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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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NOVEMBER 2018



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ON NOVEMBER 4

We give thanks to God for all those who have passed on in faith and those who have been baptized into the faith this past year.

Those Who Have Passed

*Sue Ellen Baker
Bonnie S. Barnhart
Pamela Errett
Vonnie Fleegle
Anna Harbaugh
Laurie Kuhn
Doris Mears
Howard Piper
Richard Sabo
Beverly Todaro
Delores Trout
Bruce & Mary Woodward*

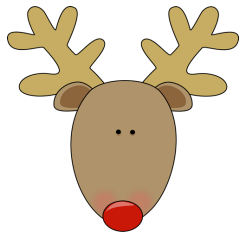
Baptized

*Kinsley Elizabeth Colonna
Lily Anna Mains
Wyatt Richard Maga
Emmalyn Jule Miller
Sofia Grace Shadwick*



First Lutheran will again participate in Operation Reindeer. Your gifts should be new, unboxed and unwrapped. Please bring them to the church office by Sunday, December 2. Thank you!

OPERATION REINDEER GIFT SUGGESTIONS
FOR TORRANCE RESIDENTS



We do our best to match gifts to recipients for everything donated. Thank you for your help!

Please, no items with glass, belts, razors or other safety hazards!

Clothing (Men's size XL or larger / Women's size L or larger):

No scarves or belts!

*sweatshirts & sweatpants *tops, t-shirts *pants and jeans
*sweaters *socks *undergarments *pajamas *bathrobes
*mittens gloves *hats, ear muffs *jackets, coats, outerwear

Toiletries: **No razors / Non-aerosol items please**

*shampoo & conditioner *soap/body washes *hand/body lotion
*shaving gel/creams *combs/brushes *pony tail holders
*small packs of tissues *toothpaste/toothbrushes

Cosmetics: **No nail polish or glass bottles or mirrors**

lipstick, gloss, powder, eye shadows, mascara, lip balm, blush

Activity Items: **No needles or wire bindings**

*craft kits *puzzle books *activity books
*regular and large print books *Bibles *games *CD's/DVD's
*hand held games *crayons/paints



FIRLU HAS HEARD...

-that daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 4. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

-that the sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families and friends of *Sue Baker, Howard Piper and Pam Errett* as they and we grieve their deaths. May God's promise provide comfort and hope.

-that Food from the Heart luncheon will NOT be held Wednesday November 21, 2018.

-that Wednesday evening worship at 6 PM will take place as usual Wednesday, November 21, 2018. If you are looking for 30 minutes of calm and a quiet place on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day, please plan to join us for worship in Word and Sacrament.

-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 who oversees this ministry. If you would like to help, speak to Sue or call the church office.

-the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving

-that the JAVA TABLE will be open in the Fellowship Hall November 25 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 December newsletter is Monday, November 19. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to office@felchurch.org.

See you at worship,
FIRLU

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 23

10:00 AM service only (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

No Sunday School

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24



7:00 PM Family Service with Communion

10:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY, December 30

10:00 AM service only

Regular services at 8:15 and 10:45 AM resume on Sunday, January 6

Would your family be willing to light the Advent Candle on one of the Sundays in Advent (December 2, 9, 16 or 23)? Please let Pastor Larry know if your family would like to do this at either service.

OPERATION REINDEER GIFT SUGGESTIONS continued:

Food items: No nuts or glass containers

- *diabetic or sugarless items
- *decaffeinated drink mixes/coffee
- *individually packed snack items (crackers, cookies, cakes, gum, candy)

Miscellaneous:

- *batteries (especially AA)
- *wallets
- *portable CD players
- *watches
- *sports memorabilia (especially Pittsburgh teams)
- *writing paper, stationary items especially with stamps
- *phone cards are in great demand for the patients
- *gently-used luggage

Operation Reindeer is Mental Health of America's annual drive to provide Christmas gifts for Westmoreland County residents at Torrance State Hospital, a long term facility for psychiatric patients. These items make being away from family at Christmastime easier for patients who struggle with mental illnesses.

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

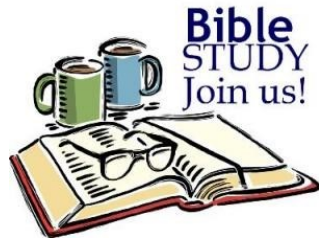
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MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED



First Lutheran Church's Memorial Fund has received gifts in memory of Vonnie Fleegle by Kelly Skidmore, Margaret Rosky and Suzy Flory. A gift in memory of Dee Trout by Dave and Sue Cobb. Gifts in memory of Sue Baker from Barry and Beverly Attenberger and Samuel, Mrs. Richard McNerny, Edward Solochier, George and Debby Gretz, Robert and Sue Baker, Jr. and Mary Ann Taylor. The Memorial Fund has also received gifts in memory of Pam Errett from Dennis and Kathy Acita, Barbara Christner, Denis and Rebecca Brunetta, Denny and Becky Blank, Al and Marsha Danilko, Nola Petrazzi, Joey and Belinda Sedlak, Barry and Beverly Attenberger, Ronald and Beverly Mancuso, Liz Rowe, Jeanne Kiss, John and Barbara Skodak, Natalie Stefanick, Judith Dinardo, Ray Errett, Dorothy Albright, Marvin and Shirley Huls, Trib Total Media and PA American Water Aldrich Employees.



Weekly Bible Study

Monday 7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Topic: The Book of Acts

Teachers:

Bill Griffith

Pastor Larry

Joan Orr

Bring your Bibles and together we'll study!

November Library News continued:

Mystery Mutt by Beverly Lewis – Book #21 in the Cul de sac Kids series for 8 – 10 year olds. Stacy Henry thinks everyone should do something special for New Year's Day and she has the perfect idea. Can she convince each of the Cul-de-sac Kids to participate in choosing a Fruit of the Spirit and vow to work on it throughout the year?

Timber Wolf by Paul Hutchens – Book #21 in the Sugar Creek Gang series for 8 – 10 year olds. This series chronicles the faith-building adventures of a group of fun-loving, courageous Christian boys. These classic stories, which have been inspiring children to grow in their faith for more than 5 decades, have been updated for a new generation. Enjoy the Gang as they share an adventure at Snow Goose Lodge and deepen your appreciation for nature as well as the importance of a relationship with Jesus.

Noah's Ark - The story of the great flood. When God warns Noah that a flood is coming, Noah builds a huge ark and gathers two of every animal in the world. A simple and dramatic retelling of the favorite Old Testament story for young children.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SHELVES at home to see if you may have a misplaced book or DVD that belongs to First Lutheran's Library or Children's Library. In order to maintain our fine selection of materials for everyone to enjoy, we need to retrieve any unreturned books or DVD's that may have been forgotten. Please place any materials you are returning in the "Return Books Here" tray in the library or in the Library mailbox in the church office. Thank you!



November Library News

Please visit First Lutheran's library on the second floor of the Christian Education building. Along with many available materials for Thanksgiving, the Advent Season and Christmas, enjoy the following new materials chosen for inspiration and enjoyment, as well as the life lessons they provide.



New in our library this month:

On Wings of Eagles (DVD) When the Japanese invade China in 1937, Olympic champion and missionary Eric Liddell sends his family away while he stays behind. An inspiring story of a true Christian hero!

Season of Miracles (DVD) - Based on the award-winning novel by Rusty Whitener, *Season of Miracles* follows the Robins, an underdog Little League team, through their 1974 season with newcomer and autistic baseball savant, Rafer. Team leader Zack takes Rafer under his wing despite taunting from their rivals, the Hawks. Their coach and the rest of the Robins encourage Rafer, as the team rises towards an unlikely championship season that is less about winning and losing and more about living and dying. *Season of Miracles* is a life-inspiring story about sportsmanship, friendship, love between father and son, and courage in the face of adversity.

New for children and young teens:

Rosie and Scamper by Vicki Watson - This is the first book in the Sunrise Stable series. Young teens will find heartwarming stories of an extended homeschooling family as they live, learn, and love together. Mixing adventure, life lessons and realistic horse experiences, this series is a must for readers who enjoy family values, Christian faith, and, of course, horses!

Serving At Worship In November 2018

11/4

11/11

11/18

11/25

ACOLYTES

Reese Woodley
Erika Ament

Emma Armstrong
Christopher Steel

Erik Hanzel
Mia Saraceni

Emma Armstrong
Erika Ament

11/4 Crucifer: Bradley Schmidt
Torch Bearers: Alyssa Tomb, Haley Tomb
Bible Bearer: Cade Cavanaugh
11/25 Crucifer: Bradley Schmidt
Torch Bearers: Tyler Miller, Jacob Julian
Bible Bearer: Cade Cavanaugh

LECTORS

Kathy McMaster
Suzy Flory

David von
Schlichten
Pat Yost

Gail Armstrong
Carol Baker

Sue Boggs
Beth Giglio

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Erik Hanzel

Suzy Flory

Dianna Marusko

Pat Yost

AV MINISTRY TEAM

Dennis Acita
Al Danilko

Drew Erdman

Dwight Miller
Lexi Hahn
Scott Hahn

Liz Rowe
Tim Irwin
Spencer Irwin

Delivery

Betty Mohney

Cheryl Lucas

Helen Marie Flinger

8:15 USHERS

Dave Cobb - chief
Sue Cobb

10:45 USHERS

Al Danilko
- chief
Barry Attenberger
Bev Attenberger
Amy Schultz

ALTAR GUILD

Kim Woodley
- coordinator
Shirley Huls
Mary Furlong
Leppold



GREENSBURG HOLIDAY PARADE—NOVEMBER 17

Our youth will once again be serving hot dogs and our Evangelism team will be serving hot chocolate at the Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 17.

This is a great opportunity to show Christian welcome and kindness to those in our community. If you are in elementary school, middle school, or high school jump on this opportunity to live out your faith. Likewise, all members of the church are Evangelists, so come and share the warmth of the Gospel as we serve the hot chocolate. Everyone needs to meet at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to get things ready.

GIVING TREE “ANGELS” AVAILABLE SUNDAY, NOV. 18



Our “Giving Tree” will have angels starting Sunday, November 18. The angels contain names of needy children and gift suggestions. (You do NOT need to purchase all of the suggestions.) Some of these children are from families helped through our food pantry. Some are from our preschool.

If you wish to help, take an angel and please sign your name and phone number next to the child’s number on the clipboard provided. Gifts should be wrapped and placed under the tree or returned to the church office no later than Sunday, December 9. The gifts will be distributed at the December 20 Food Pantry.

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Our monthly theme of “Harvest on the Farm” came to life for our preschoolers with a field trip to Friendship Farms. Friendship Farms consists of 370 beautiful acres of pastures and woodlands. The Costello family raises Black Angus cattle, has a native plant nursery and an organic bakery.



Our field trip began with a tour of the bakery with Mrs. Costello and head baker, Miss Amy. After the tour our children rolled and shaped a dinner roll. (Some very creative shapes!) While our rolls were baking we visited with the chickens, walked through the plant nursery, toured the barn (examined feed troughs, haymows, granary) hay racks and a watering trough. We also were able to watch a newborn calf nurse from his mother.

With the wind blowing, we headed back to the bakery to get warm. We tasted freshly baked chocolate chip-pumpkin muffins. The grand finale of our tour was each child receiving their own dinner roll to enjoy warm right out of the French Hearth oven.

**Psalm 85:12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Attention skiers: Do you ski? If you ski and are interested in a group ski outing, please contact Pastor Larry Kemp.



CONGRATULATIONS!

On the Baptism of *Kinsley Elizabeth Colonna*, son of Nick and Erika. We rejoice in the waters of baptism and God's gift of new birth.



Congratulations to Amy Schultz. Amy recently completely training and was installed as a Faith Community Nurse. Faith Community Nurses are nurses who focus on the intentional care of the spirit as well as promoting holistic health. The nurse helps parishioners with problems affecting the body, mind and spirit. The nurse can be a health advocate for members of the congregation and the community at large by promoting health and wellness through health education programs and activities, visits to the sick and homebound parishioners and providing information for community resources and referrals.

Amy's nursing career has led her on a path of caring for people with many different illnesses and issues. She truly believes in caring for people as a whole; the body, the mind and the spirit are all connected. The body can be whole, but the spirit may be broken. As Jesus has taught us to serve those in need, she would like to serve the members of her congregation and the community through education and advocacy as a Faith Community Nurse.



Congratulations to Drew Erdman. Drew is a freshman at Penn State-Fayette and participates on the Cross Country team. He was recently named the PSUAC Male Runner of the Week. In a recent article, his coach said "This is well-deserved because Drew is a hard worker and he shows that it pays off..." We here at First know that all-too-well; way to go Drew!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS, NOVEMBER 4 AND 18

Brief congregational meetings will precede worship services on November 4th and 18th for the purpose of nominating and electing congregation council members.

On November 4th nominations will be received. Balloting and elections will follow two weeks later at the Sunday, November



Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday November 1st at 7:30 PM in the church parlor. All women of the congregation are welcome. We will continue discussing our yearly projects, have a program and enjoy a delicious dessert. We welcome all women of our congregation.

Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sin for your name's sake

Psalm 79:9

November 2018

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir 7:30 Ruth Circle	2	3
4 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	5 7:00 Bible Study	6 7:00 Cong Council	7 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:00 Worship 7:00 Fellowship	8	9	10
11 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S	12 7:00 Bible Study	13 6:00 Personnel	14 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:00 Worship	15 FOOD PANTRY	16 6—8:30 Family Game Night	17 <i>HOLIDAY PARADE</i>
18 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S 9:30 Social Ministry JAVA TABLE	19 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> 7:00 Bible Study	20 6:30 Finance 7:00 Christian Ed	21 6:00 Worship	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S CHRIST THE KING 9:30 Social Ministry JAVA TABLE	26 7:00 Bible Study	27 6:00 Executive	28 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:00 Worship 6:30 Property	29 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	30	

First Lutheran has sponsored a Matching Gifts program since 2002. Members of First Lutheran are invited to make a gift to any non-profit, human service organization whose mission is in accordance with First Lutheran's mission, as agreed upon by our Social Ministry Team. Such gifts will be matched by a First Lutheran Check and will be sent to the organization. Also, such gifts can be made throughout the year until the total budgeted amount of \$10,000 is met.

Individual organizations are only eligible to receive up to \$2,000 from the matching gifts program until November 11, 2018. If there are any matching funds money remaining after November 11, any size gift will be matched until the program budget is exhausted. The \$10,000 in matching funds is budgeted from our 2018 Trust Fund distribution.