

First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER

2021

UPDATE

### **MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE**

In an effort to update the membership database at First Lutheran, we are providing an information form in this newsletter for each member/family to complete.

Phone numbers, emails and general demographic information is frequently changed and not reported to the church. We use this information to provide the congregation with special notices and alerts (i.e. worship cancellations, protocol changes, etc.) and it is very important for the office to have current data.

Please take the time to complete the form and return it to the church. It can be dropped off at the back of the sanctuary, in the office or emailed to felcmifflinburg@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for taking the time to ensure the church has the most recent data!

The data sheet will also include information on all the ways you can volunteer within the church. We ask that you please consider signing up to help out in areas of great need; both during and outside of worship.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

In conjunction with the database update FELC is reaching out to members to gather their thoughts regarding communication within the congregation.

Every opinion counts! FELC's goal is to ensure all members are aware of the happenings of the church in a timely manner and we need your input to make that happen!

Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed Questionnaire and Membership Information Form.

**The completed forms should be returned to the church by September 19th.**

They can be handed to an usher either before or after worship, dropped at the office, emailed or put the outside mailbox (behind the garage directly across from the east "Preschool" entrance).

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be an important congregational meeting held on Sunday, September 19th, immediately following worship to vote on continued participation in the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish. *This is a "vote only" meeting.* Please plan to attend; in order to constitute a quorum, 50% of those in attendance at worship must stay for the meeting. Either two-thirds vote in favor of maintaining the parish or two-thirds vote to disband the parish is required for an official conclusion.

Parish Pastor  
Rev. John D. Yost

#### **Staff Members of FELC**

- Diane Scott, Director of Music
- Heather Klose, Church Admin.
- Hank Dorman, Sexton
- Loretta Martin, Housekeeping

#### **Council Members of FELC**

- Linda Skinner, Council President
- Linda Lewis, Council VP
- Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer
- Emily Seebold, Secretary/ Youth
- Ann Beckley, Council
- Mike Culp, Council
- Shirley Heasley, Council
- Jane Moore, Council
- Marianne Motto - Council
- Sherri Neece, Council
- Kim Sawyer, Council
- Jim Schwartz, Council

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Facebook: First Evangelical

Lutheran Church Mifflinburg PA

#### **Parish Council Members**

- Jim Schwartz, (FELC) President
- Lee Spangler, (CULC) Vice Pres.
- Sue Jows, (FELC) Secretary
- Jen Keister, (CULC)
- Kim Sawyer, (FELC)
- Barry Spangler, (CULC)



## Mini-MACY

**Attention parents and friends of FELC and 4-Bell Churches:** The start of school is quickly approaching. And it's time to think about resuming Mini-MACY! Unfortunately, our previous coordinators are not able to resume their roles in this capacity. Therefore, we need YOUR help. If you are interested in leading our "mini-youth" through fun activities, community outreach and church social activities, please let us know. We certainly want to see our youngest children actively involved and be good mentors to them in the ministry of our church. Let's keep Mini-MACY going!! Thank you! Please contact Sherri Neece or Ann Beckley if you have any questions or are interested in helping our youth!

## Worship & Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, September 12th**

A Parish worship will be held in the Mifflinburg Park beginning at 10:00 AM with an ice cream social and snacks to follow. The Parish will be supplying ice cream, toppings and snacks. Please bring a lawn chair and your love of ice cream along!

## CULC Events

### **Donut and Coffee Sales:**

CULC will be selling donuts and coffee on the following Saturdays of home Penn State football games:

**September 11th and 18th: 9:00AM - 1:30PM**

### **Turkey Dinner:**

A "Drive-thru" turkey dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 25th** beginning at 3:30PM until sold out.

Dinners include: turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable. The cost is \$10.

All proceeds will help fund "Hope's Haven" Food Pantry which is open every Wednesday to residents of Union County.

Cash donations towards expenses are welcome! You may also pre-order on our website at:

[4bellschurch.com](http://4bellschurch.com)

For more information, please call 570-716-5601.



## Children's Church

## FELC Children's Church

Let's stay CONNECTED...we are excited to have Children's Church Lessons resuming via packets: Children's Church lessons and leaflets will be distributed to all PreK- 6th grade kiddos.

The lessons will begin Sunday September 12 through Sunday October 31

These lessons will use your Spark's Story Bible. Please let Ann Beckley (Christian Education Chair) know if you have any questions.

## Communication Task Force Questionnaire

In these unprecedented times we have come to the realization that there are areas where First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC) could be doing a better job communicating to our church family. You can help us gather some important information by simply responding to this very brief and simple questionnaire.

### General Questions:

What age groups are included in your household? (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ </=18      \_\_\_\_\_ 19-30      \_\_\_\_\_ 31-49      \_\_\_\_\_ 50-65      \_\_\_\_\_ 66 & older

Please check "Y"es or "N"o to the following questions:

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| 1. I regularly read the monthly newsletter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I have access to a computer/smartphone                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I regularly look at the church website                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I have used Facebook to watch the "LIVE" services       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I have used the church website to view a church service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Specific Questions:

1. Would it be beneficial to have the large screen utilized for displaying announcements and upcoming events/meetings prior to the start of the morning service?
2. Would you be in favor of the church using an automated phone system to make contact on Emergency cancellations for church services/events?
3. Are you aware that the church has a prayer chain?
4. Would you be interested in using an alternative method such as an online transaction to give your weekly, monthly or yearly tithe/offering?
5. What is your primary resource for getting information about FELC? (please rank in order of "1" being the most to "6" being the least used:

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Text another member

\_\_\_\_\_ Call the office

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly bulletin

\_\_\_\_\_ Word of mouth

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Media  
(Facebook/FELC website)

Please RETURN questionnaire by **September 19th** to one of the following places:

\*Folder located on the office door

\*Offering plate

\*Give to an usher before or after worship

\*Mailbox located off 4th street behind the garage (opposite the east/"preschool" door

If more than one member of your household would like to complete the questionnaire, please feel free to make a copy of pick one up in the rear of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your cooperation and timely input ☺, your Communication Task Force Members:

Ann Beckley, Arlene Behrent, Jeff Hackenburg and Linda Skinner

## Member Database Update

Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Household members:

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*In addition to updating the database, FELC is looking to expand the volunteer lists creating a larger gap between the times members are called upon. Below is a brief list of areas where volunteers are needed. Please check the box where you would be willing to volunteer and list the names of those willing to do so on the lines provided.*

Usher

Lay Reader

Lead/Help Children's Church

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Donate Food

Altar prep

Property needs (basic)

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*Please list anything else you would be willing to volunteer doing (ANYTHING AT ALL!):*

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## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC 7PM: FELC Council	2 FELC 9-2 1PM: LCW - DS	3	4 Wedding
5 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	6 LABOR DAY <i>FELC Office Closed all week - Vacation</i>  	7	8 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	9	10	11
12 10:00 AM: Worship at the Park	13	14 FELC 9-2	15 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	16 FELC 9-2	17	18
19 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	20 FELC 9-2	21 7PM: CULC Council	22 FELC *afternoon hours 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	23	24	25
26 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	27	28 FELC 9-2	29 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	30 FELC 9-2		