

THE SUNDAY PAPER

April 2019

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, Palm Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/Sunday School
 11:30 a.m. Coffee/Goodies/Fellowship-Gathering Area
 Church Council

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Asst. Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Melanie Apicella
 Usher: Joe Apicella
 Reader: Melanie Apicella
 Acolyte: Landon Ruggiero
 Counters: Melanie/Joe Apicella
 Altar Guild: Beate/Wolfgang Benz

We welcome back and thank the Rev. Carol Brighton for preaching and presiding at our worship services this morning. Pastor Will is attending his College Choir Reunion and also preaching at his home parish this morning. Pastor returns tomorrow.

We also want to welcome and thank Anita Bontekoe for substituting on the organ bench this morning while our organist Pam Momyer is recuperating from surgery.

Toni's Kitchen: Lois Kummer/Beate Benz/Cathy Susling/Megan Wills-Llewellyn

LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 15 10:15 a.m. 36 Pledge Income \$3,596

THIS WEEK

The Three Great Days
 Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion.
 The Stripping of the altar. The service ends in silence.

Good Friday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m. We will walk the Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday, April 19th, 7:30 p.m. The service begins in silence. The Bidding Prayer is prayed. The faithful come forward to "pay their respects", leaving the church in silence.

Easter Sunday, April 21st, Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 Festival worship of Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. followed by Coffee/Goodies/Fellowship in the Luther Room.

IN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK - 4/21

Asst. Ministers: 10:15-Peter Susling
 Usher: Wolfgang Benz
 Reader: Peter Susling
 Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger/William Johnson/
 Landon Ruggiero

Counters: Lois Kummer
 Altar Guild: Beate/Wolfgang Benz

Our First Sunday BLAST last week collected \$155 for our special Stewardship Project - "think Easter, think chicks" through the ELCA Good Gifts - \$10. Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious protein rich meals for families. They also bring in steady income when sold at the market.

The free will offering collected \$95 which will go toward reimbursing Melissa Foord for the items she needs to purchase.

First Sunday BLAST!
 May 5th

**A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 for adults/children (members and
 non-members)
 Free will offering**

On that day expect to see:

- Special music
- A Special Stewardship project
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!

Coordinator Melissa Foord can be reached at 973-296-7655 if you can help with any food items. We will provide the basic breakfast such as casseroles, quiche, coffee, tea, milk. In addition you can bring breakfast or brunch dishes to share (bagels/fruit bowls/breakfast cakes/juice). You do not need to bring something to attend, we just want you to be there.

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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

We Are Proud Of...If you, or your spouse, or your children or grandchildren have an accomplishment that others would like to know about, please submit the information for consideration at the church office.

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and please join us again. Sign our "guest book."

Business Cards - Pick up a few up from the table in the entrance way and hand them out to friends and acquaintances. Help us advertise First Lutheran.

REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

The Icon for Lent is displayed during the Season. It is a gift in loving memory of parents/grandparents, Anna M. and Axel G. Peterson by Nancy Von See and son, Bob.

Devotionals for the second quarter (April-June) are available on the table in the entrance way. Large print also.

EASTER BULLETIN COVER - We have our winner: Nicholas Johnson a sixth grader. Thanks to all who participated. We use the covers the seven Sundays of Easter plus All Saints' Sunday.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

We collect for our friends at The Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair which is located at 9 Label Street. Their diverse client base includes the elderly, the disabled, the unemployed and under employed, single parents, the homeless and homebound as well as others with food insecurities. Their clients are residents of Montclair and 11 surrounding communities in Essex County with no existing food pantry. Needed:

soup (canned or dried)
rice, noodles, macaroni, beans (canned/dried)
canned vegetables/canned fruit
spaghetti sauce
coffee (instant) and tea (regular/decaf)
peanut butter and jelly
powdered or evaporated milk
meat/fish (canned/requires no refrigeration)
jell-o/pudding mixes
handled paper grocery bags
paper products (towels/toilet paper/napkins)
baby items (baby food/diapers/pull-ups/wipes/
new bottles/pacifiers)
dog and cat food and treats
travel and full-size toiletries/soap/deodorant,
toothpaste/toothbrushes/feminine supplies

cooking oil
cleaning supplies
feminine hygiene products
batteries

We are adding some new items that are needed:
clean, like-new blankets/towels/sheets
ensure

new socks and underwear
(in unopened packaging and check expiration dates)
(Bring to the gathering area bench (by the elevator)

A Senior Dining Program is being held at Mountainside Hospital on Tuesdays, began April 9th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria on the ground floor of the hospital. Free parking will be available in the parking garage. The cost is \$6, which includes an entree, two sides, dessert, fountain drink or hot beverage. For more information, call 973-429-6012.

TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues today. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their parents. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School with their teacher, Melissa Foord. Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Each session has a Bible story & craft. Join us!

Confirmation I will meet next on Sunday, April 28th. No class this afternoon.

Church Council
President - Geoff Schmidt
Vice President - Lois Kummer
Treasurer - Terry Benesh

Members of Council and their team responsibilities:
Education/Youth - Geoff Schmidt
Property - Earl Hogan
Social Ministry - Lois Kummer
Worship/Music/Arts - Megan Wills-Llewellyn

