

Sundays after Epiphany
January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2021

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

*For the safety of all in our congregation, the congregation council has determined that it will be best for our congregation to worship with our services **online only** continuing through at least February 14.*

The one week exception to this will be January 24 when we will have a brief in person worship and a longer online service of worship.

This is the day of our congregational meeting. See more information regarding the meeting in the announcement section.

On , February 8, 2021 the council will evaluate the in person worship situation.

We are hopeful that we will be able to have in person worship with Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

For those who are connected to the internet, we will be posting our worship online early on Sunday mornings. It will be on facebook “First Evangelical Lutheran Church” and also on our website at www.FELCC.org.

Our church office is currently staffed by volunteers, as the parish administrator is recovering from surgery. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers in the office as well as those who work with our ministry in other areas as well.

CONGRATULATIONS to Theo and Victoria Camara upon the birth of their daughter, Ahava. Ahava was born January 1, 2021.

*We will be posting **updated prayers and announcements** on the website. Below the worship videos click on “Bulletins” and we will add the updates there.*

Remember – God is with you always, we are never alone.

~Pastor Jane Nicholson~

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you call us,
wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,

**inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors
into the uncharted waters of faith**

to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You
into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;

**to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.**

As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:

**of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.**

God of light, reveal yourself to us.
Shine upon us. Illumine our path.

Come let us worship the Lord.

HYMN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

January 17: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

January 24: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

January 31: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

February 7: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

January 17 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and John 1:43-51

January 24 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and Mark 1:14-20

January 31 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Mark 1:21-28

February 7 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c and Mark 1:29-39

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING *Returning thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship. You are welcome to mail your financial gifts to church at 43 West Washington St; Chambersburg PA 17202 or give online at www.FELCC.org. Click on the “give” button on the top right hand corner of your screen or on you cellphone click on the three dots and choose “give.”*

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

As God's children of the light, let us confess our faith, using the words of the apostle's creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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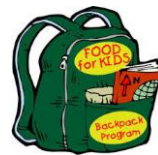
Remember in your prayers...

Sandy Curfman	Aloma Dawkins	Ernie Fricke
Nancy Jacobs	Charles Kampmeyer (1/31)	Mildred Kramer (2/10)
Elva Kroeger	John Newcomer	Dalton & Julie Paul
Ron Roof (1/20)	Evelyn Scott	Carolyn Shatzer (2/10)
James Warne	The family of Jim Woods	Private Parker Brown

CHURCH OFFICE The church office is staffed by volunteers through February 4 from 9 to 12. Our Parish Administrator is on sick leave. Please leave a message or send an e-mail and Pastor will be in touch.

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@spiritrutheran.org

BACK PACK PROGRAM January suggested items are: grains such as Graham or Animal Crackers, Light Popcorn, Whole Grain Cereal, Granola Bars, Individual Cereal Boxes. Thank you for your continued support of this much-needed program.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING Our Congregation meeting will be held on January 24 following worship. (11:15). This will be a hybrid meeting with people gathering in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Our main piece of business will be to approve the 2021 budget. You may pick up your annual report (including the proposed budget) in the church office closer to the meeting date. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please email Theo (Theo.FELCC@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 21.

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.

THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX Please pick up a few items to share. This box supplies personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, and toilet paper.



COLLECTION OF QUARTERS by The Neighborhood Task Team has resumed for future Laundry Events. If you have donations you may drop them off at the church office during office hours or you may drop your donations at either entry/exit from the sanctuary. There is a basket at back of the sanctuary and a Laundry Soap container at the elevator entrance. Thanks so much for your support of this ministry to our neighbors.