

First News First

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I'm truly grateful that I was invited to write the opening statement for *First News First* for October and November while Pastor Nicholson is on sabbatical leave. I'm sharing two items:

First: A two-day event at St Luke Lutheran Church, Scotland - held Friday, September 30, 6:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, October 1, 8:30 AM -12:00 noon: *Giving Life and Value to All: Moving Toward Gender Justice*. We discussed such issues as violence against, and marginalization of, women and men. It included experiences of these issues by the LGBTQIA communities (I'm not taking time and space to interpret these initials –some of which you probably know, but aren't sure of what others of them stand for – as I didn't!) We learned their meanings, and definitions (which I'll be glad to share). We saw videos of members of these communities, telling of their experiences, and then were asked to discuss them, to understand how even people who consider themselves well-adjusted experience them, while not always recognizing them. Abuse isn't always physical; it's also verbal - in insults, belittling, and rude jokes. I found this event extremely interesting and valuable; I understand there will be a follow-up, so I'll let you know about it when I learn more and will invite you to attend with me.

Second: Concerning the holiday coming up (which I like *almost more* than Christmas!): I've heard people – even a pastor or two – speak of it as “Turkey Day”! Of course, I mean Thanksgiving Day. President Abraham Lincoln – during or shortly after - the Civil War established the fourth Thursday in November as the time for us to come together as a nation to give thanks to God for guiding us and blessing us with countless benefits.

At Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greencastle Pastor Martin Horn always had a Service of Communion at 9:30 AM on Thanksgiving Day, which I attended. I always thanked him because I prefer having - or attending - a Service *on* the actual day. But fewer and fewer people came each year, so two years ago he discontinued it. In a former parish, I decided to have a service on Thanksgiving *Night* at 7:30 PM. I was amazed at how many people came!

To help us remember the day's true purpose, I'm including the first verse of a hymn composed by William A. Muhlenberg in 1865 (probably in gratitude for the end of the Civil War), entitled, “The President's Hymn”; it's Hymn 174 in the *Christian Youth Hymnal*, which is in our chapel:



Give thanks, all ye people, give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluias of freedom, with joyful accord:

Let the east and the west, north and south roll along.

Sea, mountain and prairie, one thanksgiving song.

Give thanks, all ye people, give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluias of freedom, with joyful accord.

Thanks for your patience - and I'll see you in Church!!

Pastor Kampmeyer

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care On the final week that Pastor Nicholson is on sabbatical the Pastoral Care giver is:

October 29 through November 6 Pastor Bill Nienstedt 717-491-9704

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship SCHEDULE

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
November 20	Christ the King Sunday—Holy Communion
November 22	(Tuesday) LARC Thanksgiving Worship at Corpus Christi 7:00 pm
November 27	Advent Begins
December 4	Advent 2/Jazz Liturgy/Holy Communion
December 11	Advent 3
December 18	Advent 4
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
December 25	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Thanksgiving Worship:

On the week of Thanksgiving,
we are reminded of all the blessings we receive from the Lord.

The Downtown Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic Churches of Chambersburg
invite you to join us for Thanksgiving Worship.

We believe it delights the Lord when we join together
as one church to worship and praise
Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Worship will be held at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church
(320 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201)
at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22.



ADVENT JAZZ WORSHIP

First Lutheran Church
(43 W Washington St; Chambersburg, PA 17201)
is pleased to invite you to worship with us on
Sunday, December 4 at 10:45 a.m.

as the Buzz Jones Quintet from Gettysburg leads us in
an advent jazz liturgy and worship on this day.

Parking is available kitty-corner from the church in the Southgate Shopping Plaza.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro PA
Hosting traveling art exhibit *Icons in Transformation*
November 19, 2022 through January 28, 2023

A full schedule of events is on tap at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro to commemorate the exhibit, Icons in Transformation, Nov. 19 through Jan. 28.

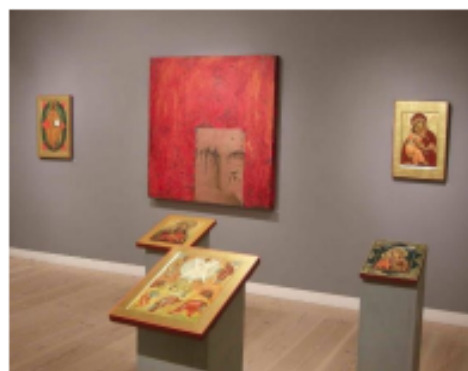


The traveling display hosted by the church will feature contemporary works by Ludmila Pawlowska, an international artist with Ukrainian-roots, and traditional Orthodox Icons from Vassilevsky Monastery, Suzdal, Russia. Pawlowska encourages people to make their own interpretations from her modern, three-dimensional artwork, some of which is painted onto pieces of wood standing nearly 10 feet tall, as well as sculptures.

She and her husband, Jan Lech, of Sweden, will be on hand for a reception, open to the public, set for 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 19 at the church, 43 S. Church St.

Self-guided tours of the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces of artwork, will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays starting Nov. 22 (excluding Thanksgiving). The exhibit will be open with docents from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays starting Nov. 22, (excluding Thanksgiving), as well as Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. starting Nov. 27 (excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

There will be concerts at 4 p.m. on Sundays in the sanctuary, starting with an organ recital Dec. 4, a concert by the Towne Singers Dec. 18, a choral concert Jan. 8 and a concert by the Appalachian Winds Jan. 22.



Lectures by faculty of the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg in connection with the exhibit also will be offered in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. Thursdays Dec. 1, 8 and 15.



The last day of the exhibit and a closing reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Admission to all events is free.

Intended as a source of inspiration, the display is intended "to reflect the nature of a religious experience, allowing the viewer to rediscover the qualities of form, depth and wealth in religious content and the language of iconography used in a contemporary form," according to Pawlowska. The exhibit has been seen by more than 3 million people since it began in 2008.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Pawlowska's art will be donated to the Ukrainian Refugee relief efforts.

For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://elchome.org> or call 717-762-9151.

For more information about Pawlowska, visit: <https://www.ludmilapawlowska.se/>

WELCA



The next gathering and Bible Study for Women of the ELCA will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room. **ALL** women of the church are invited to this event for study and fellowship. Gertrude Kampmeyer will lead the study, based on the Sermon on the Mount.

For the December meeting, a Christmas Tea will be held, and this gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m. on December 8. There will be devotions, singing and a gift exchange as part of a game.

Some interest has been expressed in scheduling an evening meeting for those women who work during the day or have other obligations. Any women who are interested in such an arrangement should contact co-presidents Nancy Fricke or Janet Friend.



Food items continue to be requested for the Back Pack program that provides weekend meals for elementary school children. These should be in single serve containers, and may be dropped off at the church office or outside the office. Thank you for your support of this much needed assistance.



Ladies' Breakfast

The Women's Fellowship Breakfast

will be held at
Greenvillage Restaurant
8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.

STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship Commitment cards should be returned to the Church by Sunday, November 13. These responses assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Church budget for the coming year. Thank you for your willingness to commit to the mission and goals of First Lutheran Church.

The designation for the special offering during November is for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Every day we are confronted with the news of natural disasters and victims of war and injustices. Please remember these needs with your extra offering this month.



"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him." Thomas Merton

"One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God." C. S. Lewis

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

Sharing God's love in our community

"From the Neighborhood Task Team: Introducing our church community to Little Daisy's Closet, our Main Street neighbor and outreach organization. We have chosen this organization for our Christmas offerings support"

Greetings! Allow me to introduce Little Daisy's Closet, a 501(C)(3) a community outreach nonprofit that shares the love of Jesus by offering NO COST men women and children's clothing, shoes, socks, hats, gloves, and coats, kitchen & housewares, toys, pet food, personal care items and nonperishable foods to the community. We have served over 3200 families out of a one car garage since our God inspired beginning on January 1, 2022.



Many have asked how Little Daisy's Closet got started.

In short, working as a manager for 60-70 hours per week for most of my career, apparently caused some mental health issues that finally surfaced. I was a daily user of alcohol, drugs, sexual prowess and other devil inspired craziness. I have been saved and sober for twenty years now (that's another testimony in itself). I left my job in May 2021 as well as my position of lead usher and greeter team lead at my church after nine years. My brain needed a rest. In July of that same year, God spoke a vision into my heart to start a free clothing ministry. I "reminded" God that I was retired and needed to rest. God was quiet. A week later God "reminded" me of His vision and that we would overcome any shortfalls I may be worried about. I again "reminded" God that I needed to rest my weary brain. God was quiet. I continued to feel the calling, so I posted on Facebook to see if the community felt there was a need for this type of ministry. The response was obviously positive. Again God "reminded" me of His vision. I again fought the calling.... I was quiet. A week later my friend called and said, I have 100 snack bags for kids for "that thing" you are going to do. I hesitantly told him to bring them over. I immediately called my neighbor, a children's pastor and said, you have been blessed with some snack bags. I told God that was a close call but I got out of it. God strongly urged me to listen to His calling. I was quiet. A week later a lady who we didn't know, donated fifteen bags of clothing to get "that thing" started. I looked up with tears in my eyes and said, "OK God I heard ya." Although I wrestled with the Lord on what I thought was better for me, His wisdom, grace and mercy far outweighed my ignorance. Never have I felt so fulfilled. We have heard many sad stories and had the opportunity to pray with many of our guests and even lead some to the Lord. The little dog we rescued a year earlier was Little Daisy. She has brought us so much love and joy that my wife Koot (Kathy) said we should name it after her and that is how we became **LITTLE DAISY'S CLOSET**

SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN



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

ADVENT DAY APART

At the Wittel Farm, Saturday December 3, 2022

9 am—2 pm. All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ Child.

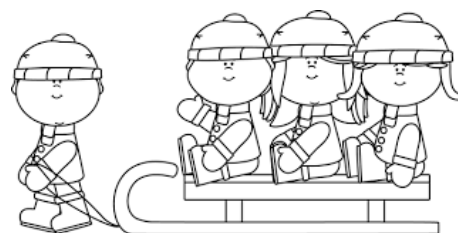
There is a \$15 registration fee. Lunch will be provided. Please call 717-677-8211 or visit www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 18.



KIRCHENWALD WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

For youth in grades 3-9, January 6-8, 2023

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer, and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with our summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.



To register, visit lutherancamping.org. Cost for the retreat is \$150. Please register by December 15, 2022.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Music & Worship Committee:** The Jazz Liturgy group joining us on December 4 of this year is \$825. Currently we have designated \$475 to cover this cost. An additional \$350 is needed.
- **Social Missions Committee:** 1) The committee presented to council their recommendation for disbursing \$13,500 remaining in the Benevolence budget line. (An amount of \$2,000 was previously sent to assist Ukranian refugee resettlement efforts through Evangelical Lutheran Church Waynesboro.) The motion carried unopposed. 2) The committee then presented a proposal to pledge \$4,000 a year for five years from the Stouffer Fund to *Tree-4-Hope* specifically designated to build “one classroom at a cost of \$20,000”. (*Tree-4-Hope* is currently undergoing a fundraising effort to raise \$350,000 to improve their school building and offer housing for young girls in Guatemala.) Council supported presenting this request to the Finance Committee for consideration in next year’s budget. This pledge would be in addition to the previously budgeted request from the Stouffer Fund.
- **Deacon’s Report:** The handbell choir will be joining the Handbell Festival at St. John’s United Church of Christ on December 11. Rehearsals for the cantata have begun.



THANK YOU

Dear First Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in July 2022.



Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.
In Christ,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Missing Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Dear Frist Lutheran Family,

We want to thank you all so much for your prayers for my mom K. Marie Martin. Also for the kind words of sympathy and comfort in her passing. We are so blessed to be a part of the First Lutheran Family. To be there in time of need.

In Christian Love,
Nancy and Bob Wildeson & Family



HELPING HANDS

Council

President: Tim Gotwald
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Jeff Dorand

Barb Evans

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Gerry Wilson

Financial Secretary: Carol McCoy



NOVEMBER
 BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Hoover	11/1	Peggy Stout	11/14
Nancy Lawyer	11/1	Darlene Hurst	11/15
Allison Beaudry	11/4	Crystal McKenrick	11/17
Debra Fleegal	11/4	Pastor Bill Nienstedt	11/17
Patti Nitterhouse	11/4	Dorothy Hammer	11/20
Bill Coy	11/5	Nicki Johnson	11/21
Joan Thorpe	11/5	Gary Kennedy	11/21
Sharan Carbaugh	11/6	Scott Drake	11/23
Jeff Dorand	11/8	Barb Evans	11/23
Mary Gotwald	11/9	Andrew Hefner	11/25
Ann Hurst	11/9	Bob Lawyer	11/25
Bryce Webber	11/12	Debra Umbrell-Tressler	11/29
Mary Wingert	11/12		

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.

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
 December
 Newsletter
 will be
 November 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

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Tree Lighting in Sanctuary
November 27, 2022

Jazz Liturgy
December 4, 2022



Choir Cantata
December 18, 2022

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022

