

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***Celebration of Pentecost and Confirmation***

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Chambersburg, PA*

*will gather for Pentecost Worship on*

*Sunday, May 19 at 10:45 as*

***Tyler James Johnson***

***Samuel David Nienstedt***

***Coleton Lee Rankin***

***Brynn Catherine Sekel***

*Affirm their baptismal faith in  
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*A lunch will be held in*

*The Fellowship Hall following worship.*

*You are encouraged to wear "red." Please join us.*



# Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5 – 10:45 worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, May 12 – 10:45 worship, Mother's Day with flowers

Sunday, May 19 – 10:45 Pentecost Worship with Confirmation and Holy Communion. (wear Red)  
Lunch will follow . Last day of Sunday School and Confirmation Classes

Sunday, May 28 – 9:30 worship, Holy Trinity Sunday, Holy Communion

Sunday, June 2 – 9:30 worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 9 – 9:39 Worship

Sunday, June 16 - 9:30 worship, Holy Communion, Rose Rent

Sunday, June 23 – 10:45 outdoor worship at Green Township Park in Scotland.  
Picnic follows worship.

Sunday, June 30 - Worship



**PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION LUNCH** On May 19 you are invited to attend a luncheon in honor of our four young people who will be affirming their faith in worship that morning. A sign up sheet is in Memorial Hall or you may call the church. This will help us know the amount of food to prepare. There is no cost for the lunch. Come and celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in these young people's lives!

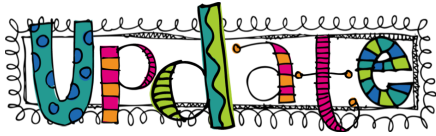


### **EASTER APPRECIATION**

Thank you to all of those who worked so diligently in preparation for a beautiful Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to those who worked with worship planning and bulletin preparation, altar guild, decorating and flower team, ushers, musicians, greeters, communion servers, lectors, acolytes, sound and video equipment, cooks and servers of Easter breakfast, leaders of Easter activities for our children, those who made the exterior and interior of our building space beautiful, and everyone else who helped in any way. We could not do it without you. Thanks so very much for all you do at Easter and throughout the year. Pastor Nicholson



**FAITH FORMATION** At the end of our traditional learning year, we take a moment to thank our teachers who share the faith with us and enrich our living and learning with God’s message. Thank you to Mary Gotwald and Nicki Johnson who taught our elementary and younger students. Thanks to Pastor Nicholson for teaching our confirmation class. Thank you to Joyce Ray and Tim Gotwald for teaching our adult Sunday School class.



**FROM**

**KATHLEEN GETAZ**

Following Kathleen’s seminary graduation last spring, she has been working to attain her Master’s in Social Work. She plans to graduate in December of 2024. Following her graduation, she will have a one-year internship in preparation for her ordination and call as a Pastor in the ELCA. She is also eagerly anticipating being the proud aunt to her the second of her sister’s children in June.



We are pleased this summer to be encouraging our young people to participate in Lutheran Camping Ministry at Nawakwa. Sam Nienstedt will be participating in Confirmation Camp the week of June 9 to 14 and Lenora Craven is hoping to attend Youth Camp in July. Thank you to the congregation for your support of our youth attending camps both through the Youth Savings account as well as the annual budget. It is much appreciated as the cost for these camps range from \$450 to \$600 per child for one week.



**CONTACT INFORMATION** We are working on updating our membership rolls and are unable to find current contact information for Carl Holt and Kim Wertz. If you have any information related to these people, the church office would be grateful to receive it. Thank you.

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY** Thank you to Joyce Ray and Gerry Wilson who will be attending synod assembly along with Pastor Nicholson on May 18, May 31 and June 1.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rubens Paul who graduated from Basic Training on April 4. His wife and 8 year old son have their visas to live in the United States and we are praying they will arrive safely sometime in May. Rubens will continue in the military training and return to Pennsylvania mid-July. Details are still uncertain related to the needs for his family, so stay tuned. Also – Rubens has passed his examination to be a citizen of the United States. Things are coming together. Easter hope continues



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## COMMUNITY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

You are invited to attend  
a National Day of Prayer event  
( a time to honor and pray for our country )  
at the

New Life Center, Menno Haven  
Scotland Avenue, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Thursday, May 2, 2024, 12-12:45 P.M.

Sponsored by  
Chambersburg Kiwanis Clubs and  
Radio Station 103.7 FM.

## WELCA



For June we are planning a PICNIC in the park on  
**JUNE 13 at 12:30.** More details in June FNF.



The gathering of individual serving items for the backpack program continues as a project for the women's group. All members are invited to contribute to this project with contributions of Graham or animal crackers, light popcorn, whole grain cereal, granola bars and individual cereal boxes as the suggestion for May. These items are provided for the elementary school children who lack adequate nutrition on weekends.



All women of the church are invited to the monthly WELCA program. We will meet on **Thursday May 9** at 1:30 in meeting room 1 to continue our study of Max Lucado's book **HE CHOOSE THE NAILS** with Janet Friend as the leader.



## The Women's Fellowship Breakfast

will be held at Chris's Kitchen  
(Across from Perkins)  
8:30 a.m. on  
Wednesday, May 15  
**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.**

# NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

*Sharing God's love in our community*

**Laundry Days**-Helping our neighbors with their laundry expenses at Spot Laundromat in our neighborhood. Next event June 30 11am-1pm. You are all welcome to join us.



Please help the NTT collect **tote bags** that businesses and non profit, etc. give you or send to you . We will use the donated bags at our Back to School event. Please place them in the NTT Box in Memorial Hall or give them to Mary Gotwald. Please share this request with your friends, family and neighbors.



**Speaking of underwear and socks.** NTT is wrapping up the Sock collection at the end of April. That doesn't mean that you cannot add a sock donation for the kids or put some support in an envelope and place it in the offering or turn it into the office. Thanks to all who donated to provide socks for elementary children. NTT will be focusing on the Underwear portion of our collection for the Back to School Event.



**Back to School Event** It you like to shop, we are collecting small, medium and large underwear for boys and girls. Please purchase briefs for boys and girls. No hipsters please. If you would like to purchase shirts/camis we are collecting gray t-shirts for the boys and camis for the girls. Small, Medium and Large children's sizes for both. This collection will last until June 30. Thank you for your support! The children will be so appreciative and their parents too.



**SCAN-The Student Clothing Assistance Network** is filling requests from the social worker and guidance counselors weekly. Kim Martin is heading this up. If you would like to be on the list of volunteers who would occasionally fill a request or donate funds to fill a request, please contact Kim Martin at 717 446 0842 or 717 572 2984 or [kmartin\\_898@hotmail.com](mailto:kmartin_898@hotmail.com). She would be delighted to hear from you. This is such an amazing collaboration to benefit school age children in need.

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## Little Daisy's Closet

### Little Daisy's Closet is in need of Birthday bags

Another of the services that LDC provides neighborhood families is a birthday bag filled with items to have a party. The bags are provided for children 12 and under and adults 80 and above. The bag includes plates, napkins, forks, a 9x12 disposable aluminum cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, a generic birthday card for a parent to give a child, a toy such as puzzle, book, stuffed animal, ball etc. All of these items are available for purchase at the Dollar Tree on Wayne Ave. If you would like fill a bag with these items please purchase a large birthday themed bag, also available at The Dollar Tree. If you would like to provide some of the Items listed above, that is also helpful. Please place items in the LDC tub in Memorial Hall. You will make a child's day with your donations.

## Spiritrust Lutheran

We  our  
Members.  
Join today!

The annual Spiritrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your generous support will continue to allow the auxiliary to make donations to The Inn and Skilled Care Endowment Funds at The Village at Luther Ridge, Spiritrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice.

If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Tudy Gates or Mary Beth McGraw-Warne.

# HELPING HANDS

## 2024 Council

President: Joyce Ray  
 Vice President: Marlin Maclay  
 Secretary: Mary Beth McGraw-Warne  
 Treasurer: Sally Herritt  
 Pastor: Jane Nicholson  
 Deacon: Freda Dorand  
     Martha Carbaugh  
     Jeff Dorand  
     Barb Evans  
     Gerry Wilson  
 Financial Secretary: Carol McCoy



## 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.

Taylor Rote	5/3	Payton Huber	5/14
Beverly Umbrell	5/4	Andrew Grove	5/17
Kashton J. Peters	5/6	Robert Herbert	5/17
John Saunders	5/7	Jessica Starr	5/19
Karen Maclay	5/9	Pam Dent-Kelley	5/19
Susie Heintzelman	5/9	Dia Schumacher	5/20
Grayson Peters	5/11	Linda Miller	5/20
Kirk Umbrell	5/11	Ashley Wenger	5/24
Samuel Nienstedt	5/11	Benjamin Ellis	5/24
Seth Cody	5/13	Samantha Hefner	5/27
Kayleigh Warne	5/14	Coleton Rankin	5/31
Kim Wertz	5/14		

## 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 June  
 Newsletter  
 will be  
 May 15**





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

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Pastor	ext. 4

