



January 13, 2019

SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Today, 9:45am
2nd floor "Council Room"

Everyone junior high age or older is invited to join in a conversation titled "Justice vs Mercy." This class will be led by Ms. Allie Dewey, a member of FELC and a junior at Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and an attendee of the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this past summer.

CHILI FOR VON STEUBEN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

The Outreach Committee will be preparing chili on the afternoon of Tues., Jan. 15, and then serving the chili at VSMS Family Night at 5pm. Family Night will last until about 7pm. Volunteers should arrive at VSMS at 4:45pm. At this time we have sufficient volunteers, but anyone else who wants to take part is certainly welcome. Contact Laurie Judd for more information.

EAST BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER UNLOADING IS CANCELLED FOR WEDNESDAY:

The pantry at the East Bluff Community Center is so full they will not need to pick up food at the food bank this week. Mark your calendars for unloading next month, on Feb. 13th.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCH: Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up for the annual meeting lunch on Jan. 20th. Please sign up in Luther Hall if you can help.

ANNUAL REPORTS are available in the narthex, one per family please. Remember to bring your copy to the annual meeting next Sunday, Jan. 20th.

2019 BUDGET CORRECTION: Please note that a correction has been made to the proposed 2019 Budget on page 8 of your Annual Report. A new committee line item for Communications was inadvertently omitted for \$2,351. This change was approved by the Church Council at their 1/7/19 meeting. This increases the deficit from (\$25,964) to (\$28,315). A corrected "2018 Results and 2019 Budget" page will be available at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Next Sunday, Jan. 20th

The annual meeting of the FELC Foundation and First English Lutheran Church will be held on Sun., Jan. 20th.

Congregational Photo: Please gather in the Narthex at 11:45am. A congregational family photo will be taken in the sanctuary promptly at 12 noon. After the photo, we will move into Luther Hall for a light lunch, followed by the meetings of the Foundation and the congregational meeting.

Please sign up for the lunch.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Today, January 13

- 8:30 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour
- 9:45 am Sunday School, Adult class
- 11:00 am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
- Noon Youth Service rehearsal and Bible study

Monday, January 14

- 9:45 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Ruth Circle
- 5:45 pm Youth Committee

Tuesday, January 15

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 11:00 am Women's Ministry Committee
- 4:00 pm Stewardship Committee
- 4:45 pm VSMS Family Fun night
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm Dartball

Wednesday, January 16

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 5:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 6:00 pm Adult study, Youth choir, Youth Service rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Handbells, Youth Ministry, Adult study

Thursday, January 17

- 8:30 am Snack Packs
- 4:30 pm All staff meeting

Saturday, January 19

- 1:30 pm Youth service rehearsal

Next Sunday, January 20

- 8:30 am YOUTH SERVICE
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour
- 9:45 am Sunday School, Adult class
- 11:00 am YOUTH SERVICE
- 12:00 pm Lunch and Annual Meeting

Hospitalized This Week:

No members have been hospitalized this week.

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or hear of a member who is, please let the church office know.

Altar Flowers are given by Don Bruna in remembrance of Jeanne's birthday (Jan. 12).

Memorials: Please remember in prayer the families of Clifford Meyer and LuAnn Riebman on their deaths.

- Clifford Meyer died on Tuesday, Jan. 8th. The funeral service was held yesterday at Davison-Fulton Funeral Home.

- A funeral service for LuAnn Riebman, daughter of our member Pat Johnson, will be held at FELC on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Visitation will be from 10 to 11am and funeral service at 11am. LuAnn died in Lakeland, FL on Dec. 16th.

Prayer Requests: Requests for the prayer chain may be submitted by filling out a prayer request card and placing it in the offering plate or call/e-mail Martha Schmitt at mschmitt9911@yahoo.com.

Loose Coins: All loose coins in the offering today go the Bezaha Seminary of Madagascar. The loose coin offering for last week was \$20.72.

Attendance Last Sunday (Jan. 6):

8:30am 102; 11am: 53; Total 155
Sunday School: 2 yrs-8th grade: 10;
High school: 3; Adults: 20; Staff: 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Pub Theology on January 31st, 7pm. Location and details to be announced.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

For the upcoming months, the Adult Education classes will alternate rotations every 4-6 weeks. There will be one adult education class at 9:45am on Sundays. We are excited to bring a variety of members together in these discussions. We ask the entire congregation to prayerfully consider making Bible study a priority on Sunday mornings!

A new class will begin **next Sunday, January 20 at 9:45**. This Bible study calls Christians to slow down, read Scripture, meditate on it, and prayerfully respond as they "listen to God" through His Word.

After years of following Christ, after years of spreading the Word and making disciples, Peter had earned a hearing, and he had a few things to say to the clusters of believers scattered across the provinces of Asia Minor via the persecutions of Nero.

We will be using the book "Listening for God through 1 & 2 Peter" with copies available by contacting Lee Maki or Pastor Ryan. Please join us in the council room upstairs for these discussions.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

The Trinity

Jan. 9-Feb. 27 (no class on Jan. 23) - 6 pm

Who is God? Ours is the Triune God, which means we believe in one God in three persons. The math doesn't add up, and yet this paradox describes how Christians have experienced God in their lives for thousands of years. In this series, created and led by Pastor Ryan, we will explore the nature of God using scripture, examples from daily life, natural phenomena, and art.

Book of Luke

Beginning Jan. 9 – 7 pm

Get your books at the first session. The cost is \$10. We will meet in the parlor. The Gospel of Luke invites us to explore the story of Jesus and his mission as God's Chosen One (Messiah). From the joyous accounts of Jesus' birth in a manger in Bethlehem to the stark images of Golgotha to the eye-opening meal at Emmaus, we are invited into a remarkable story as we explore key stories and events of this Gospel.

ZION LUTHERAN, PEORIA TO CLOSE

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, our sister congregation on Peoria's South Side, is closing her doors after 125 years of ministry. All are invited to attend the final worship service on that mission site on Sunday, January 27th at 2:00PM.

Though Zion will cease to be a worshipping community after that date, trustees have been appointed from and by the congregation to manage the disposition of Zion's assets. In sympathy with our sisters and brothers at Zion, we mourn the closing of their community of faith. Yet, Zion is not faltering in her witness, even in the face of this decision, as can be seen by this quote from Pr. Steven Tibbetts in a recent letter to the people: "While, sadly for us, Zion congregation will soon no longer proclaim the Good News, the joyous message of redemption in Christ will still be proclaimed by those whose Christian Faith has been instilled here. Thanks be to God!" We pray for Zion and Pr. Tibbetts in these days, and beyond as they find new church homes.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Asstg. Minister	Marsha Kutter	---
Lectors	Eden Blair	Keri Dodson
Comm. Assts.	Phil and Kathy Neptun	Rod and Corina Smith
Ushers	Allen Mayer, Emma Rees, Mark Rees	Rod and Corina Smith
Acolytes	Katherine Mayer, Gavin Riggins	
Altar Guild	Mark Rees	Jon Dewey
Altar Guild – Set up Jan. 19: Kathy Yocum		

SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, January 20th

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Asstg. Minister	Youth	Youth
Lectors	Youth	Youth
Comm. Assts.	Youth	Youth
Ushers	Youth	Youth
Acolytes	Youth	Youth
Altar Guild	Jon Dewey	
Altar Guild – Set up Jan. 26:		

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