

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Early March 2020

The Parish Calendar

TODAY, The First Sunday In Lent

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 - Fellowship Hall
 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FLOWER FUND has been made to the glory of God, and in honor of the 80th birthday of Barbara Hemeleski by her loving children, grand and great-grand children.

In Ministry Today

Asst. Minister: 10:15-Peter Susling
 Usher: Janice Hogan
 Reader: Terry Benesh
 Acolyte: William Johnson
 Counter: Peter Susling
 Altar Guild: Linda Parker

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

LAST WEEK

8 AM 9 10:15 AM 36 Pledge Income \$4044
 Ash Wednesday - 12 Noon 20 7:30 PM 20

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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 Next Week

Asst Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Melanie Apicella
 Usher: Wolfgang Benz
 Reader: Melanie Apicella
 Acolyte: Zaire Reed
 Counters: Melanie/Joe Apicella
 Altar Guild: Linda Parker

First Sunday BLAST!

Today, 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 - We thank Kevin Brown, bassist for sharing his talents with us for our First Sunday BLAST this morning.
- A special Stewardship project - "A Portable Solar-powered Lantern" through the ELCA Good Gifts. In sub-Saharan Africa, only 25% of rural households have access to electricity. Without lighting, it's difficult for children/families to read, study or complete household tasks. Let that little light shine! Each lantern - \$30.
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!

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

Lenten Devotionals for adults "From Suffering to Salvation" by Henri J. Nouwen are available on the table in the entrance way. Our youth received "Lent Is Amazing" devotionals by David and Peter Mead and our Sunday School received "Let God's People Go" a sticker journey by David Mead.

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Clocks go ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 7th. Spring Ahead!

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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

The 33rd NJ Annual Assembly this year is Friday, May 1st beginning at 9 AM to Saturday, May 2nd ending at Noon at The Westin Princeton Forrestal Village in Princeton, NJ. Two voting members are needed to attend with Pastor Mike. Registration, hotel reservations are handled by the church office and paid for by the church. You supply your own transportation. Interested? Call the church office.

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 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.

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.

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
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.