

Fellowship & Recreation – Not much to report other than the Lenten Dinner held this evening. Jeff asked how the money gets divided. Pr. John stated that was up to the council. Jeff motioned that the whole amount be given to the Ministerium. Jim seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Service & Outreach – Deanna reported that she would be receiving a draft of the directory on March 20th. Once she okays everything it will take 10-12 days to receive the directory.

Finance – Jeff stated that a meeting will be scheduled after Gloria gets back in April. Sue asked if we have to continue to have two people take the Sunday offerings to the bank after the service or if it would be okay if it be placed in the safe. Sue motioned to start placing the offering in the safe after services. Gary seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Youth – Gary received a written report from Kim Sawyer, on February's activities and finances.

Soup + Sandwich + Sweet Fundraisers planned again for March 18th

30-Hour Famine with Driesbach UCC, New Covenant UCC, UCC of Middleburg held at Driesbach UCC Friday, February 23rd through Saturday, February 24th. Jam packed with activities led by the three Pastors that were in attendance, Kim and Nich Hornig.

Future activities include: Egg Hunt for the children on Palm Sunday, "Egging" homes of children throughout the community, "He Has Risen" cards to be sent to college students, joining the MACY group to see the movie "I Can Only Imagine".

Gary reported that the 30-Hour Famine went well. The youth helped clean out the upstairs as a community service project. He explained what MACY is. Mifflinburg Area Children and Youth. He said they support this outreach not solely our church. That they fundraise for these MACY events exclusively. He will work with Kim to write up a more detailed description.

Staff Support – Cher questioned whether it had been approved for the cleaning lady to have another person working with her. Pr. John said it had been approved when she was hired. Jim questioned the cleaning lady having children with her when she is cleaning. Staff Support will talk to her during her review.

Parish Council: no report

Business:

Christkindl: Libby submitted a report by the Christkindl Committee, Libby, Kim, Arlene, Linda and Andy. The report reads:

"We, the First Lutheran Christkindl Committee, are very passionate about continuing our Church's involvement with the 2018 Christkindl Market. In order to do so we feel that it is imperative to have open dialogue with those in charge of the Market prior to December and coordinate all aspects of our involvement with them."

Jeff asked that the committee sit down with Joanna and Matt soon. Libby agreed that the committee will schedule a meeting with them.

Committee Event: Pr. John, Jeff and Harry explained that we desire to have a committee event after church on a Sunday afternoon, to recruit and talk about what each of the committees do. This event would be held in the multi-purpose room. Every administration group, or committee within the church would be invited to have a table at this event. Deanna was asked to use the Outreach Committee to organize this event before school is out. Possibly late April early May.

Weis Cards: Pr. John suggested we look into getting a P.O. Box for the delivery of the Weis Cards. Cher stated that she checked with Weis and Fed-X does not ship to P.O. Boxes. Pr. John asked that we check into who is responsible if the cards are left outside when delivered and stolen. Cher will check on this. We will continue to order the cards and request "Signature On Delivery" and specify church days, hours and doors for delivery.

Meeting closed with prayer by Harry Boyer and adjourned @ 2045.

Respectfully submitted,

Cher Girtton,

Substitute Recording Secretary

APRIL 2018

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:30AM: Easter Early Worship/HC—Christ's United 10:00AM: Easter Morning Worship/HC—First Lutheran	2 Easter Monday Office Closed	3 10:30AM: Bible Study 7-8PM: Bible Study-MPR	4 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir 7PM: Council	5 1PM: WELCA 7:30PM: Men's Ministry-MPR	6	7 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike 11AM-12:30PM: Community Meal
8 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC-11:45AM: Cherub Choir	9	10 10:30AM: Bible Study 7-8PM: Bible Study-MPR	11	12	13	14 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Arc's 5PM-7PM: Youth Hosted Spaghetti Dinner
15 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC—Altar Guild Meeting Immediately Following Church 11:45AM: Cherub Choir 6PM: Dinner/Devos—Sawyer's	16	17 10:30AM: Bible Study 7-8PM: Bible Study-MPR	18 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir	19 7:30PM: Men's Ministry-MPR	20	21 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Carriage Corner
22 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC-11:45AM: Cherub Choir	23	24 10:30AM: Bible Study 7-8PM: Bible Study-MPR	25 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir	26	27	28 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike
29 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC-11:45AM: Cherub Choir	30					

April VOLUNTEERS

Chief Usher: Sue Jows

Acolytes:

- 1: Paige Bartlett
- 8: Sally Rothermel
- 15: Head Usher
- 22: Jacyl & Sally Rothermel
- 29: Emily Seebold

Lay Readers:

- 1: Jeff Mensch
- 8: Norm Conrad
- 15: Jeff Crossland
- 22: Harvey Ilgen
- 29: Jane Moore

Children's Church:

- 1: Samantha Orren
- 8: Jamie Bartlett
- 15: Jane Moore
- 22: Tom Orren
- 29: Barb Randecker

Ushers:

- 1: Crossland Family
- 8: Mike & Ann Beckley
- 15: Craig & Sally Rothermel
- 22: Eric & Gwen Hull
- 29: Dewey & Barb Reed
- 1: Sue Jows, Carol Kose
- 8: Andy Long, Libby Loss
- 15: Don Seebold, Don Seebold II
- 22: Troy Smith, Dave Weaver

Announcements: Liz Loss

Altar/Communion: Ruth Gessner & Marianne Mot-

Offering Envelopes: Mike & Ann Beckley

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Address Service Requested



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Lutheran will continue with
one worship service beginning
at 10:30 AM.

Sunday School begins at
9:15AM.



The First Evangelical Lutheran
website is up and running!!

Please visit FELCMifflinburg.org
and see what's happening.

Submit any comments and or an-
nouncements you'd like to be posted
to the church office.

*When you are aware of situations requiring pastoral care,
such as births, deaths, hospital admission, serious illness, etc.,
please notify Pastor John Yost at: 570-837-9232 (cell/text)
or e-mail, pastorjohn@4bellschurch.com*

