



2016



First News

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA

From Our Pastor...

THE CONTENT OF OUR HOPE

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." These words should be most familiar to us. We pray them just as Jesus taught his disciples. These very words of prayer provide both comfort and direction for our living, a way to hold onto hope even in the midst of brokenness and as a guide to find our way into the gift of tomorrow in spite of our failures today.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" speak to a reality beyond our human scope and interests. Not only is this world of God's making, it also has a purpose and a destiny of God's choosing. To be sure, our shared human conduct throughout history has had and continues to have a profound effect upon the world. Our actions, good and bad, impact the natural fabric of the world we inhabit. The consequences of past behavior is revealed in the present, and the effects of what we do today will inherently be noticed by those of tomorrow. Nevertheless, Jesus has revealed to us that our world has a future beyond the sum measure of our physical and social participation in the world. Our world is infused with God's interests

and plan.

To pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" is to trust God's way, to attempt to faithfully live under God's authority, to believe that what God desires will indeed happen, and to understand that the state of our and the world's future is thankfully beyond our control. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" is a prayer which expresses confidence and certainty in God's wisdom and power as well as providing a sense of relief and hope that the world and its inhabitants will not forever wear the marks of human sin and apostasy.

To pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" may seem a cry of urgency to get us out of the mess in which we currently find ourselves, especially in times of fear and foreboding. But these words that Jesus taught reveal a deep and abiding commitment and investment that God has with all that God has created. Any hope that we might have can only be recognized by the revelation of God's grace as seen in and through Jesus, which alone overcomes the devastating effects of sin and its conse-

quences.

The content of our hope is not to be found in the changes we anticipate to make for the better, or the desirous "good" of our conduct, no matter how "good" the intention. Rather, to pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" places the content of our hope on the powerful will of God for whom all things are possible. The God whom we come to know through Jesus, the One who raised Jesus from the dead, is a God who loves us and the created world. This love is abiding and eternal, and has its place here "on earth and it is in heaven." That being said, even though we, apart from God, are unable to produce, in and of ourselves, that which will provide a future of hope, we can now participate in that hope that comes from God's grace (heaven on earth, if you please) by conducting ourselves in a manner which demonstrates our trust in God's will and purpose by following in the steps of Jesus, marked by unconditional, nonjudgmental love and generosity.

*Blessings,
Pr. John*

Staff & Council Members

- Rev. John Yost, Interim Pastor
- Diane Scott, Director of Music
- Heather Klose, Parish Administrator
- Tom Taylor, Facilities Manager
- Jeff Mensch, Council President
- Harry Boyer, Vice President
- Jeff Crossland, Council Secretary
- Cher Girton, Treasurer
- Gary Girton, Council
- Liz Loss, Council
- Bill Musser, Council
- Barb Randecker, Council
- Keith Sawyer, Council
- Janet Shoemaker, Council
- Dave Weaver, Council
- Nick Hornig, Council Youth Rep.

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June Birthdays

June Ocker	2nd	Ben Hornig	13th	Pat Smith	29th
Adam Lynch	3rd	Debbie Dauberman	16th	Jed Loss	29th
Jonathan Fritz	3rd	Denny Wagner	18th		
Colbie Loss	3rd	Speedy Troup	19th		
Vern Gessner	4th	Carly Woodring	20th		
Daniel Crossland	5th	Megan Mensch	20th		
Spencer Dunkle	5th	Karen Boyer	21st		
Andy Stahl	7th	Logan Kuba	23rd		
Karen Adams	8th	Carol Klose	24th		
Sherri Uehling	8th	Michael Sweet	24th		
Trena Zeller	9th	Richard Stees	25th		

Shut-Ins:

Irene Shirk 14th
Irene turns 100 this year!
 Please shower her with cards!
 3365 Wildwood Drive
 Mifflinburg, PA 17844
Leona Wagner 16th
 674 N. Third St.
 Mifflinburg, PA 17844

July Birthdays

McKenna Magyar	2nd	Dewey Reed	19th
Alan Wagner	3rd	Norm Conrad	20th
Josh Hornig	3rd	Tim Shoemaker	20th
Bob Steimling	4th	Ty Watson	20th
Bonnie Conrad	4th	Brian Dauberman	22nd
Gary Girton	4th	Ann Beckley	23rd
Sally Rothermel	5th	Judy Everitt	26th
Tyler Wagner	15th	Sarah Fritz	26th
Dylan Harvey	15th	Helen Donmoyer	29th
Paige Ulrich	15th	Lee Miller	29th
Helen Snook	18th		

Shut-Ins:

Myrtle Shirk 2nd
 429 Old Orchard Lane
 Mifflinburg, PA 17844
This year is Myrtle's 90th birthday! Please shower her with cards!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was initially scheduled for June.
 It has been postponed until August.
Help and volunteers are needed.
Watch for sign-ups and further information on the church bulletin board.

Church T-Shirts!!

First Lutheran and Christ's Lutheran (Four Bells) are jointly selling T-shirts....



FAITH, ACTION, LOVE

T-Shirts will be available for purchase in the hallway after church for \$5 each. Sizes available from Youth Small through Adult XXXL.

Church Scholarships

Applications for the Wehr & Munson Memorial Scholarships are available in the office to students who have completed three semesters of college courses.

Deadline for submission is August 1st.

Community Meals

The Community Meal Committee is looking for a few good folks to help serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We begin preparing the meal at 9:00 and are usually done by 1:30. You can come for an hour or 2, or stay the whole time. We serve between 50 and 60 people each month. This is a great way to help reach out to our community. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Contact Libby Loss @966-1606 or Sue Jows @ 966-3644 if you can help.

New meal serving time: 11AM-12:30PM.

Apple Dumpling

Chairpersons Needed

The Apple Dumpling Project is a HUGE fundraiser for First Lutheran. Well over \$5000 is raised each year and donated to a family in need and/or projects around the church are funded.

The event process is very well documented and records are available for the new chairs to reference. This includes supplies ordering information, quantities, helpers, etc.

If you would be willing to be a co-chair, please contact the office for more information.

This is an extremely successful fundraiser and we'd hate to see it come to an end!

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

As of May 31, 2016

Income YTD:	\$70,043.30
Budgeted Income YTD:	\$100,985.00
(Under Budget YTD):	(\$30,741.70)
Expenses YTD:	\$64,340.43
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(Under Budget YTD):	(\$ 36,644.57)

General Fund Balance

January 1, 2016:	\$20,433.09
Income YTD:	+ \$70,043.30
Expenses YTD:	- \$64,340.43
May 31, 2016	\$26,135.96



YOUTH EVENTS

Haiti Mission Trip

June 11-15th
Team of 15 travelling and serving in Haiti. Prayers needed!

Workcamp 2016

July 9-16th—
prayer partners needed!
Kickoff at Hersheypark then travelling to York & Spring Grove to serve others in a life changing week!
Be EXTRAordinary!



4th of July at the Park

Youth will be leading children's games beginning at noon.
Fresh lemonade and walking tacos stand to begin at 6PM.
Huge fundraisers and lots of help is needed; even for a few hours!
Please see the bulletin board or contact Tracy Seebold or Deanna Billow for more information.

PARENTS:

Donations of supplies are needed; the more donated, more profit!

YOUTH:

You are needed to work a few hours.



A special thank you and appreciation to all who donated food items for the recent funeral luncheon of "Speedy" Marlin Troup. We had plenty of food and lots of support in the kitchen too!

Thank you,
Ann & Libby

MACY EVENTS:

Sunday, June 26th, 3-7PM
@ Amabile's (42 Bambury Lane)
This is always a good time of outdoor fun!

Kayaks, volleyball, food & friendship
Hotdogs and drinks provided; bring something to share at the table

Sunday, July 17th, 2PM

Pool party at Harter's with food and games
Don't miss this relaxing day after a busy week

WORKCAMP

COMMUNITY GIFTS

The Mission group is collecting various items to present to the workcamp '16 community. Gifts include: toiletries of all kinds and bathroom supplies. There is a collection box located under the mailboxes in the hallways.



First Lutheran,

To all of the wonderful people who wrote, called and visited me in the past months: a thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am now at Buffalo Valley assisted living after spending almost five months at Grayson View. I'm closer to home so stop in or call.

With love to all,
Heartha S. Wehr

First Evangelical Lutheran Family Quilt Ladies,

I love the beautiful quilt that was made for me! It perfectly captures my personality. I can't wait to take it to college!

Thank you very much!

Love,
Sarah Alexander ☺

MISSION EVENTS

THIS YEAR'S WORKCAMP/ MISSION ATTENDEES:

Haiti Mission Trip:

Kim Sawyer, Candi Taylor, Barb Randecker, Cindy Harvey, Andy Harter, Alexa Hackenburg, Anna Harter, Denise Seebold, Calista Girton, Dylan Harvey, Mav Stenger, Zach Taylor, Daniel Crossland, Cora Reed and Tanna Stenger

2016 Workcamp:

Elliana Girton, Calista Girton, Victoria Harvey, Ben Hornig, Collin Krout, Dylan Harvey, Nich Hornig, Cora Reed, Denise Seebold, Emily Seebold, Grace Seebold, Perri Hull, Grace Alexander, Sara Harter, Alexa Hackenburg, Sara Harter, Sam Orren, Aaron Hackenburg, Logan Bartlett, Maverick Stenger, Natalie Beiler, Pr. John Yost, Keith Sawyer, Barb Randecker, Cindy Harvey, Dave Galer & Kim Sawyer.

When purchasing Weis/Wengers cards please be sure to let the seller know who you'd like to sponsor!

Please keep in your prayers...

Jen Galer will be serving as a Group Workcamp staff member and travelling to various camps throughout the summer.

*The family of Helen
Edwards would like to thank all
the friends of First Lutheran
for your prayers and many notes
of sympathy during the death of
our beloved mother.*

Linn & Carol and family

Dear First Lutheran Church,

I just want to take the time to thank all those involved in making my, and my other seniors, quilts.

It's good knowing people care enough to come together to make something I'll probably use a lot.

I'm thankful of all the designs and colors that relate to me and my personality. I truly could not ask for a better senior gift than my quilt.

Thanks again to all those involved. I hope future seniors enjoy their quilts as much as I do.

Sincerely—Parker Scott

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Lutheran Sunday Worship
Service beginning at 10:30 AM

Sunday School will begin at
9:15AM



Please visit FELCMifflinburg.org
and see what's happening.

Submit any comments and or an-
nouncements you'd like to be posted to
the church office.

*When you are aware of situations requiring pastoral care,
such as births, deaths, hospital admission, serious illness, etc.,
please notify Pastor John Yost at 570-837-9232 (cell) or
pastorjohn@4bellschurch.com*

