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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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Pastor's Note

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometimes, things just don't work out they way you would think or perhaps would like. In an ideal world, I would be able to sit down and write a note to you all in one try. It would be eloquent, insightful, and in an ideal world would only take 30 minutes at most. We don't live in an ideal world though, at least not what I might call ideal. Well, at this point I have scrapped two notes and I am well past 30 minutes.

I took some time in silence and some time for prayer. I am sure that it was the Holy Spirit that brought to mind that as we enter the month of June and our summer season that we will also be into that time of the church year know as the time after Pentecost. That means that we will have just celebrated Pentecost on the last Sunday of May and that is a day in the life of the church which is focused on the Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate Pentecost we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The third "person" of the Trinity which Jesus has promised, "another Advocate, to be with [us] forever" (John 14:16b). This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is the one that St. Paul says, helps us in our weakness, interceding for us with sighs too deep for words and helping us with more than prayer. The Holy Spirit, as we find in Luther's Small Catechism, is also the one who brings us to believe in Christ, calling us through the gospel, enlightening us, making us holy and keeping us in the true faith. What a gift we have been given.

I suspect that many, probably all of you can relate to my earlier frustration, even if you have never written anything for a church newsletter. May you find peace in your times of frustration, reminded of the gift of Pentecost. That you are not alone. That Jesus has sent another Advocate to be with you forever and bring you to believe the Good News, where we all find comfort and peace.

Peace, Pastor Chris

HONOR FATHER'S....SAVE OTHERS!

Once again for Father's Day (June 18th) members of the Christian Outreach Team suggest a fitting way to honor and remember your/any father.



Around our planet, our brothers and sisters may not know of America's Father's Day but fathers they know may very well be experiencing war, hunger, poverty, calamities of weather or any combination of these.

Honor your father(s) with a gift to Lutheran Disaster Relief in amounts of \$15.00 or more if you can. Lutheran Disaster Relief has a long established track record for helping where it is needed most.

A member of the Christian Outreach Team will be in the education building foyer between worship services on Sunday, June 11th and 18th for you to make your gifts. You may also make gifts during the week through the church office.

Write out a check payable to First Lutheran Church (or you can give cash). You can write **Father's Day** on the memo line and place it in an envelope and write **Father's Day** on the outside of the envelope.

Please include the following information:

Name of father(s) you are honoring/remembering:

Given by -----



FIRLU HAS HEARD...

-that as of April 25th, our offering receipts were \$62,736 last year they were \$57,375.

-that **Noisy Offering** will be collected by the children on June 7 to benefit Blessed Bundles. The offering will only be loose change that has accumulated in pockets, purses or dumped into receptacles in your home. The children will be collecting the offering in metal pots so that it makes lots of noise.

-that assistance is greatly needed on Thursday, June 15 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 June newsletter is Friday, June 16. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to office@felchurch.org.

See you at worship,
FIRLU

Serving At Worship In June 2023

6/4 6/11 6/18 6/25

ACOLYTES

Noah Boggs	Molly Boggs	Aaron Woodley	Noah Boggs
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Rebecca Brunetta	Jeanne Christensen	Bob Errett	Shirley Huls

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Pat Yost	Dianna Marusko	Mia Saraceni	Carolyn Hanzel
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ALTAR GUILD

Dianna Marusko
Carolyn Hanzel
Sue Ross



"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

Lamentations 3:22

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

During the summer months, the Social Ministry Activation 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.

June is "Protein Month". Suggested items are:
Peanut Butter
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
Beans



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!

FIRST LUTHERAN AND ZION'S LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Happy Camper”

June 19-22 9 AM – 12PM

PreK – 5th Grade

Held at First Lutheran Church

246 South Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

REGISTRATION AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Child’s Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Last School Grade Completed _____ Child’s Birthdate _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Parent/Guardian cell _____

Parent/Guardian email address _____

Primary Emergency Contact:

Name _____

Relationship to child _____

Phone number _____

Any known food allergies _____

Any other allergies or medical conditions _____

Any current medications _____

Signed _____ Date _____

By initialing below, you are allowing First Lutheran and Zion’s Lutheran Churches to take photos of your child or loved one. These photos may be included on our church websites and/or social media.

Guardian Initials _____

-The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight : Searching for Jesus.

-Don’t let worry kill you off. Let the church help.

- For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

- The church will host an evening of fine food, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

- The pastor today will preach his farewell sermon, after which the choir will sing “Break Forth Into Joy.”

- Miss Charlene Mason sang, “I Will Not Pass This Way Again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend their girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

NOISY OFFERING will be donated to **BLESSED BUNDLES**. Blessed Bundles is a ministry of The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, North Huntingdon, PA. **Blessed Bundles** was created in 2016 to provide diapers and wipes to families in need in our area. There is currently no government assistance that helps to cover the cost of diapers. They served 157 children in December 2019 from Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties. Items are distributed the third Saturday of each month from 11 AM to 1 PM to families who need them.

SUMMER GUEST MUSICIANS: June 4 (Michele Boulet, flute); June 11 (Alex Schwartz, soprano); June 18 (Kathleen Campbell, soprano saxophone); June 25 (David Bridge, guest organist); July 9 (Karen Ricco, soprano); July 16 (Maureen Miller, mezzo soprano); July 23 (The Pittsburgh Vocal Four, women’s quartet); July 30 (Heather Nabuda, soprano); August 6 (Juliana Matteo, harp); August 20 (Marc Turre, baritone); August 27 (Nancy Sheehan, guest organist).

From the Organ Bench...

TERRIBLE CHURCH BULLETIN MISTAKES (not from First Lutheran, of course)

- Choir anthem is “With A Voice of Sinning”
- Away in a Manager
- Choir anthem is “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Been”
- “How Great We Art”
- The church will be open for medication and reflection.
- The Low Self Esteem Group meets Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.
- This being Easter Sunday, Mrs. Lewis will come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. Get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The National Prayer and Fasting Conference includes all meals.
- A bean soup supper will be held Tuesday. Music will follow.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Maundy Thursday bulletin: “Choir leaves after stripping.”
- Easter hymn: “Chris the Lord is Risen Today.”
- “Blest Be the Tie That Blinds.”
- “What A Fiend We Have in Jesus.”
- “The Peach of the Lord be with you all.”
- A reading from the book of Geniuses.”
- Email from church secretary about anthem title for Sunday. I replied, “I’ll let you know in the morning.” Sure enough, the anthem was listed as “I’ll let you know in the morning.”
- “Crown Him with many thorns.”
- Middle name of new baby in congregation Louise was spelled “Louse.”
- “ We confess that we MAY have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.”
- Please rise and sin.



SUMMER is just around the corner—time to start planning for summer camp! Visit www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp.

Week long summer Camps run from June 18 through August 4, 2023 for grades 4—6, 7—9 and 10—12. There are also **Small Fry Days** for grades 1—3 where children may attend one or multiple days.

Lutherlyn offers a \$100 coupon for first time Lutherlyn campers to help cover the cost of camp. Stop in the church office for a coupon before registering. Enter coupon code: **FIRST** when registering.

First Lutheran offers Camperships. Register with Lutherlyn, then let the office know the title and dates of the camp and a Campership will be sent to Lutherlyn.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for July 9, July 16, and July 30. Contact the church office if you would like to provide altar flowers for any of these dates. Cost is \$50.00.



The photography sessions for the Church Directory went well. Seventy-five families either had photos taken or submitted photos. The Directory is now in the set-up and finishing process. A special thank you to all who volunteered for sign-ups and check-ins: Sam & Bobbie Laciak, Megan Zobb, Joan Orr, Bill & Linda Griffith, Joanie Knobloch and Sue Cobb.

June 2023

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



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEGINS JUNE 4

Beginning **June 4**, the “Summer Worship Schedule” will start, with 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**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S Noisy Offering	5	6 6:00 Council	7 FOOD/HEART Noon	8	9	10
11 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S Baptisms	12	13 6:30 Ch Ed/Youth	14 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:00 PM Christian Outreach	15 FOOD PANTRY	16 Office closing 1 PM Synod Assembly	17 Synod Assembly
18 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S Father's Day	19 JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE VBS 9AM-NOON FIRST	20 VBS 9AM-NOON FIRST 6:30 Finance	21 FOOD/HEART Noon VBS 9AM-NOON FIRST	22 VBS 9AM-NOON FIRST	23	24
25 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S Baptism	26	27 NEWSLETTER FOLDING 6:00 Executive	28 FOOD/HEART Noon 6:30 PM Property	29	30	