

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Late February 2020

The Parish Calendar

TODAY, The Sixth 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. Minister: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Chris Hamden
- Usher: Janice Hogan
- Reader: Chris Hamden
- Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger
- Altar Guild: Melanie Apicella

Toni's Kitchen: Peter Susling, Beate Benz, Cathy Susling, Megan Wills-Llewellyn

LAST WEEK

8 AM 15 10:15 AM 38 Pledge Income \$4649

Interested in Tai-Chi? Pastor Mike is holding a class here at First Lutheran on Wednesdays at noon.

NEXT SUNDAY, The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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In Ministry Next Week

- Asst Ministers: 10:15-Melanie Apicella
- Usher: Wolfgang Benz
- Reader: Tim Ford
- Acolyte: Landon Ruggiero
- Counters: Maj Karlson/Megan Wills-Llewellyn
- Altar Guild: Melanie Apicella

First Sunday BLAST!

March 1, 2020

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 125th Annual Meeting of First Lutheran held last Sunday, the following members were elected to the church council for a 3-year term: Elsa Larson Howard, Nicole Lewis and Kenneth Smith. Janice Hogan was elected to the Nominating Committee for 2021. Terry Benesh has served two 3-year terms so was not eligible to return to council. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the table in the entrance way.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available on the table as you enter. Please pick up yours today.

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and 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 February 26th. 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 February 26th, Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 12 Noon and 7:30 PM.

During the Prayers of the People, Pastor Mike will lift up different churches and countries each week. This follows the prayer cycle provided by The World Council of Churches. At the end of a year, all countries and churches have been prayed for.

Weekly Prayer List - Please check the Prayer List that you receive at the end of worship service and call or give any updates/removals to Cathy in the church office.

A flower chart for 2020 is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance way. This is how we have flowers by the baptismal font. Please choose a date and fill in your name. There is no limit to the number of people who can sign up for a Sunday. Cost of flowers is \$35, all money will be put into the flower fund. The flower fund also helps with the cost of special occasion flowers like Easter and Christmas. You will receive a call from the office the week you are signed up for to find out what you want said in the bulletin - in honor of/in memory of/on the occasion of - many options.

February is Black History Month. We will sing African American Spiritual each Sunday as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of color.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

Beth Gebhart, Director of Community Relations and Volunteers of the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey will be here on Sunday, February 23rd at both services to offer insights to community services, housing, senior healthcare and retirement living available here in New Jersey.

We collect for 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 pantries.

Needed:

soup (canned or dried)
rice, noodles, macaroni,
beans (canned/dried)
canned
vegetables/canned fruit
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)
spaghetti sauce

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. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their families. 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!

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

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

Elections for the Church Council will be held at the first meeting of the new council on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 AM.