



# First News

2016

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, PA

## MAY



## BLOCK PARTY!!!

**Please join us!!!**

**Sunday, May 29th**

First Lutheran and Four Bells will be uniting in worship and fellowship.

Worship begins at 10:30AM

**(Please bring lawn chairs)**

Picnic immediately following worship-meal and beverages will be provided

**(Please bring a dish to share and table service)**

Block party activities will start after picnic.



**For the Kids...**

Bounce House  
Kid's Games



**For Everyone...**

Bingo, Quits, Horseshoes  
and the pool will be open!



### 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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**Synod Assembly  
Delegates needed..  
Friday, May 17th &  
Saturday, May 18th**

First Lutheran sends two delegates from the congregation at large to the Synod Assembly.

If you would be interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Pr.

John or Jeff Mensch.

Also, Synod Council has open positions. They are looking for a youth member (under 18 at time of election) to serve a 2 year term and a young adult (18-30 at time of election) to serve a 3 year term. Please see Pr. John or Jeff Mensch if you are interested in these positions.

### Newsletter Information...

Would you like to start receiving your newsletter via e-mail again?

If so, please send an e-mail to firstlu@dejazzd.com from the e-mail

account where you'd like it to be sent indicating you'd like to receive it that way.

Please call the office with any questions.



# From Our Pastor...

## I.W.I.L.L. - An Evangelism Strategy for the Church

God through the Risen Christ and by the power and authority of His Holy Spirit calls, gathers and equips us to be the church. God calls us to believe in and to trust in the life offered to us in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Additionally, God directs us to go forth and share the Good News (Gospel) of Christ with others under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; that is, we are called to be EVANGELISTS before the world, to bear witness to what God is doing in and through Christ for the whole world and to help bring others to the church. What follows is an evangelism strategy to guide us along the way.

**INITIATE and INVITE:** The GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of Jesus is something we are not to keep just for ourselves. It is life-changing and life-enhancing news we are called to share with others. So as evangelists, that is, we who are Christian are called to INITIATE conversations with those outside and unfamiliar with the church and to INVITE them into the church to experience this GOOD NEWS of Jesus in a community of faith. There are so many in our neighborhoods and communities who are not in the church, therefore it will not be difficult to find others to INITIATE a conversation with about Jesus and to INVITE to church.

**WELCOME and WITNESS:** Once we INVITE others to participate with us in the church, we need to WELCOME them into our community of faith with grace, genuine concern and steadfast care. In other words, we are to WELCOME them as Jesus has WELCOMED us into His presence. The church is to be a people and a place that provides WELCOMING comfort and care to all gathered in Jesus' presence. And in WELCOMING others into our community

of faith, we need to bear WITNESS in thought, word, and deed before others of the transformative nature of Jesus and His gift of life and hope received in faith. Those whom we INVITE and WELCOME into the church hopefully will be able to WITNESS the presence of Jesus through what we say and do.

**INSTRUCT and INVEST:** As the church, we have the responsibility to share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus with sound biblical and theological principles and foundations. For those whom we INVITE and WELCOME into our community of faith, we must INSTRUCT on the ways of God in and through Christ Jesus, to familiarize them on the teachings of Jesus and the church through the centuries, and to become regularly engaged in biblical study and theological discernment, as we ourselves have been INSTRUCTED on matters of the faithfulness of Jesus and our faith in Jesus, exemplified in a community of hope and peace. For those whom we INSTRUCT, we necessarily are called to INVEST in their presence and care with the fullness of our energies and abilities given to us in Christ and by the empowerment of His Spirit. Because Jesus has selflessly INVESTED in us, we are able to INVEST of ourselves for others.

**LOVE and LABOR alongside:** Our participation in and as the church is so much more than simply believing in Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus and act as He acts. Jesus calls us to LOVE one another as Jesus himself demonstrates His LOVE for us, unconditionally and without interruption. To those whom we evangelize, that is, those whom we INVITE and WELCOME into our community of faith, we are called to LOVE,

to LOVE as Jesus loves, to be genuinely concerned for their welfare, to assist them in their needs, to LABOR alongside them as their journey on the way of Jesus and Christian faith as we ourselves do. INSTRUCTED and LOVED in Christ, those whom we INVITED and WELCOMED hopefully will now walk with us on our Christian journey. And together our Christian faith becomes a LABOR of LOVE with and for others in Jesus' name. And again, Jesus directs us beyond the church out into the world to continue our call to evangelize by sharing the GOOD NEWS. So we are called to...

**LISTEN and LOOK:** As the church, we are called to be attentive to what is going on in the world around us. We are particularly called to LISTEN for and to the cries of struggle and suffering, fear and restlessness in the world and LOOK astutely for where it is that Jesus may be leading us to again share the GOOD NEWS with those who do not yet participate in the church and bear WITNESS to the LOVE of Christ. Our call to be evangelists of Jesus is constant and continuous, to be vigilant as we LISTEN and LOOK for those opportunities to follow Jesus and share His GOOD NEWS with those unfamiliar or estranged from the church.

INITIATE a conversation with and INVITE. WELCOME and WITNESS to. INSTRUCT and INVEST in and with. LOVE and LABOR alongside. Continue to LISTEN and LOOK where Jesus may lead us.

*Blessings,  
Pr. John*

## May Birthdays

Marianne Motto	1st	Betty Loudenslager	11th	Ken Smith	27th
Mike Mensch	1st	Marie Radel	11th	Cooper Wagner	27th
Pearl Culp	2nd	Colby Libhart	13th	Kim Kuba	28th
Patrick Crossland	3rd	Glenn Fogel	15th	Karen Wagner	28th
Jere Motto	6th	Charlie Behrent	16th	Bret Girton	28th
Julie Alexander	6th	John Dunkle	17th	Maggie Smith	30th
Stan Sauers	7th	Wendy Wehr	18th	Jack Wagner	31st
Leann Fogel	7th	Greg Mensch	20th	Mandy Rothermel	31st
Donna Michael	9th	Kim Sawyer	22nd	Katy Fogel	31st
Ryan Sauers	9th	Linda Skinner	25th		
Erma Hower	10th	Colin Sweet	25th		

### Shut-Ins:

Freda Musser 28th  
Elmcroft  
2421 Old Turnpike Rd.  
Lewisburg, PA 17837



# YOUTH EVENTS

## MACY EVENT

Friday, May 13, 7-8PM  
Ice Cream Social @  
Carriage Corner

## 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.



## QUILTERS NEEDED!!!

The ladies have begun work on the quilts for this year's high school graduates. There are (5) quilts that need to be made this year. Completed quilts are presented to the graduates at the end of May.

The ladies meet on Friday's at 1PM in the downstairs social hall. Help is desperately needed to lay out, sew and tie off the quilts. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Jeannie Sawyer @ 966-2463.

**Chief Usher:** Keith Sawyer

**Announcements:** Liz Loss

**Communion:** Cindy Harvey

**Offering Envelopes:**

Mike & Ann Beckley

May 22: Youth Sunday

**Acolytes:**

1: Dottie Bollinger & Cora Reed

8: Victoria Harvey & Collin Krout

15: Jaydn & Sally Rothermel

29: Denise & Emily Seebold

## YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22nd  
Youth led worship @ 10:30AM  
Quilt presentation to graduates



*Thanks to everyone for their cards, prayers and support during my recent illness.*

*Blessings,*

*Mike & Janet Shoemaker*

## Baptismal Napkins

The group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the library. For more information, please contact Gwen Hull @ 524-0289.

*Upcoming meeting is Wednesday, May 4th.*

## Council Corner-

Polly Hornig has resigned her position from council and council would like to extend a sincere thank you for her service.

Dave Weaver has agreed to fill the vacancy and council thanks him for his willingness to serve.

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

**Lay Readers:**

1: Jeff Mensch

8: Jane Moore

15: Earl Michael

29: Tom Orren

**Children's Church:**

1: Shirley Heasley

8: Polly Hornig

15: Liz Loss

29: Kim Sawyer

## MISSION EVENTS

### THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP/ WORKCAMP 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 and Maverick Stenger.

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

## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

As of March 31, 2016

<b>Income YTD:</b>	\$42,323.00
<b>Budgeted Income YTD:</b>	\$60,591.00
<b>(Under Budget YTD:</b>	(\$18,268.00)
<b>Expenses YTD:</b>	<b>\$37,034.39</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses YTD:</b>	\$60,591.00
<b>(Under Budget YTD):</b>	(\$ 23,556.61)

**General Fund Balance**

January 1, 2016:	\$20,433.09
Income YTD:	+ \$42,323.00
Expenses YTD:	- \$37,034.39
March 31, 2016	\$25,721.70

**Ushers:**

1: Jim & Karen Adams

Mike & Ann Beckley

8: Keith & Kim Sawyer

Jeannie Sawyer, Don Seebold

15: Deb Johnson, Carol Klose

Jane Moore, Kim Wagner

29: Craig & Sally Rothermel

Earl Michael, Marianne Motto

**Altar:**

1: Mandy & Sally Rothermel

8: Gwen Hull & Sue Smith

15: Jane Moore & June Ocker

22: Karen Boyer & Mary Alice Deihl

29: Ruth Gessner & Marianne Motto

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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](http://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](mailto:pastorjohn@4bellschurch.com)*