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Sue Ross  
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Megan Zobb                              Secretary

**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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**JANUARY 2018**



**CONGREGATION DINNER / MEETING JANUARY 21**

Join the First Lutheran Family for business and fellowship on January 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the 10:45 AM service. Lunch and fellowship will include a meal with meat, rolls, beverages, and dessert provided. You are asked to bring a covered dish of vegetables or salad and your own place settings.



Following the meal we will conduct annual business. The agenda includes a review of the past year with reports from officers, activation teams, and the Pastor. A report on the congregation's ministries will be available on our website, felchurch.org., prior to the meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## COUNCIL TO BE INSTALLED JANUARY 14

Congregational Council members will be installed at both worship services on Sunday, January 14. Those who have been elected to serve include Merle Baker, Rebecca Brunetta, Bob Errett, Suzy Flory, Jeanne Kiss, Dianna Marusko, Joan Orr, Sue Ross, Brandie Saraceni, Amy Schultz, Kim von Schlichten, Patti Sias and Megan Zobb.

Council officers were elected at the December 2017 meeting. Rebecca Brunetta will serve as President, Brandie Saraceni as Vice-President, Megan Zobb as Secretary, and Patti Sias, Treasurer. We thank all Council members for their commitment for the coming year as they provide leadership for our congregation.

**THANK YOU (WADOE)** to all in our congregation who placed a warm hat, scarf, gloves or mittens on our Native American Tree. This was the third year that our church has reached out to the poorest population in the United States, Native Americans living on reservations. This year we nearly doubled the amount of items we are sending to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow reservation in Ashland, Montana.

Again, thank you (Wadoe)!

2017 Totals: 29 Hats, 75 Pairs of Gloves, 9 Pairs of Mittens, 18 Scarves, 12 Hat, scarf and glove sets, 17 Hat and Glove Sets and 4 Hat and Mitten sets



## FIRLU HAS HEARD...



-that we thank all who helped with the Advent/Christmas celebrations and decorations. Your help adds to a joy filled season.

-that a heartfelt thank you goes to all who participated in Operation Reindeer and our "Angel Giving Tree", as well as decorating our "Native American Tree" with hats, scarves and mittens. Your generous response truly does make a difference in peoples lives!

-that the sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families and friends of **Doris Mears, Anna Harbaugh and Laurie Kuhn** as they and we grieve their deaths. May God's promise provide comfort and hope.

-that year end financial statements will be mailed to all members by the end of January.

-that the JAVA TABLE will be open in the fellowship hall January 28 between worship services. Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolates will be available for purchase.

-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 February newsletter is Monday, January 15. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to [office@felchurch.org](mailto:office@felchurch.org).

See you at worship,  
FIRLU

# Serving At Worship In January 2018

1/7

1/14

1/21

1/28

## ACOLYTES

Emma Armstrong  
Erika Ament

Ailantus Hanzel  
Erik Hanzel  
Cade Cavanaugh

Reese Woodley  
Kendyl Crosby

Drew Erdman  
Jacob Julian

## LECTORS

Sherry Menz  
Sunshine Keiser

Jean Miller  
Bob Errett

Kim Nicassio  
Malcolm Sias

Kathy McMaster  
Cindy Black

## ASSISTING MINISTERS

Pat Yost

Rocco Marusko

Erik Hanzel

Suzy Flory

## AV MINISTRY TEAM

Dennis Acita  
Al Danilko

Drew Erdman

Dwight Miller  
Lexi Hahn  
Scott Hahn

Liz Rowe  
Tim Irwin  
Spencer Irwin

## Delivery

Cheryl Lucas

Betty Kraus

Helen Marie  
Flinner

Betty Mohney

## 8:15 USHERS

Tom Gockel  
- chief  
Brian Erdman  
Jeff Barnhart

## 10:45 USHERS

Lou Shutt  
- chief  
Barry Attenberger  
Jack Black  
Al Danilko

## ALTAR GUILD

Bev Attenberger  
- coordinator  
Rebecca Smith  
Janet Wineman



## MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

First Lutheran Church's Memorial Fund has received gifts in memory of Minnie C. Poole by Betty G. Harrold



A gift was given in memory of Sara J. Smith by Barry & Beverly Attenberger, Betty G. Harrold and Judi Seanor.

A gift was given in memory of Hannah K. Ott by Judi Seanor and Joanne R. Morgan.

A gift was given in memory of Doris Mears by Marc and Rose Troy Laurel Hill Provision.

We are thankful for these and all gifts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please do not be upset that your label reads (your last name) HOUSEHOLD if yours is a single person household. The label on your newsletter reads (your last name) HOUSEHOLD even if you are the only person in your household. The database program used to create labels allows us to print either HOUSEHOLD OR PERSON labels. If we selected to print PERSON labels, labels for **EVERY** member would be printed which would be a waste of extra labels and environmentally unfriendly!

## PPI at FELC

The Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (PPI) will once again be using space at FELC for its counseling services. Shauna Staranko, a PPI therapist, will be seeing clients here beginning in January.

Shauna is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She earned her Master's Degree from Auburn University in Human Development and Family Studies—Marriage and Family Therapy. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Grove City College in Psychology with minors in Family Studies and Communication Studies.

Shauna enjoys working with children, adults, couples, and families. Her overall approach is to provide an empathic relationship and safe environment to empower clients to reach their goals. She is an experienced parent educator, teaching positive discipline strategies in community and justice-related settings.

Shauna treats a range of mental health and relationship concerns. Her areas of expertise include, but are not limited to: challenging behaviors in children, emotion management, relationship conflict, and co-parenting. As a Marriage and Family Therapist, Shauna is passionate about helping families through a systems approach.

## January Library News continued:

### For Children and Young Teens:

*Rebel Horse Rescue* by Miralee Ferrell – Book #5 in the Horses and Friends series for young teens. Summer is heating up for Kate and her friends when a surprise visitor appears at her family's stable – a beautiful bay horse wearing a halter and a bad attitude. Dubbing the horse "Rebel", the friends set out to find the horse's owner. Where did he come from, and why are horses all over the area disappearing from their pastures and paddocks? It's a mystery that even the sheriff can't figure out, so Kate decides to head up the investigation. When Kate's autistic brother, Pete, develops a strong connection to the new arrival, Kate wonders - did God bring Rebel to them for a bigger purpose?



**SAVE THE DATE!** On Sunday, February 11 the Shrovetide luncheon will take place after the second service. Following lunch there will be Family Ice Skating at Kirk S. Nevin Arena.

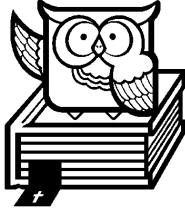
### PLEASE HELP!

Altar Guild is in dire need of LARGE juice cans. You may drop them off in the church office.



## January Library News

First Lutheran's Library is located on the second floor of the Christian Education building. New materials are added to the library each month for your Christian education and enjoyment. Stop by to check out a new book or DVD.



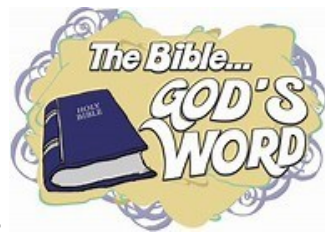
### **New in our library this month:**

***Martin Luther: Day by Day We Magnify You***, Marshall D. Johnson, Editor - Daily readings for the entire year from selected writings of Martin Luther. With gems from the vast writings of the great Reformer Martin Luther, this classic of Christian spirituality concentrates on the great themes of Christian piety - the life and work of Jesus Christ, what it means to live in this world with faith, and the hope for the final victory of God in the day of resurrection.

**Woodlawn, The True Story** (DVD) - In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their dedication to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama, and the rise of superstar Tony Nathan.

### **For Children and Young Teens:**

***100 Favorite Bible Verses for Children***, illustrated by Miriam Latimer & Julianne St. Clair - Snuggle up with your little one, and introduce 100 of the best-loved Bible verses alongside a simple devotion and prayer. Whimsical accompanying illustrations make these biblical truths even more memorable. Share the life-changing power of Scripture with your children.



## 2018 LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS

Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage.

The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

\* March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

\* April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

\* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.

\* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

# JANUARY 2018

## ANNUAL REPORT

In order to take advantage of the timeliness and cost-saving benefits that the internet provides, this year's annual report will be posted on First Lutheran's web page ([felchurch.org](http://felchurch.org)) under the "Who We Are" tab. Since the report will come to you on-line, you can print just the pages that you would like for hard copy, making us better stewards of God's creation.

If you do not have internet access, give the church a call, and we will gladly send you a complete copy of the report. Also, there will be printed copies available when we gather for the annual meeting in January.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 Cong Council	3 FOOD/HEART 7:00 Fellowship	4 Preschool re-opens	5	6 COUNCIL RETREAT
7 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S	8	9 6:00 Personnel	10 FOOD/HEART	11 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir 7:30 Ruth Circle Worship & Music	12	13
14 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S Council Members installed @ both Services	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 6:30 Finance 7:00 Christian Ed	17 FOOD/HEART	18 FOOD PANTRY 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	19	20
21 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S Annual Congregational Meeting	22	23	24 FOOD/HEART	25 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	26	27
28 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S JAVA TABLE 9:30 Social Ministry	29	30	31 FOOD/HEART 6:30 Property 7:30 Executive			