

THE SUNDAY PAPER

January 2020

The Parish Calendar

TODAY, 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

In Ministry Today

- Asst. Minister: 10:15-Megan Wills-Llewellyn
- Usher: Wolfgang Benz
- Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger
- Reader: Megan Wills-Llewellyn
- Counters: Melanie and Joe Apicella
- Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

Toni's Kitchen: St. Thomas Team

LAST WEEK

8 AM 13 10:15 AM 36 Pledge Income \$1125

Interested in Tai-Chi? Pastor Mike will be holding a class here at First Lutheran beginning this Wednesday, January 15th at noon. Questions! Speak with him after worship today.

NEXT SUNDAY, Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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In Ministry Next Week

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

First Sunday BLAST!

February 2, 2020 -

(NO BLAST in January)

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.



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

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."

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.

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.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

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
- spaghetti sauce
- baby items (baby food/diapers/pull-ups/wipes/
new bottles/pacifiers)
- dog and cat food and treats

- 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)

- 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)

The Souper Bow of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. As we have done in previous years here at First Lutheran, we will take a special collection of \$1.00 (or more) and a can of soup (or more) from you beginning next Sunday. This will give you 3 weeks to remember to bring the items. All we collect will go to the Human Needs Food Pantry, 9 Label Street, Montclair. This is our record over the last 5 years:

2019 - \$200 + 85 cans of soup

2018 - \$56 + 68 cans of soup

2017 - \$80 + 70 cans of soup

2016 - \$130 + 72 cans of soup

2015 - \$160 + 40 cans of soup

We got this - let's beat last year!

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!

Devotionals for the first quarter of 2020 (January - March) are available on the table in the entrance way.

The YMCA of Montclair is holding "Mental Health First Aid" courses that are open to the public to persons 18 and over. Participants learn the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, the importance of early intervention and, most importantly, how to help someone experiencing a mental health or substance use emergency. Saturday, January 18th (to help youth), and Saturday, March 21st (to help adults).

Check out the flyer located on the "news around town" bulletin board located in the hallway opposite the bathrooms.