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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.

Elevator and Hearing Assistance Available

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Pastor's Note

Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.
 Proverbs 27:17 (NRSV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Better Together,” was the theme for this year’s SWPA Synod Assembly and that theme has been lingering in my thoughts. The scripture that was the basis for this theme was Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, which says, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Of course, this theme and this passage from scripture speak to our lives as Christians. We work together to spread the Good News of God in Christ and we do that better when we work together and support one another. As I have continued to think about this theme, I was reminded of another passage, Proverbs 27:17, reminds us that just as iron sharpens iron, so people sharpen each other’s wits.

I think this can be read in multiple ways, but I think it at least serves as a reminder that people learn better together. We are blessed in discussions as we study God’s Word and learn about God’s love. Our knowledge and recognition of God’s love is *sharpened* as we learn from each other.

Keeping this in mind, we are planning for some adult study opportunities this fall. We are planning on taking an in-depth look at the gift of the 10 Commandments. More information will be coming, so keep an eye out. I hope that many of you will be able to join in these conversations and together our wits will be sharpened.

Peace, Pastor Chris

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

During the summer months, the Social Ministry Team will be collecting nonperishable items for our Emergency Food Cupboard. These items will be used to assist many individuals and families in our community.



July is “Carb Month”. Suggested items are:

- Pasta / pasta sauce
- Pouch / Box sides (pasta/rice/
potato/stuffing, etc.)
- Mac & Cheese
- Crackers (saltines, etc.)

August is “Canned Food Month”. Items especially needed are:

- Soup
- Fruit
- Canned pasta (spaghettios, etc.)

A box is located in the education building foyer for your donations.

Please **CHECK the EXPIRATION DATES** before donating, as we **CANNOT** distribute expired items in the Emergency Food bags.

Thank you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED



First Lutheran Church’s Memorial Fund has received a gift in memory of Donald Johnson from Margaret Johnson.

FIRLU HAS HEARD...



-that as of May 25th, our offering receipts were \$77,301 last year they were \$70,886.

-that sympathy is extended to the family of **Donald Johnson**.

-that **Kacie Lynn Colonna**, daughter of Erika and Nick and **Monroe James Manley** and **Via Elizabeth Manley**, children of Jared and Elizabeth have been welcomed into the Communion of Saints through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice in the waters of baptism and God’s gift of new life in Christ.

-that **Noisy Offering** will be collected by the children on July 2 to benefit Emmanuel Youth Group of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kolsylovsky in Stryi, Ukraine.

-that assistance is greatly needed on Thursday, July 20 at 8:00 AM to unload the truck and sort groceries for Food Pantry.

-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 August newsletter is Monday, July 17. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to office@felchurch.org.

See you at worship,
FIRLU

Serving At Worship In July 2023

7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7/30

ACOLYTES

Molly Boggs	Aaron Woodley	Molly Boggs	Aaron Woodley	Molly Boggs
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ALTAR GUILD

Roberta Laciak
Ann Copper

8:15 USHERS

John Anderson
Becky Blank
Kip Boggs
Brian Erdman



NOISY OFFERING in July and August will be donated to the **Youth Group Project** of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, Arnold, PA to benefit **Emmanuel Youth Group of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kolsylovsky in Stryi, Ukraine.**

The Ukrainian city, Stryi, population 59,000 is located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. This has become a destination for mostly women and children fleeing the war-torn areas of their country.


The Youth Group of St. Vladimir in Arnold is raising funds for the Blessed Martyr Youth Group in Stryi. The Youth in Ukraine will use the funds to give humanitarian aid to these refugees. The youth have helped with things like distribution of food, clothing, haircuts, a candle making class, and are planning a day camp for the refugee children this summer. The Blessed Martyr Youth are also helping to minister to people who have lost family members and children orphaned by the war.

"O give thanks unto God of heaven for his mercy endureth forever."

Psalm 136:26

July 2023

Please note that this schedule of events is subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S Noisy Offering	3	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 FOOD/HEART Noon	6	7	8
9 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	10	11 6:00 Council Outing	12 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:30 Ch Ed/Youth	13	14	15
16 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	17 August NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 6:30 Finance	19 FOOD/HEART Noon	20 FOOD PANTRY	21	22
23 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	24	25 NEWSLETTER FOLDING 6:00 Executive	26 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:30 Property	27	28	29
30 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	31					



The “Summer Worship Schedule” will have worship at 8:15 and 10:00 AM.

There will be no Sunday Church School during the summer months. SCS will resume September 10 with Rally Recreation Day.

Regular worship schedule will resume **September 10**.