



First News

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA

From Our Pastor...



LENT CONTINUED: LIVING IN AND BY GRACE

As we continue in this Lenten season, we continually meet up with our Risen Lord Jesus who showers upon us the gifts of faith, love, and hope expressed in ways of mercy, grace, and forgiveness. As such, we followers of Jesus become empowered and enabled to walk the walk of Jesus to bear hope for the world. We are called to bear the marks of the cross, for in such bearing we bear witness to the promise of God manifest in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, a promise extended to us that bears the marks of eternity, righteousness and everlasting peace. Paul's letter to the Romans surmises this truth in a most profound way. Each day, may we take a look at Paul's words with deep longing and faithful obedience.

March 1: "...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we also will live with him." Romans 6:8

March 2: "The death Jesus died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God." Romans 6:10

March 3: "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11

March 4: "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." Romans 6:14

March 5: "...now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal

life." Romans 6:22

March 6: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

March 7: "...you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God." Romans 7:4

March 8: "But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit." Romans 7:6

March 9: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

March 10: "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do..." Romans 8:3

March 11: "...by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, he condemned sin in the flesh..." Romans 8:3

March 12: "To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." Romans 8:6

March 13: "...you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Romans 8:9

March 14: "...if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Romans 8:10

March 15: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." Romans 8:11

March 16: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." Romans 8:14

March 17: "...and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." Romans 8:17

March 18: "...if in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." Romans 8:17

March 19: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18

March 20: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." Romans 8:19

March 21: "...that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Romans 8:21

March 22: "For in hope we were saved." Romans 8:24

March 23: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Staff & Council Members

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



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March 24: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

March 25: "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first born within a large family." Romans 8:29

March 26: "And those whom he predestined, he also called..." Romans 8:30

March 27: "...and those whom he called, he justified..." Romans 8:30

March 28: "...and those whom he justified, he also glorified." Romans 8:30

March 29: "...in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:37

March 30: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

March 31: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God..." Romans 12:1

--Pastor John



March 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>
March 9**	March 6	
March 16 **	March 13	March 14 ^^
March 23 **	March 20	March 21 ^^

****Please note March 9, 16 & 23 are Fridays.**

^^Please note time change for Wednesday Bible Studies.

They will take place after the Lenten suppers

Community Meals

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.



March Birthdays

Ameleah Lowe	03/03	Krystal Blue	03/17
Barb Randecker	03/03	Bruce Graham	03/17
Hattie Page	03/05	Debra Harvey	03/17
Janet Reed	03/06	Robert Rhoades	03/17
Spencer Wagner	03/07	Maverick Stenger	03/19
Fredrick Dale	03/08	Michael Lynch	03/20
Thomas Shirk	03/08	Corey Herb	03/23
Halley Watson	03/10	Connor Hicks	03/23
William Miller	03/11	Kortney McBryan	03/25
Jaydon Girton	03/12	MacKenzie Hallman	03/26
Emily Seebold	03/12	Brooke Harvey	03/26
Dennis Reed	03/13	Jennie Servinsky	03/26
Gail Erdley	03/14	Dale Spotts	03/28
Earl Michael Jr.	03/14	Cathleen Stenglein	03/29
William Musser	03/14	Russell Sawyer	03/30

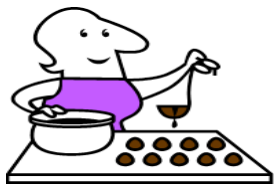
Special Offerings For 2018

The offerings collected for the special services in 2018 will be dispersed as follows:

- † Easter: Local Charity
- † Thanksgiving: National/Global Need
- † Christmas: Internal Community Outreach Need

Upcoming Events

EASTER EGG ORDERS



Easter Egg Sale at Christ's Lutheran. We are making eggs on March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26.

Providing there is enough help, eggs will be mixed and shaped starting at 9:00 am

each Monday morning and coating and packaging will begin each Monday evening at 6:00 pm. Please sign up so that we know if we have enough help to make eggs that week. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done. Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Lots of help will be needed both at 9:00 a.m. when the eggs are mixed and shaped and at 6:00 p.m. when they are coated and packaged. Please plan to come out and help make these popular confectioneries.

Order forms are available on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the sanctuary, in the office, or at Christ's United for anyone willing to take orders from relatives, friends or co-workers.

PLEASE NOTE: Orders not in the church kitchen by NOON on Sunday will be filled last (if quantity permits). If you have any questions talk to Bev Catherman.



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.



A potpie supper is planned for **March 3 at Christ's United.** Serving will begin at **3:30pm.** Tickets will only be sold at the door.

Adults - \$9.00

Children (6 - 12) - \$5.00

Children under 5 - No Charge

Take Out Meals - \$9.00

Quarts of Potpie - \$8.00

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 Girtton and Harry Boyer (both of FELC).



Camp Mount Luther

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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

March 18th: Soup, Sandwich & Sweet Fundraiser being held at First Lutheran starting at 11:45AM. At least 12 different homemade soups available – select 2 and all will be bagged up for you to take home and enjoy during the cold winter days! Thanks so much for supporting our youth as they prepare to serve this summer at another Workcamp!

March 18th: Youth will stay after Soup, Sandwich & Sweet Fundraiser and fill eggs for “Egging” on the 25th. Possibly movie in the evening.

March 25th: Palm Sunday service to be held at First Lutheran at 10:30PM.

March 25th: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at First Lutheran at 9:00AM.

March 25th: Dinner and Devos at Kim and Kieth Sawyer’s Home followed by “Egging” Homes.

March 29th: Maundy Thursday Service to be held at, Christ’s United, at 6:00PM.

March 31st: A Parish Easter Egg Hunt, for our parish children, will take place on Saturday, March 31st, at 2:00PM, at Christ’s United. Separate egg hunts for different age groups. Refreshments will follow the egg hunt.

April 1st: Easter Sunday Early Morning Service to be held at Christ’s United at 6:30AM. Easter Sunday Late Morning Service to be held at First Lutheran at 10:30AM.

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.

May 12th: Mother’s Day Mother/Daughter Banquet at Christ’s United. Time to be determined.

June 9th: Father’s Day Father/Son Banquet at First Lutheran. Time to be determined.

June 10th: The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish will hold a joint worship service followed by a picnic, at the Mifflinburg Community Park.

****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.**

Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2018

Pastor John led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by Harry Boyer.

Present: Harry Boyer, Gary Girton, Libby Loss, Jeff Mensch, Jane Moore, Barb Randecker, Jim Schwartz, Linda Skinner, Pastor Yost, and guest Gloria Mincemoyer

Absent: Deanna Billow, Cher Girton, Sue Jows, Heather Klose, Logan Mensch, Bill Musser

The meeting was held Thursday because of the snowstorm. Barb Randecker asked that her name be added to the e-mail list so she could be included in future notifications.

Treasurer's Report was submitted with a General Fund balance of \$868.51 and accepted as subject to audit.

Secretary's Report was submitted with the minutes of December 2017 and approved as submitted.

Pastor's Report: lent will start next week with the schedule printed in the bulletin and newsletter.

Communications: Harry received a letter of resignation of from Sheryl Fetter, Chairman of the Altar Guild. She will serve until a replacement is found but no later than October 2018. Jeff reported that The Rooted Counseling Service was given permission by the zoning board to operate in the parsonage. They are to report any planned improvements to Jim Schwartz. The plumbing bill was submitted and paid.

Ministry Reports

Executive Committee: Loretta Martin the housekeeper will be absent for two weeks, and her sister will cover in her absence. Tammy Sheesley came in to train Loretta, and we will reimburse Tammy. Libby said the basement wasn't cleaned in the time period between the congregational meeting and the community meal. It was stated that Loretta needs to be informed of all activities so that she can respond accordingly.

Worship & Music: No report

Property: Jim Schwartz reported that the Plexiglas was broken when it was removed to gain access to the stained glass in the vestibule for re-leading. The oil burner was cleaned, but it is unknown if the thermostat was reset. Jim took the vacuum cleaner to Lewisburg to be repaired. It was discovered that there was a wire stuck in it that prevented the dirt from going to the canister. When the wire was removed, the vacuum worked, so the new one that was purchased will be returned. From November 20th to December 20th, approximately 19,000 gallons of water was used. December 20th to January 20th about 11,000 gallon was used. Because it is not in Paul's job description, a motion was made by Jeff Mensch and seconded by Linda Skinner that Paul will be paid \$50 per toilet to repair so the water consumption will be decreased. Jim Schwartz inquired about the timer for the flag pole. Joe Zimmerman will be contacted. The Christian flag was removed because a hook was missing.

Christian Education: No report

Fellowship and Recreation: Approximately 69 members stayed for the luncheon after the congregational meeting. The council members were assessed \$3.65 for the ham. The left over ham will be used for the Lenten Supper that we will host the first Wednesday in March. Libby said the small table that is used when we have basement church scratches the floor. It was suggested that we use furniture sliders to move it so that does not occur.

Service and Outreach and Stewardship: Jim Schwartz reported plans of the Parish Social Committee: date night - Saturday February 17th; Parish Egg Hunt March 31st at 2 – 4 at 4 Bell Church; Mother & Daughter Banquet - May 12th at 4 Bell Church, and Jim is getting the entertainment; Parish Picnic – June 10th at the park (this may be changed due to Workcamp); Father & Son Banquet - June 16th to be held at First Lutheran.

Finance: Will meet after the end of the first quarter.

Youth: Gary Girton received a report from Kim Sawyer. The youth will be participating in the 30 hr. famine at Dreisbach. There will be a planning lunch at Larry's Pizza. A service project will be included: clean the top level of our multi-purpose room with supervision of Gary, Cher, and Heather; possibly cleaning the tables and chairs in the basement.

Staff Support: No report

Parish Council: The results of officer election: President - Jeff Mensch; Vice President - Greg Shuck; Secretary - Gary Girton; Treasurer - Deanna Billow. Forty-nine people attended the bowling party. If we had attended as individuals, it would have cost \$780. The manager was very accommodating in giving us the party rate of \$310 which included a pizza and a pitcher of drink. Four Bell Church will have a pancake supper Shrove Tuesday 4:30 - 6. Four Bell will have the early service for Easter and First will have the 10:00 a.m. service. Workman's compensation was discussed. The Parish Council will allow \$250 towards food/entertainment. \$270 was collected from participants of the bowling party so \$40 was due for the balance. March 19 at 7:30 is the next meeting.

Business: Community Outreach Plan - plan to meet in March with heads of committees involved.

Chief Usher Duties: A list was given to each council member of the duties.

Clock: Jeff Mensch made the motion to pay Emil Stenger what the borough was paying him since they gave the responsibility to us. Gary Girton seconded the motion.

Acolyte Duties: If there is no one assigned or present, it is the duty of the chief usher to either get someone or do it themselves.

Who Is Responsible For The Sign Behind The Glass Out Front: Jeff made a motion that it be the weekly duty of the secretary. It was seconded by Linda Skinner.

Communion Cards: It was discussed that the communion cards were no longer needed. After discussion of something to give to visitors, it was decided that Service and Outreach should decide what that should be.

Central Keystone COG Letter gave approval for the Richards to use the parsonage.

The Pastor reported that we need volunteers for the Synod Assembly June 15 & 16. The Buffalo Valley Conference will be April 29th. Faith in Lewisburg and Messiah in New Berlin will be entering the call process for a new pastor.

Brenda, the secretary at 4 Bells will be out for several weeks due to shoulder surgery.

We will be purchasing new phones.

Gloria Mincemoyer asked if the new Bibles were here. She also expressed her concern of giving away the Christmas offering when we were in the red. How the special offerings will be dispersed will be in the March newsletter: Easter-local charity; Thanksgiving - national/global need; Christmas - internal community outreach need.

Jeff Mensch made the motion for adjournment and Libby Loss seconded it.

Harry Boyer closed with prayer at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Randecker, Secretary

LENTEN BREAKFASTS AND SUPPERS

All Are Welcome!

All meals are inter-denominational and offer a time of community fellowship. Financial donations are accepted at each meal for expenses and to fund the Ministerium's ministry.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Christ's United Lutheran Church at
8:00 a.m.

March 14

Speaker – TBA

Menu – Scrapple, Ham & Eggs



LENTEN SUPPERS

All meals are served at the host church at 6:00
p.m.

March 7

Host Church – First Lutheran

Speaker – Pastor John Yost

Menu – Ham, Green Beans & Potatoes

March 14

Host Church – Mifflinburg Methodist

Speaker – Pastor Shirley Cornell

Menu –

March 21






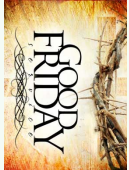
Host Church – Christ's United

Speaker – Pastor John Yost

Menu – Spaghetti

MARCH 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC-</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:30AM: Bible Study 6:45-8PM: Bible Study-MPR</p>	<p>7 6PM: Lenten Dinner—First Lutheran 6-6:20PM: Cherub Choir 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir 7PM: Council</p>	<p>8 1PM: WELCA 7:30PM: Men's Ministry-MPR</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Ard's 11AM-12:30PM: Community Meal</p>
<p>11 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC –</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10:30AM: Bible Study 6:45-8PM: Bible Study-MPR</p>	<p>14 6PM: Lenten Dinner—United Methodist 6-6:20PM: Cherub Choir 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 7:30PM: Men's Ministry-MPR</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike </p>
<p>18 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC- Soup/Sandwich/Sweet Sale after Worship—MPR</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:30AM: Bible Study 6:45-8PM: Bible Study-MPR </p>	<p>21 6PM: Lenten Dinner—Christ's United-4 Bells 6-6:20PM: Cherub Choir 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8AM: Men's Breakfast-Ard's</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday 9:15AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship/HC-</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:30AM: Bible Study 6:45-8PM: Bible Study-MPR</p>	<p>28 6-6:20PM: Cherub Choir 7:15-8PM: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday 6PM: Dinner/Worship—Christ's United </p>	<p>30 Good Friday 7PM: Worship—First Lutheran </p>	<p>31</p>

March VOLUNTEERS

Chief Usher: Harry Boyer

Announcements: Don Seebold II

Lay Readers:

4: Linda Skinner

11: Troy Smith

18: Tom Orren

25: Sally Rothermel

30: Shirley Heasley

4/1 Jeff Mensch

Altar/Communion: Jamie Bartlett & Barb Randecker

Children's Church:

4: Shirley Heasley

11: Mandy Rothermel

18: Sally Rothermel

25: Nicole Gessner

4/1: Samantha Orren

Offering Envelopes: Linn Mensch & Don Seebold II

Ushers:

4: Cindy Harvey, Jane Moore

11: Dufrane & Barb Reed

18: Marianne Motto, Jeannie Sawyer

25: Craig & Sally Rothermel

4/1: Jeff Hackenburg, Tom Orren

Jim Schwartz, Don Seebold II

25: Barb Randecker

4/1: Logan Bartlett

25: Earl Michael, Kim Sawyer

Dave Weaver, Max Zeller

4/1: Crossland Family

4: Paige Bartlett

11: Chief Usher

18: Quinton Bartlett

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday School begins at 9:15AM.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



The First Evangelical Lutheran website is up and running!!

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

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

Palm Sunday Service: 10:30 AM First Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service: 6:00 PM Christ's United

Good Friday Service: 7:00 PM First Lutheran

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM Christ's United

Easter Sunday Late Morning Service: 10:00 AM First Lutheran

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

