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**FEBRUARY 2012**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 11:00 AM AND 7:30 PM FEBRUARY 22**

Ash Wednesday's reminder that "you are dust and to dust you shall return" calls us to begin again our Lenten pilgrimage. God, on whom we are totally dependent, calls us to both repentance and his love.

Two opportunities for worship, with Word and Sacrament, will be provided at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Both services include the option of the imposition of ashes.

You are encouraged to participate in Lenten discipline and worship with the First Lutheran Family as we all struggle against "everything that leads us away from God".



## SHROVETIDE BRUNCH

Our tradition of gathering for the “Shrovetide Brunch” the Sunday before Lent continues with meal and fellowship planned for February 19. Our pancake brunch is adapted from the Shrovetide tradition of using all of the flour in the house in preparation for the fasting of Lent. The Fellowship Committee and F.L.Y. will be serving pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and tea.



Reservations for the brunch are requested by February 14. Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins in February. Suggested donation for the brunch is \$ 3.00 for adults and \$ 1.00 for children ages 2 through 10 years. Join the First Lutheran family for food and fellowship!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING...FEBRUARY 5

February 5 is “Souper Bowl of Caring” Sunday. Thousands of young people across the country join together to fight hunger and poverty in our communities with this movement of caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Our youth (with their soup kettles) will be at the sanctuary doors following both worship services to collect your offerings.

## THANK YOU BRUNCH FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers of the church are invited to join us for a Thank-You Brunch on Saturday, February 4 at 10 am. Students from Seton Hill University will be here to help us serve and clean up as part of a community service day. You just come and enjoy a time of fellowship together. This is for all who volunteer in any way at church. It includes but is not limited to: our church council members, our altar guild, acolytes, assisting ministers, ushers, lectors, Sunday School teachers, committee members, Food From the Heart Volunteers, Food Pantry Volunteers, choir members, and anyone else who has pitched in to help at activities in the church. Just call the church office by Thursday to make your reservations!

# **First Lutheran's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual – “Workshops of Winter” Sunday, February 19, 2012 (following the Shrovetide Breakfast)**

Please plan on attending the Shrovetide Breakfast after the 10:45AM service and then spend a few hours in a unique educational and fellowship experience. Here is the schedule for the day:

Shrovetide Breakfast	12PM-1:15PM
Opening Prayer/Review the day	1:15PM
Workshop # 1	1:30PM- 2:15PM
Workshop # 2	2:15PM- 3:00 PM
Closing Prayer and Devotions	3:00PM

## **Session # 1 Workshops 1:30-2:15PM**

### **1) Crocheting (beginner)-Kelly Vuick**

Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet? In this workshop, you will learn a basic crochet stitch and learn to make a potholder. Supplies will be provided but if you have a favorite yarn you would like to use, please bring it along!

### **2) Sewing Basics 101-Elinor Giovannini**

Do you have a button that has come off your favorite shirt? Is a hem falling out of your pants? In this workshop you will learn sewing techniques that will help you repair and save some of your favorite clothing items.

### **3) Pruning Shrubs and Trees-Eric Oesterling**

In this workshop, you will learn when is the best time to prune your shrubs and trees. Should you trim them in the spring? Fall? What are the best tools to use? All those answers and more will be answered.

### **4) Estate Planning Primer -David Mickley**

Learn how assets pass to your heirs, the costs of dying, how to minimize death taxes and administrative costs, why keeping assets in joint name is not always best & what are the four estate documents everyone should consider.

**5) What Do Football Referees Really Do? - Rick Druschel *\*same workshop as session # 2\****

So who are those guys running along the players on the football field? What are they doing? Do they need any special training or degree? What are some of the basic signals for penalties? All of these questions and more will be answered in this workshop.

**6) Scrapbooking (beginner) - Nadine Gockel**

Creating scrapbook pages are a great way to add some special touches to those memories you captured in print. In this workshop, you will create a scrapbook page as you learn some basic techniques and designs. Please bring a 6-8 pictures (common theme - family, animals, vacation, etc...) and a small, sharp pair of scissors.

**Session # 2 2:15-3:00PM**

**1) Crocheting (intermediate/advanced) - Kelly Vuick**

Has it been awhile since you crocheted? Do you have a project that you had trouble completing? Do you need to learn how to read a pattern? In this workshop, you will have some individual attention with Kelly who can guide you with those incomplete projects or show you how to begin a project while reading a pattern. Please bring your own materials with you to this workshop.

**2) Question and Answers About Gardening - Eric Oesterling**

In this workshop, you can ask any of those nagging questions you may have about your flower or vegetable garden. Please come prepared with questions about anything from natural pest control to the best flowers to grow in a shady yard.

**3) Planning for Long Term Care- David Mickley**

The average annual cost for a private room in a Pennsylvania nursing home is \$77,646. Federal and state governments are doing everything possible to make individuals take responsibility for their own care. However, there remain numerous planning opportunities to protect your hard earned assets. This class will discuss for whom does long term care insurance makes sense, who should embrace medicaid, what is medicaid planning, who should self insure and what you should do now to get a plan started.

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#### **5) Scrapbooking (intermediate) – Nadine Gockel**

Do you find that life becomes too crazy and you just never take time to complete your scrapbooking pages? Perhaps you would like to learn some new ideas from other scrapbookers? In this workshop, bring your scrapbooking supplies and share ideas and fellowship with other people who like to be creative with their photographs and memories!

#### **6) Make Your Lawn Into An Outdoor Room – Jenny Christopoulos**

Have you always wanted to make your yard into something more appealing? In this workshop, you will have a chance to explore options from shrubbery designs, fire pits, flower boxes, etc... that can enhance the appearance of your outdoor space. Please bring a photograph of the area you would like to change as well as the dimensions of the area.

Workshop sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer of the education building. Please sign up ASAP so that the presenters can be prepared for their workshop. Although we encourage everyone to sign-up ahead of time, you can still attend the workshops if your plans change and you are able to attend on Sunday, February 19, 2012. We hope to see you there!

## **FLY AND YOUNG ADULTS SNOWTUBING**

FLY along with our young adults and any friends are welcome to join us for Snow Tubing on Friday, Feb 17, at Hidden Valley. The group will meet in the church parking lot at 5 pm. (For those who cannot make 5, let Pastor Marleen know and you can meet us at 6 or after at Hidden Valley). Please bring \$10 to help cover your cost for snowtubing. Everyone going (even adults) must have a release form from Hidden Valley to participate. Check with Pastor Marleen or the church office to get your form!



# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			<b>1</b> FOOD/HEART	<b>2</b>  6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir
<b>5</b> 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S 5-6:30 FIREFLY 5-7:30 FLY /Jr FLY	<b>6</b>  7:00 Social Min 7:00 Bible Study	<b>7</b>  6:00 Property 7:00 Cong Council	<b>8</b> FOOD/HEART	<b>9</b>
<b>12</b> 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S	<b>13</b> 10:00 Mary Martha 7:00 Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> FOOD/HEART  7:00 Personnel	<b>16</b> FOOD PANTRY  6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir
<b>19</b> 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S SHROVETIDE BRUNCH	<b>20</b>  7:00 Bible Study	<b>21</b>  7:00 Christian Ed	<b>22</b> FOOD/HEART	<b>23</b>
<b>26</b> 8:15 W&S 9:30 SCS 10:45 W&S JAVA TABLE BIBLE BOWL	<b>27</b> 6:00 Exec Comm 6:30 Priscilla 7:00 Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> FOOD/HEART	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Barbara Christne Pat Eidemiller Elinor Giovannin Doroth West

**SERVING AT FIRST IN FEBRUARY 2012**

2/5

2/12

**NURSERY**

2/19

2/26

Captain- Patti Sias 724-837-4845  
 Betty Mehan  
 Marsha Danilko  
 Amy Kraus

Megan Myers  
 Shelby Erdman

Barb Krunzzynsky  
 Molly Krunzzynsky

**ACOLYTES**

Ian Darragh  
 Julia Gogol  
 Tyler Knatz  
**2/19** 8:15 am  
 Bearer: Dylan Leone  
 10:45 am  
 Bearer: Sawyer Rehak

Nick Nicassio  
 Emma Delisi  
 Ian Deise

Jennifer McCanna  
 Tyler Crosby

Brandon Armstrong  
 Nick Julian

**2/22** 7:30 pm Julia Gogol

**LECTORS**

Kim Nicassio  
 Teresa Graziotto  
 Liz Rowe  
 Cheryl Lucas

Hazel Adams  
 Jeanne Christensen  
**TAPE MINISTRY**

Betty Mohnney

Gail Armstrong  
 Shirley Huls  
 Mark Merriman  
 Betty Mehan

Sue Boggs  
 Rachel Krunzzynsky  
 Dwight Miller  
 Helen Marie Finner

	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 THANK YOU BRUNCH	<b>10</b>	
	<b>17</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:00 Snow Tubing	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8:15 AM USHERS</b> Tom Gockel - C Nadine Gockel Sherry Menz
		<b>25</b>		<b>10:45 AM USHERS</b> Al Danilko - C Debbie Delisi Dave Delisi Emma Delisi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many people will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month. Though it is usually celebrated with romantic love in mind, I urge you to celebrate all kinds of love this Valentine's Day. Remember those who you love as neighbors and friends. Those who are family and are as close as family to you have a different kind of love. Also remember the love of Christ which you share with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at First.

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to share our love for one another. There have been many moments over the past few years when I have clearly seen the love you have for one another at First. Some have been times of sadness, at funerals or memorial services; some have been great times of joy, at weddings or baptisms. Others have been times of fellowship or even at times during meetings. The youth have often shown love for one another on retreats or during special events. When there is an outpouring of love for one of our families, it affects the whole church. Even though there is no special occasion, let February be a month when you show your love to one another.

For those members and families that you know well, consider getting together outside of church this month. Or maybe invite a new member out for lunch or dinner to get to know them better. If you know someone is in need, ask how you can help. If you have extra food to share, remember some of our shut-ins or singles who may enjoy a home cooked meal with you. Send a card to someone you have not talked with recently. Think of something you would enjoy, and do it for someone else this month! Give thanks and pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Make this Valentine's Day one of love. Maybe others in our community will see your works and comment as neighbors of the early Christians did about how much the Christians love one another!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Marleen

## **Dear First Lutheran Church Motorist,**

This letter is the first leg of our journey to get our church's evangelistic drive into a higher gear. Although the road ahead should find us double "revving", and best using (the promise of) our park to meet myriad needs of church and community; exciting ideas of outreach and evangelism come to even "idling" minds.

Dozens of members have logged time and talent(s) sheets, once again, to perform those important functions that provide for a well-oiled worship experience (ushering, greeting, tape ministry, parade pit crew, etc.). We need now to shift into a higher gear to "permit learners" more mileage in our pews to discover that forgiveness (is no) accident.

Second gear will find more (evangelistic) operators at the wheel, as part of the evangelism committee itself. Perhaps you don't consider yourself "a driving force"; a common "non moving" violation. But this is as misguided as a mis-programmed GPS. We all have gifts, insights and talents that can be road maps to this house of forgiveness and grace.

I encourage anyone to renew their license to serve and help tune-up our team. Drivers wanted! - get out of the backseat; we already have a Co-Pilot.

Contact a current committee member (see list\*), the office or me.

Charlie Kaylor

Council Evangelism Committee Liaison

\* Sue Boggs, Amy Erdman, Amy Beaken, Judy Seanor, Gus Keiser

## FEBRUARY LIBRARY NEWS

New in First Lutheran's library this month:

**Soul Surfer** (DVD) – *Soul Surfer* is the incredible true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.

In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others.

For Children:

***Wherever You Are my love will find you*** by Nancy Tillman – Nancy's mission in this children's book, as well as others that she has written, is to convey to children everywhere that, "You are loved."

## BIBLE STUDY: FACING OUR FEARS



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

During Lent, our Bible Study group will be reading together ***Praying in the Cellar*** by Father Anthony Delisi (David Delisi's uncle). Last summer the youth visited with Father Delisi and learned a bit about monastic life. Now you have an opportunity to experience a little about monastic life and also be able to share your personal fears with God. The book is based on Matthew 6:6 and will give all who attend a good opportunity for discussion. We

will begin on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm. If you plan to join us, stop by the church office to get your copy of the book!



## FIRLU HAS HEARD...

--that we have received many thank you letters from local, community, and churchwide ministries in appreciation of our year end support and gifting. Thanks for making a difference in people's lives.

-that those hospitalized from First during the month of January include Deanna Thomas and baby boy, Beverly Todaro, Kathalyn O'Brien, Julie Loughran, Alice Stockberger, Sara Jane Smith, and Sara Shadwick and baby girl. May God's healing presence abound.

-that the sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families and friends of Karen Rudy, Sherry Fitzpatrick, and Jeffrey Cobb as they and we grieve their deaths. May God's promise bring comfort and hope.

-that the JAVA TABLE will be open between worship services on Sunday, February 26. Fair trade coffees, teas and chocolates will be available.

-that youth volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery during 10:45 a.m. worship. Any youth in 7th grade and older is asked to consider giving time to help our "Little Lutherans" in the nursery. Please call the church office if you are willing to help.

-that clean dry "grocery size" plastic bags are needed to help with Food Pantry distribution. Leave your donation in the fellowship hall. Thanks.

-that registrations are being accepted for the 2012-2013 term of First Lutheran Preschool. Please speak to Barb Krumszyinsky or call the church office for more information.

- that that the deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, Feb. 17. You may submit your articles to [jmiller@felchurch.org](mailto:jmiller@felchurch.org).

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#### WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Church School 9:30 A.M.  
SCS does not meet in June, July or August

Sunday Worship 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.  
Summer Schedule 8:15 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.  
(Nursery during second service)

Elevator and Hearing Assistance Available