

First News First

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Dear Family in Christ,

Two concerns weigh heavily on my mind.

The first is that since we're no longer required to wear masks at our services (provided that we've been properly vaccinated) I miss seeing some of our members who regularly attended before the Pandemic struck. About a month ago I talked with a couple who had been members of Second Lutheran; I asked them where they were attending, and they said they hadn't joined another congregation, but were watching services on line.



Perhaps some of you have continued doing that, even though we've resumed "in-house" services at the church. While Gertrude and I also watched on line, we sorely missed being with our fellow members, so we were very glad to be back with them – with you - again, whom we look forward to seeing each week. (I sometimes think of Sunday as the day of a "Family Reunion".)

As you well know, the Church is more than a building, more than an organization; we are a fellowship in Christ – indeed, the Body of Christ - which gathers together to worship God - as Luther says in his Small Catechism: "in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving." We also gather for study, instruction, and discussion (as well as coffee and donuts!).

In addition to myself, three more retired pastors have joined First Lutheran, which speaks well for Pastor Nicholson's pastoral leadership and care. So I look forward to again seeing those of you who may have continued worshipping on line. I've often thought I'd like to have a bumper sticker which says, "*For a great experience, follow me to First Lutheran Church!*"

My second concern is that we seem to pray the Lord's Prayer almost without thinking. I try to slow down, but I find I'm behind all the others. Perhaps, while we're listening to the Prelude, we could look at the Prayer, think about its words; then, when we pray it together, we'll realize how much we're asking of God, and of His care and love for us.

Thanks for listening! - Pastor Kampmeyer



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care On the weeks that Pastor Nicholson is on sabbatical Pastoral Care givers are as follows:

September 11 through October 1	Pastor Bill Nienstedt	717-491-9704
October 2 through October 15	Pastor Warren Heintzelman	717-830-5690 or home 717-263-6326
October 16 through October 28	Pastor Matt Kayhart	484-866-7684 cell or 717-369-2319 (Church – Pastor checks messages daily.)
October 29 through November 6	Pastor Bill Nienstedt	717-491-9704

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2	Communion / Harvest Home / Of Lands and Seasons Liturgy / Bill Nienstedt preaching
October 9	In-Gathering / Martin Zimmann preaching
October 16	Communion / WELCA Thank Offering Sunday; / Angela Zimmann preaching
October 23	Stewardship Message / Martin Zimmann preaching
October 30	Communion / Reformation Sunday / Stewardship Message / Bill Nienstedt preaching
November 6	Communion / All Saints Sunday / Stewardship Message / Bill Nienstedt preaching
November 13	Receive Anticipated Giving Cards



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us on

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10:45

as we celebrate the 505th anniversary

of the Lutheran Reformation

during worship.

WELCA



Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."
— Women of the ELCA Constitution

The annual Thankoffering Service, sponsored by the Women of the ELCA, will be held earlier this year, on Sunday, October 16,

2022. The Rev. Angela Zimmann will lead the service, and women of the organization will assist. Special offering envelopes will be available for all who wish to contribute, and these offerings will be used by the church-wide organization for scholarships, program materials, and on-going social ministry projects. These gifts are given in gratitude for blessings we have received.



Ladies' Breakfast

The Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Will be held at
Texas Lunch
8:30 a.m. Wednesday
October 19

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.



WELCA NEWS

The study topic for the next several meetings of the Women of the ELCA will be on the Sermon on the Mount. For the October 13 gathering, Joyce Ray will lead the study entitled "The Kingdom of God Has Come." All women of the church are invited to the meeting, which will be held in the class room to view a short video on the topic. Refreshments will be served.



Back-pack food items are still needed for Chambersburg school students who have inadequate meals at home. The suggested items for the month of October are: Spaghetti and meatballs, Ravioli, Beefaroni, Lasagna – all in individual serving containers.

STEWARDSHIP

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING

The in-gathering for Lutheran World Relief projects will be on October 9, 2022. Quilts, personal care kits and school kits will be on display in the sanctuary. These items have been prepared by a dedicated group of women over the past year to provide needed items for people all over the world. This year, special emphasis will be made for needs in Ukraine. We will be wrapping our Ukrainian neighbors in love (and quilts).



Special offering envelopes are being provided to help with the expenses of shipping these items, sending gifts of love from your hearts and hands to theirs. To give an idea of costs of shipping, note that it costs \$2.25 to send one quilt; \$1.40 to send one school kit; \$2.65 to send one personal care kit and \$1.30 to send one baby care kit. Thank you for your contributions for this cause.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

“Living Legacy” is the theme of this year’s stewardship emphasis. We are reminded of the ways in which we can provide a legacy for the future through our giving options. A separate letter from Pastor Nicholson will be mailed to all members describing the emphasis. Enclosed will be a “giving card,” on which you can indicate your wishes for the coming year. These cards should be returned on November 13, or sent to the church office. Members of the Stewardship Committee will present “Mission Moments” on Sundays leading up to that date to emphasize the theme.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

“We are surrounded by God’s benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.” John Calvin

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack for funds. Generosity is contagious. God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.” J. Hudson Taylor

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Discretionary Fund

Thank you to those who donate to the discretionary funds. On Wednesdays, two volunteers will be working with people who are in need during Pastor's time away. If you are able to assist by donating to the fund, that would be helpful. Checks may be made payable to First Lutheran and in the memo line write "Discretionary Fund." Again - Thank you for your work with this important ministry. Pastor Nicholson

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

Sharing God's love in our community

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM LAUNDRY MINISTRY

began on March 12, 2017 at Nana’s Wash House. We have continued hosting laundry events in the Scottie Laundromat, Spot Laundromat and Broad St. Laundromat. This outreach makes connections with people so they know as Christians we care about them. We share laundry coins or dollars, detergent pods, dryer sheets, bottled water, a church pen and books for children. Our resources are almost depleted; we will be able to finance just one more event. We would like to continue this ministry. You may send checks to the church office, place donations in the offering in an envelope marked for the Laundry Ministry, place donations in the tub at elevator entrance, or in the basket at the back of the church. Donations may also be given to Tudy Gates or Mary Gotwald.



NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

Sharing God's love in our community

Back To School Event 2022



Preparing and Praying



Welcoming/Sign In



Underwear Distribution



Snacks/food giveaways from Meals on Wheels



Pastor and Alex with neighbors



Team members and neighbors

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

Sharing God's love in our community

November 5 is the 2022 Mega Event

The NTT is collecting new and used items. Items being collected for men, women & children are: winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, winter clothing, shoes, boots, and socks. Collection includes books for pre-school and upper elementary and adult devotional/religious. Washcloths, bath towels, blankets and bedding are also needed. Please wash all items before donating. The collection will begin on September 1—October 21. Drop off is in Memorial Hall in the designated bins. Please tell your family and friends about this chance to donate unused or outgrown items. The coats for children are a big need. This is our opportunity to help our neighbors be comfortable through the winter and a chance for us to share God's love. First Lutheran is partnering with Trinity Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal and St. Luke Lutheran in our efforts to bless our community. Thanks be to God who is working through all of us. If you have questions or need help in delivering a donation to First, contact Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759

Scheduled Work Days for the Nov 5, 2022 Mega Event At First Lutheran

October 4, 2022 Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am
October 17, 2022 Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am
Set up Day Thursday November 3, 2022 Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm
Additional work days may need to be scheduled as we get closer to the event.
Event Day Schedule November 5, 2022 10 am—1 pm
Volunteers please arrive by 9 a.m.—9:15 am
More volunteers are needed, if interested please see Mary Gotwald
You may stay the entire event time or you may leave when necessary.



SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary \$5.00 • Expires 6/30/2023 <small>*These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and exclude all alcohol purchases.</small>		LA Cameras 10% OFF 4x6 Photo Processing & Photo Gifts 1019 Wayne Ave • Chambersburg 717.362.3071	
AROGAS GRILLE NOUVEAU & SPORTS BAR 10% OFF 105 West King St., Shippensburg 717.221.8464	EICHHOLZ FLOWERS 10% OFF 11119 Bachman Tr. E., Waynesboro 717.762.1477	MAPLEWOOD Total Order \$25.00 or More \$2 OFF 8564 Old Scotland Rd., Shippensburg 717.532.8073	Wendy's 10% OFF 1019 Wayne Ave • Chambersburg 717.362.3071
Caracci's 5% OFF 2620 Philadelphia Ave. 717.263.8653	HICKORY RIDGE 10% OFF 717.262.7734 • 3675 Philadelphia Ave.	Norland Pub \$1 OFF Regularly Priced Wings (Dine-in Only) 717.264.9115 • 454 Norland Ave.	PANDA BUFFET 10% OFF 717.261.9893 • 1009 Wayne Ave.
HAMILTON HYUNDAI 50% OFF 717.264.0100 • 3024 Lincoln Way E.	Perkins 10% OFF 717.263.1112 • 1324 Lincoln Way E.	Popeyes 10% OFF 717.270.9008	SAKURA 15% OFF 717.251.2986
Hoss's 10% OFF 717.263.0954 • 28 Felling Spring Rd.	Stoner's Family Restaurant 10% OFF 717.853.2008 • 615 Wayne Ave.		

The SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards as a fundraiser. The money raised from selling these cards is used to help supplement such programs as Hospice, Home Care, and The Inn. The cards cost \$5.00 and can be used for discounts at various businesses in the area until June 30, 2023. If you are interested in purchasing a card and supporting these programs, please see Tudy Gates or call (717) 264-6312. Thanks for your support!

RETREATS

ADULT HAPPENINGS at Camp Nawakwa

ADULT BOOK STUDY RETREAT Books discussed are:

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew G.I. Hart



October 4-6 at Nawakwa. Registration fee: \$155. Lodging and meals provided. Please call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register by September 23.

QUILT AUCTION

Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA is having its annual Quilt Auction at Camp Nawakwa (1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307 on Sunday, November 6. The silent auction of handmade craft items is at 2 p.m. The live auction of Quilts is at 3:00 p.m. Dinner following the live Auction. This is a free event and includes an evening meal. Items may be previewed at LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction



WOMEN'S CRAFT RETREAT

November 11-13 at Nawakwa. You may bring your own project to work on or they will be provided.

Registration fee: \$160. Register by November 1. Meals, lodging, and most supplies provided.

Call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register.

**Eat
Sleep
Craft
Repeat**

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

FALL FOLIAGE DAY

Sunday, October 23 at Kirchenwald & Nawaka. Includes Pumpkin Painting, Apple Butter Boil, Hayrides, Hiking, and more!. Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon from 1 to 6 p.m. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$15/person (5yrs & older). Please register by October 14. Call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register.



CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR



Review your Camp May, paint your face and practice our cone zone celebration dance. Invite our friends & family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow. At Kirchenwald, Sunday, October 2, 3-5:30 p.m. Event is free, but please RSVP by September 23 to 717-677-8211 or online at LutheranCamping.org

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Property Committee: The air conditioner will be installed next week in the MOW Kitchen.
- The VA is looking to form a team to address veterans' problems. They are looking for representatives from the churches. The information about this service opportunity is included in this newsletter.
- We received a check from the dissolution of Second Lutheran Church for \$3,703.64. It will be used to help cover current capital expenses.



THANK YOU

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for me. We all know the positive power of prayer. I meet with the surgeon on September 9th for hopefully a more definitive answer.

In Christian Love,

Kathy L. Blough (Dalton & Julie Paul's Sister)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Lutheran Church has invited the congregation of First to be part of their Halloween themed community outreach - **Trunk-or-Treat**. On October 29, 2022 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm Trinity will set up a safe and fun celebration in their parking lot. Games, decorated cars, music, and of course candy will be part of this fun time. We can help by providing candy (individually wrapped), volunteering to run a station, giving out candy, giving directions or decorating a car. This will be a great opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters at Trinity and their neighbors.

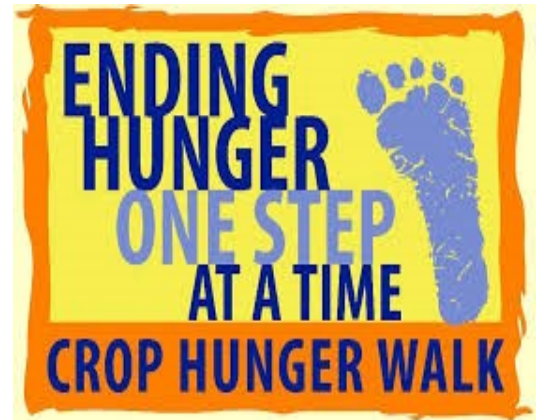


Beginning Sunday September 25, boxes for candy donations will be located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Questions may be directed to Mary Gotwald 717-264-4759.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chambersburg Crop Walk

This year's CROP walk will take place on October 16 beginning at 1:00 p.m. It will commence from Chambersburg Church of the Brethren and follow a 2 ½ mile route that circles the downtown area. If you have an interest in walking, please come by the church office to pick up materials. If you would like to financially support the walkers and help stop hunger in our community and world, please make checks payable to "Church World Services" and drop them off in the church office. Money raised will help the hungry around the world, including those at the Chambersburg Area Food Pantry and the Salvation Army.



Pet Blessing All Pets Are Welcome!

- Short Service with Individual Pet Blessings
- Includes a Remembrance for Pets who have died
- Donations for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter will be accepted



Sunday October 2nd, 2022 2:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
1186 Jason Drive Greencastle

Remembrance Ceremony: Bring an ID tag, some ashes, or a picture to be used as part of the remembrance of pets who have died.

Suggested Donations: Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

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| o Pet food (no dyes) | o Kitten food |
| o Puppy food | o Feline pine cat litter |
| o Catnip | o Treats |
| o Toys | o Leashes, harnesses, collars |
| o Heavy Duty 55-gallon trash bags | o Bleach |
| o Paper towels | o Laundry detergent |
| o Stainless steel feeding dishes | o Blankets and towels |
| o Greenies pill pockets | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come out to Lowe's or Sportsman's Warehouse on October 1 & 8 to buy Pecatonica River Popcorn & Whitley's Nuts. Proceeds from the sales will help scouts participate in various activities! Last year we sold out, can we do it again? An order form will also be placed on the bulletin board near Memorial Hall for those that can't make it out or want products that we will not have on hand. Any questions? Call Christy Burkholder at 717-504-2913.

Friends,

The Martinsburg VA services 80 counties including Franklin. They report that Franklin County has the 2nd highest veteran suicide rate among the 80 counties. We need to change that.



In response to this crisis, the VA would like to form a team to combat this rate. We are having a kickoff meeting on October 6 at 7:00 in the Family Life Center. We would appreciate it if your church could send a representative to this meeting. The steps for the team are as follows.

- 1) We organize a team.
- 2) The team works on what is called a SWOT Analysis of Franklin County and what is available for vets. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. For example, the local veterans group started a food drive for vets once a month. That would be a strength.
- 3) After that analysis is completed, the team, with the help of the VA, discerns what the focus needs to be and develops an action plan. Let's say vets can't drive to the VA. That would be a weakness, but could be addressed with a driver pool.

Please join us for this important effort. Please let me know that you are coming or if you have questions.

Blessings,

Andy

Andrew Hart, DMin

Senior Pastor

Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring

221 North Main St

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HELPING HANDS

Council

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PRAYER CHAIN

May we include you in our prayers? Do you have a prayer need that we can help you with? If so, please call our prayer-chain group leader:

Marcia Hunt @
 717-263-0781

Names are kept on the prayer chain for 1 month. After that month, please contact the office again if you would like to have a name on for another month.

Alyssa Ross	10/1	Laura Burkholder	10/17
Adam Pittman	10/3	Robert Hammer	10/23
Donna Ross	10/6	Ruth Ann Brown	10/24
Isaac Buselli	10/8	Maura Wilson	10/24
Paul Holbrook	10/8	Stephen Umbrell	10/26
Troy Hurst	10/9	Adam Grove	10/28
Martha Carbaugh	10/11	Elliot Coy	10/29
Emery Coy	10/11	Richard Ray	10/30
Kristy Nienstedt	10/15	Tracy Ross	10/30
John Sekel	10/16		

TRANSPORTATION

Need a Ride?



Our church provides transportation to church on Sundays!

Please call if you need a ride.

Church office: 717-264-2015



**Deadline for
 The
 November
 Newsletter
 will be
 October 15**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE	717-264-2015
Parish Administrator	ext. 1
Director of Music	ext. 3
Pastor	ext. 4

DATED MATERIAL—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY



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