



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 20, 2020

Remember in your prayers...

Christian Bruce (12/30)	Tom Burkey (12/31)	Cheryl Christman (12/31)
Sandy Curfman	Aloma Dawkins	Ernie Fricke
Rick Gates (1/15)	Bonnie Goshen (1/7)	Mary Gotwald (1/7)
Nancy Jacobs	Pam Keller (1/9)	Elva Kroeger
Jennifer McCarey (1/01)	Irene Naugle (1/15)	John Newcomer
Dalton & Julie Paul	Elaine Singer (12/30)	Dia Schumacher (12/23)
Evelyn Scott	Carrie Stopyra (1/3)	James Warne
Grace Williams (12/30)	Jim Woods (12/26)	Private Parker Brown

ADVENT



ADVENT DEVOTIONS from our LARC Partners (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) are posted weekly on our website as well as on facebook. Leslie Gotwald has also created some weekly advent devotions that you are able to find online at: www.willowingwell.com/do-not-be-afraid

POINSETTIAS If you purchased poinsettias for Christmas Worship, you are welcome to pick them up at the church. We have completed our recording of Christmas Worship services. Please see the Poinettia link to see who the flowers are given in honor and memory of.



CHRISTMAS PROJECT The YMCA has a program to assist student without wifi in their learning endeavors. They are also serving breakfast and lunch to the children. Envelopes are on the display in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your gifts to the church office.

CHRISTMAS COATS Without Christmas worship in person this year, we will be sharing the spirit of Christmas through the gift of coats with our neighbors. We are collecting coats for children and adults alike. Please bring winter coats to the church between now and December 23. These items will be placed on the fence on December 24 from 11 to 2 or until they are gone. What a wonderful Christmas gift of warmth for those who are in need of them. . Thanks for your contributions.



CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS EVE ZOOM GATHERING Part of attending worship is greeting everyone prior to the service. So we will be having a Zoom gathering prior to worship to say hello to everyone on Christmas Eve. This zoom gathering will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Pop in as you are able. Go to www.zoom.us. Then click on “join a meeting.” Type in this id number: **867 0905 2421**. Type in this password: **Christmas**. See you then!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP Christmas Worship will be on facebook (First Evangelical Lutheran Church) and www.felcc.org Family service will post at 1:00 p.m. December 24. Traditional Christmas Eve will post at 4:00 p.m. December 24. Christmas Day posts 7:00 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY IS PROVIDING MEALS ON CHRISTMAS DAY These are given to clients of Meals on Wheels and Office of the Aging and to other individuals in need. Needed: cans of green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, fruit salad, crushed pineapple, cranberry sauce, and chicken broth; and fresh produce of oranges, bananas, pears, grapefruit, onions, celery, carrots, butter, milk, garlic and dill. Help is needed to organize and to deliver meals on Christmas Day following safety guidelines. Call Lynne Newman at 717-263-2151 or 717-360-2407.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

HOLIDAY CLOSING Due to recovery from surgery, regular office hours will not be kept from December 24 through January 1. Please leave a message or send an e-mail and we will be in touch with you. If you have a pastoral emergency during the Christmas Season, please call Pastor Nicholson at home. 717-753-3940. Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the church office in December. You are greatly appreciated.

END OF YEAR GIVING FOR 2020 Please turn in contributions you wish to have credited in 2020 to the church office by **December 28, 2020**. Call Carol McCoy at 717-263-0739 with any questions you may have.

PANDEMIC FATIGUE Are you feeling mentally and emotionally exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you facing isolation, loneliness, anxiety, grief, health issues, financial strain or job loss? Please know you don't have to face these things alone. If you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties like these, our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and be there to offer support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone or video chat—to focus on you and your needs. It's free and completely confidential, and it offers real care, comfort, and hope. To learn more, please contact Stephen Ministry Leader, Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE by Max Lucado. Each of us longs for someone who will meet us in the midst of life's messes. We believe in a living, loving, miracle-working God who



won't think twice about stepping into the thorny thickets of our world and lifting us up. In this study of the gospel of John, we discover that Jesus is right here with us and cares about every aspect of our life. Pastor Nicholson will be leading this Bible Study on Thursday nights via Zoom. The group will view a video clip and then reflect together. The study will begin on January 28 and run through March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact the church office so we are able to order a study guide for you.

ANNUAL REPORTS from committees/staff are due to felccoffice@gmail.com by Monday, January 4, 2021.

THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX If you are able, please pick up a few items to share. Remember this box supplies personal care items. Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you.



BACKPACK COLLECTION Items continue to be collected for the backpack food program. Individually wrapped/packaged items are preferred.