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**WORSHIP WITH US**

Sunday Church School 9:30 A.M.  
SCS does not meet in June, July or August

Sunday Worship 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.  
Summer Schedule 8:15 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

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**FEBRUARY 2018**



**A BUSY FEBRUARY for the FUTURE of FIRST**

First is an incredibly busy place! In addition to providing worship twice and Christian education on Sunday mornings, during the week, emergency food is given to those in need, those looking for food and fellowship are fed on Wednesdays at noon, the day-to-day ministry concerns are met, musicians practice and teams meet to address specific areas of service in our life together. Once a month, anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of food are loaded or unloaded at First and distributed to those in need. And for all that goes on, our February will get even busier!

In February, Lent begins, and the congregation will begin planning for its future. For both, special worship and fellowship will be offered. One of the Assistants to the Bishop will be with us to address the call process on February 18, and on February 25, a congregational meeting will be held to elect a call committee. In special weekday worship, we will re-discover the "Small Catechism" and pray for the future of First. We'll celebrate Shrovetide again along with a welcoming event with our Sunday school and ice skating to follow. As our month gets busier, we remember that all of these are for our life and hope.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the special worship and special events and keep your life with God and our life at First in your prayers.

Be blessed,

*Pastor Larry Kemp*



LOOKING AHEAD...

**Ash Wednesday Worship—February 14**

**11:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

**Midweek Lenten  
Worship and Fellowship**



**Soup, Worship & Reflections on Luther's**

**"Small Catechism:"** You are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent beginning February 21 for a light soup supper at 6:00 PM followed by worship at 6:30p. In our worship, we will have a service of the Word along with texts from Luther's "Small Catechism."

**Evening Prayer at First:** Beginning February 15, Pastor Larry Kemp will be conducting evening prayer with anyone who is available on Thursday evening from 6:00—6:15 PM. You are invited to join him in prayer to pray for the life of First as the congregation enters the call process. We will follow an abbreviated order for Evening Prayer and conclude to accommodate the schedules of our musicians.

**REMEMBER!** Only one worship service Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 AM with Sunday School at 9:00 AM!

**FIRLU HAS HEARD...**



-that On February 25, 2018, a special congregation meeting will be held following worship for the purpose of electing 6 members of the congregation to serve on the call committee for the call of the next pastor. Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM with only one worship service will be held that day at 10:00 AM with the meeting to be held thereafter.

-that Continental Breakfast is available in the fellowship hall between services. Grab some coffee, tea, juice, yogurt, or pastries and join us. Our thanks to Sue Boggs for overseeing this ministry. If you would like to help, speak to Sue or call the church office.

-that the JAVA TABLE will be open in the fellowship hall February 18 between worship services. Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolates will be available for purchase.

-that registrations are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 term of the First Lutheran Preschool. Classes are offered for children ages 3 and 4. Please speak to Barb Krunszynsky or call the church office for more information.

-that assistance is greatly needed the third Thursday of the month by 8:00 AM to unload the truck and sort groceries for Food Pantry distribution.

-that Angel Food cakes (home baked or purchased) are needed the first Sunday of every month for Meals on Wheels. Bring your cake to the church office. Thanks!

-that the deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 16. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to [ppluck@felchurch.org](mailto:ppluck@felchurch.org).

-that First has received a thank you letter from "St. Labre Indian School for the clothing, hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves" which "will help keep the nearly 750 Indian children we serve warm. We will always remember you in our prayers."

See you at worship,  
FIRLU

## JOIN OUR MARCH FOR PARKS TEAM!

We are organizing a First Lutheran TEAM to participate in the MARCH FOR PARKS on Saturday, March 24. The event takes place in two locations simultaneously: Twin Lakes Park and Murrysville. Team members can march at the location of their choice. The March for Parks raises funds for the County Parks and Trails. To register go to [www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks). You will need to enter the team name as **First Lutheran** and the team captain as **Molly Maga**.



As in the past all funds raised by the First Lutheran Team will be matched by the Matching Gifts program.

First Lutheran has been a strong participant ever since the March began in 2003 and has won many awards in the team competition. If you enjoy the new facilities at Twin Lakes such as the boundless playground, tubing and sledding area, dog park or skate park you should know that funds from the March helped to fund these facilities. This year the Parks are raising funds for renovations and new facilities at Mammoth and Cedar Creek County Parks as well as to construct another 3.4 miles of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail from Murrysville to Export.

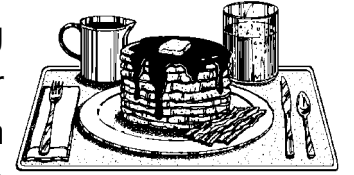
Please join us on March 24! You will have fun, get some exercise, and show our community that First Lutheran is an active church committed to helping make Westmoreland County a better place to live and work!

## SHROVETIDE BRUNCH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The First Family will gather for a "Shrovetide Brunch" the Sunday before Lent, February 11, following the 10:45 AM worship service.

The menu will include: pancakes, sausage, syrup, orange juice, coffee, and tea. Reservation forms will be included in the Sunday bulletin. A donation to defray expenses may be given if you so desire.

Shrovetide traditions of the past included using all of the flour in the house in preparation for the fasting of Lent. The days preceding Ash Wednesday became festive days with focus on increased baking, fellowship, and fun (as in the Mardi Gras tradition). We adapt this tradition with our pancake brunch for the First Lutheran family. Join us as we enjoy this time of food and fellowship. And ice skating at 1:30 PM (see next page).



**Beginning the Call Process at First:** Pastor Sarah Lee-Faulkner, one of the Assistants to the Bishop, is going to be with us in worship on February 18, 2018 and available during the continental breakfast at 9:30a between worship services for the purpose of discussing the call process and answering any questions you may have about the call process.

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**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY:** Sunday  
February 11 lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall after 10:45 AM service followed by ice skating at Kirk S. Nevin Arena at 1:30 PM. Admission is \$5.00.  
Guests are welcome!

RSVP to the Church Office no later than Thursday, February 8, 2018. Use the form below and make checks payable to FELC.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets\_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greensburg invites you to be present for their Lenten Thursday Worship and Luncheons. This year, a different Lutheran pastor from the Greensburg/Delmont area will preach each Thursday. We would be grateful for your presence with us in worship and for fellowship. Zion's is located at the corner of South Pennsylvania Avenue and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Greensburg, 140 South Pennsylvania Avenue. Worship begins at 12:05 PM, and the luncheon follows in our Social Room at 12:30 PM. The schedule is as follows:



- February 15 **Preaching:** Pastor Paul Gruesu, St. Matthias Lutheran Church
- February 22 **Preaching:** Pastor Larry Kemp, First Lutheran Church
- March 1 **Preaching:** Pastor Robert Hawk, Crooked Creek Cooperative Lutheran Ministries.
- March 8 **Preaching:** Pastor John Smaligo, Harrold Zion Lutheran Church
- March 15 **Preaching:** Pastor Frank S. Podolinski, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- March 22 **Preaching:** Pastor Kara Propst, Salem Lutheran Church, Delmont
- March 29 **Preaching:** Pastor Brian B. Chaffee, Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Our Worship and Luncheon are not held on days when Greensburg-Salem School District declares school closing due to snow.**



WELCA would like to thank you for your support and contributions to the Reformation challenge. We could not have been so successful without your help!

Our annual convention will be held in May. Information will be forth coming. Prayerfully consider attending as a visitor, delegate or alternate delegate and learn about the workings of the synodical organization.

Ruth Circle will meet Thursday, February 8th at 7:30 PM in the church parlor. All women of the congregation are welcome.

**YOUTHFEST 2018:** The annual SWPA / NWPA Synod Youth Retreat is April 20—22, 2018 at Camp Lutherlyn. Interested youth should see Erika Colonna, Megan Zobb, Dianna Marusko or contact the church office.

**WEEKLY EMAILS:** If you are not receiving the weekly email blast, please call the office so we can add your name and email address to the list. We will not add anyone to the weekly email list unless they specifically request it even if we already have your email address.

## Serving At Worship In February 2017

2/4

2/11

2/18

2/25

### ACOLYTES

Emma Armstrong  
Bradley Schmidt

Ailanthus Hanzel  
Erik Hanzel  
Christopher Steel

Reese Woodley  
Alyssa Tomb  
Haley Tomb

Drew Erdman  
Erika AMent

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David Von  
Schlichten  
Alex Byers

Gail Armstrong  
Joan Orr

Sue Boggs  
Amy Schultz

Mark Barnhart  
Rebecca Brunetta

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Dianna Marusko

Rebecca Brunetta

Pat Yost

Pat Yost

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Al Danilko

Drew Erdman

Dwight Miller  
Lexi Hahn  
Scott Hahn

Liz Rowe  
Tim Irwin  
Spencer Irwin

### Delivery

Cheryl Lucas

Helen Marie Flinner

Helen Marie Flinner

Betty Mohney

### 8:15 USHERS

Dave Cobb  
- chief  
Sue Cobb

### 10:45 USHERS

Al Danilko  
- chief  
Barry Attenberger  
Bev Attenberger  
Al Leppold

### ALTAR GUILD

Bev Attenberger  
- coordinator  
Barbara Christner



# FEBRUARY 2018



## “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Souper Bowl of Caring’s vision is to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. Using the energy of the Super Bowl, it is our hope to mobilize our youth to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.

Our young members of the congregation will be at the doors following both worship services on Sunday, February 5 with their soup kettles to collect your offerings. All of your offerings will be used for our Food Pantry and Food from the Heart ministries.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	2	3
4 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S	5	6  6:30 Finance	7 FOOD/HEART  7:00 Cong Council	8  6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir 7:30 Ruth Circle Worship & Music	9	10
11 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S  Shrovetide Lunch and Ice Skating!	12	13  6:00 Personnel 7:00 Christian Ed	14 FOOD/HEART  Ash Wednesday	15 FOOD PANTRY  6:00 Prayer Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	16  <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	17
18 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S 9:30 Forum with Pr. Faulkner JAVA TABLE 9:30 Social Ministry	19	20	21 FOOD/HEART  6:00 Soup & Worship	22  6:00 Prayer Service 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	23	24
25 9:00 SCS 10:00 W&S Congregation Meeting	26	27	28  6:00 Soup & Worship			