

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Early February 2019

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 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

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Asst. Ministers: 10:15-Melanie Apicella
 Usher: Joe Apicella
 Reader: Terry Benesh
 Acolyte: Kierstin Walter
 Counters: Lois Kummer
 Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

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

LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 13 10:15 a.m. 31 Pledge Income \$1,085

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 4:00 p.m. Confirmation I

IN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK

Asst. Ministers: 10:15-Peter Susling
 Usher: Janice Hogan
 Reader: Peter Susling
 Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger
 Counters: Maj Karlson/Megan Wills-Llewellyn
 Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

First Sunday BLAST!
 March 3rd

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)

At the Annual Meeting of First Lutheran held last Sunday, the following council member was elected for a second three-year term: Geoff Schmidt, Council President. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the table in the entrance way.

As an item under old business, we continued a discussion concerning the idea of choosing a new identity name for our church. A straw poll was had with the following results:

First Lutheran Church - 7 votes
Faith Lutheran Church - 5 votes
Bright Mountain Lutheran Church - 4 votes

We Are Proud Of... Chris Hamden's (communion assistant/altar guild) daughter, Erika. She has been chosen to give a TED Talk on NPR. Erika is an astrophysicist and is developing telescopes with new ultraviolet detection technologies to improve our ability to observe distant galaxies. This year's TED class represents 12 countries across 4 continents. We will keep you informed as to the date and time of the talk.

We Are Proud of...Our Alto section leader Marcia Pelletiere, who has recently published a book of poetry titled, "A Crown of Hornets". It is available through Four Way Books (in Tribeca), under Poetry. Marcia suffered a traumatic head injury as a result of an automobile accident some years ago and recounts her painstaking recovery through her poems. This is Marcia's second publication.

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."

REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

The Icon for the Feast of the Epiphany is displayed during the Season. It is a gift in honor of all families by Richard and Barbara Murphy. It is displayed at the front of the Sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. If you have palms at home, please bring them during the next two Sundays and put them in the basket that will be located in the entrance way. They will be burned and used for the ashes on March 6th, Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

Epiphany - The Season of Light

"the light shining in the darkness" is the overarching theme of the Epiphany season. The church is decorated with wall sconces and green votive candles light the stained glass windows.

February is Black History Month. We will sing African American Spirituals each Sunday as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of color. Here is some Black Lutheran History:

- .ELCA Predecessor Bodies (Augustana Synod, ALC, LCA).
 - First African American Male Pastor - Rev. Jehu Jones, Jr. Ordained in 1832.
 - First African American Female pastor - Rev. Earlean Miller, ordained in 1979.

- ...ELCA (1985-present)
 - First African American Female Synodical Bishop - Rev. Patricia Davenport - 2018.
- NJ Synod
 - First African American Female Pastor appointed as Bishop's Assistant - Rev. Gladys A. Moore - 1991.
- First Lutheran Montclair
 - First African American Council person - Mrs. Pamela Bloom - 1997
 - First African American Council President - Mr. Stanley Mullins - 2003.

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)

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 meets at 4 PM on Sundays, upcoming dates are: February 10th and 24th with Youth Club on the 10th at 5 PM.