

THE SUNDAY PAPER

January 2019

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Epiphany of Our Lord
 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. First Sunday BLAST Pot-Luck Breakfast

PEOPLE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Asst. Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Melanie Apicella
 Usher: Joe Apicella
 Reader: Melanie Apicella
 Acolyte: Landon Ruggiero
 Counters: Lois Kummer/Peter Susling
 Altar Guild: Melanie Apicella

Toni's Kitchen: Carole Behnke/Rebecca Ford/Janice Hogan/Irene Smith/Tammy Zolnowsky

LAST WEEK

Lessons/Carols -10:15 a.m. 27 Pledge Income \$353

NEXT SUNDAY, The Baptism of Our Lord

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
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation I
 5:00 p.m. First Lutheran Junior Youth Club

PEOPLE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Asst.Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Megan Wills-Llewellyn
 Usher: Janice Hogan
 Reader: Tim Ford
 Acolyte: Kierstin Walter
 Counters: Melanie/Joe Apicella
 Altar Guild: Melanie Apicella

We will welcome The Rev. Carol Brighton to preach and preside at our worship services. Pastor Will leaves for vacation tomorrow, returning Sunday, January 20th,

The church officer will be open while Pastor Will is away. If you have an emergency you can reach Cathy at her home - 973-857-0143 or leave a message on the church office machine.

First Sunday BLAST! TODAY

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 - We have a lot of people to thank today for making our Sunday BLAST so special: Deacon Clemens Reinke and Kenneth Smith for sharing their talents on the recorder and Marcia Pelletiere and Elsa Larson, our special soloists.

- A Special Stewardship project - This month we will "support a refugee family" through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Lutherans are known for actively providing lifesaving care for refugees from Syria, South Sudan, Somalia and other countries. After a long and dangerous journey, food, water and other survival supplies are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start. \$100 will feed a refugee family for one month.

- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!



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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

At the Council meeting on October 28th, as we have done in the past at this time, the church council authorized a special designation in the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund for "Deficit reduction". The title "Deficit" has been added to the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund report. Any monies gathered that are earmarked or designated specifically for deficit reduction will be totaled under this category. If you desire to help, please use the Deficit reduction envelopes found on the table in the entrance way. Make sure your name and envelope # are on the envelopes. Our deficit is around \$100,000. We have received 4 gifts so far totaling \$730.

2019 Stewardship - Estimate of Giving Cards are due back. If you forgot yours, additional cards are available on the table in the entrance way.

The end of 2018 is only a couple of weeks away. The church books will remain open until Sunday, January 6th.

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available on the table as you enter. Please pick up yours today.

Please remember First Lutheran in your will!

in 2004, Frances Johnson did!
in 2005, Dorothea Corwin did!
in 2005, Bill Geyer did!
in 2007, Henry Martin did!
in 2008, Fred Amundson did!
in 2011 Hildegard Schneider did!
in 2014 June Wizda did!
in 2014 Matilda Motiska did!
In 2014 Larry Doring did!
2015 Bobbie McMillan did!
2018 Helen Geyer did!
In 2019, will you?

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 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.

New Harpsichord

At the December Council meeting a motion was presented and approved for the purchase of a two-stop harpsichord in memory of Helen Geyer. Mrs. Geyer bequeathed a sizable gift to First Lutheran, and, as she was a member of the choir for many years, it was felt appropriate to remember her in this musical way.

A new flower chart for 2019 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.

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 after Christmas break. 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. Please join us!

Devotionals for the first quarter of 2019 (January - March) are available on the table in the entrance way.

Confirmation I meets again at 4 PM on Sundays, January 13th and 27th, with Youth Club at 5 PM on January 13th. February dates are the 10th and 24th with Youth Club on the 10th at 5 PM.