

MARCH 2018

THE CHIRPS FOR FORKS FOLLOWERS

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*Forks Church is where God lifts our spirits through creative worship, as we build God's Kingdom.
Come and See. Come and Grow. Come and Serve!*



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Readings for Wednesdays in March:

Mar 7th – Mark 11:15-19; Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16

Mar 14th – Isaiah 60:15-22; Psalm 107:1-16; John 8:12-20

Mar 21st – Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:34-50

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday – The Passion

10:30 am Worship

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm Worship

Friday, March 30

Good Friday - 7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday – 10:30 am Worship

Lenten Soup Suppers

At Forks Church

Every Wednesday through March 21st

Soup Supper starts at 6 pm

Lenten Worship starts at 7 pm

Groups or individuals are needed to provide soups, set up, clean up and remove trash.

Please sign up in the narthex.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHES

**ALL Friday Lenten Lunches will be held at
Cross Roads Presbyterian in Leechburg
at 11:45 am.**


Area congregations take turns preparing and serving a light lunch, furnish a dessert and a guest speaker presents a devotion.

Remember: if school is cancelled for any reason, the lunch is cancelled.

**Healing Through the Arts on Friday afternoons
1:30 pm @ Cross Roads through March 23rd**



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30-8:30 pm Jr. Girl Scouts	2 11:45 am Lenten Lunch @ Cross Roads	3
4 10:30 am Worship Pastor Katie Maul, presiding	5 5:30 pm Pantry Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	6 1:00 pm WELCA @ Forks Church	7 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Worship "Prayer Around the Cross" 7:30 pm Choir	8	9 11:45 am Lenten Lunch @ Cross Roads 6-8 pm Pantry Open	10 
11 Daylight Savings Time begins. 10:30 am Worship IRISH POTATO BAKE in Social Hall after worship	12 6:30 Bible Study	13	14 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Worship "Prayer Around the Cross" 7:30 pm Choir	15 6:30-8:30 pm Jr. Girl Scouts	16 11:45 am Lenten Lunch @ Cross Roads	17 
18 10:30 am Worship VBS Planning Meeting immediately follows worship.	19 6:30 Bible Study	20 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Worship "Holden Evening Prayer" 7:30 pm Choir	22	23 11:45 am Lenten Lunch @ Cross Roads	24 11:00 am Hometown High Q KDKA, channel 2 Karalyn Zeff is on the team from Leechburg High School!
25 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship  HOLY WEEK	26 6:30 pm Bible Study	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Worship	30 Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship	31 

EASTER MORNING SERVICE – SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - 10:30 AM



Dear Friends,

We're still in Lent, but now is the time to start planning for Easter, that is, planning to come to worship on Easter.

You know what Easter is all about.

It is not about the Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs.

It's not about a parade in New York, or just a break from work or school.

You know that Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus, the divine one who took on flesh in the Bethlehem manger, who walked this earth, who was crucified on a Friday Cross, stepped out of a boulder shut grave, never to die again.

And in those resurrection steps, Jesus crushed under his feet anything that would separate us from him in our lives and after we die.

That is what Easter is all about!

Given that is what Easter is all about, where else would one make plans to spend some time on Easter but at worship?

Even if you are hosting an Easter dinner for family far and near...even if you haven't been in church for weeks, months, or even years...even if you may have done something for which you bear great guilt and shame...even if your faith is smaller than a mustard seed.....

Jesus invites you to come to his house and celebrate the victory that he has won, won for you!

Fact is, we worship on Sunday mornings to have a mini-Easter celebration each week.

So, I hope that you are making plans to come to worship on Easter morning, and I hope that when you come you will be so overwhelmed with joy that you will want to celebrate every first day of the week.

God's grace and peace,

Pastor Jerry Nuernberger



2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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March Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 20 @ 6:30 pm

April Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 18 @ 6:30 pm.

*He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
 To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*



2018 promises many exciting ministry opportunities and life-changing adventures in faith for all ages. New brochures are available on the long table in the narthex.

Questions?? Contact the church office at 724-845-6627 or speak with Lucille Allen, 724-845-2263.

You also may call Lutherlyn directly @ 724-865-2161.

\$100 off for FIRST TIME campers!

Register at www.lutherlyn.com

Enter coupon code: ELCA18

[YOU ARE INVITED TO 2017 CampBlast at Lutherlyn](#)

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018, 11 AM – 4:30 PM

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, high ropes course, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, rockets, kayaking, biking, tours, great food, and MORE! The best part....EVERYTHING IS FREE!!

Visit www.lutherlyn.com/campblast for more details.

*Loose offerings during March and April will go towards camperships for our young folks!
Envelopes designated for Lutherlyn donations are located in the pew racks, as well.*



2018 FORKS CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 22-26

A VBS planning meeting will be held on March 18, immediately following worship. Please plan to help out this year!

See Karen Disciscio with any questions.

WELCA Spring Cluster #3

April 14, 2018

at Hebron Lutheran Church
201 Main Street, Leechburg

9-10 am – Registration

10 am-12pm – Bible Study and
Worship Service
led by Rev. Ryan Pusch

12pm – Lunch

Cost: \$6

Theme:

“Planting, an Exercise of Faith”

2018 Designated Outreach:
“Ready Yourself Youth Ranch”

All women are invited.

WELCA NEWS

Forks Church and Hebron WELCA groups
meet once a month, on the first Tuesday, at 1:00 pm
for dessert, followed by a speaker and devotions/meeting.

WELCA invites all women of all ages to participate and attend.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2018
at Forks Church

The meeting on April 3rd will be at Hebron.



Feed My Sheep Pantry

THEME FOR MARCH

- Green items, such as peas,
and canned spinach
- Cleaning products
- Hygiene products
- Eco friendly (green) items

Next Open Pantry Date:
Friday, March 9th 6-8 pm

Karalyn Zeff, daughter of Bob and Sara Zeff, is one of three members of a team from Leechburg Area High School that will be appearing on the show Hometown High Q, KDKA, channel 2; Saturday, March 24 @ 11:00 am. Don't miss it!!

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE 5TH ANNUAL IRISH POTATO BAKE!!

The Parish Life Committee is sponsoring the **Annual Irish Potato Bake** on **Sunday, March 11th** following Sunday Worship. The luncheon will include a baked potato and a variety of tasty toppings.

Please sign up in the narthex by **March 7th** so the committee will know how many to prepare for that day.



Please join us for food, fun and fellowship.

MARCH SPONSORSHIPS

<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>BULLETINS</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>
4 Lois Byers	Darl Minnich	Marilyn Smail
11 Grace Seitam	Patty Newton	
18 Ruby Shearer	Marilyn Smail	
25 Joan Martin Hess	Marie Catlos	

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>HEAD USHER</u>
4 Patty Newton	Cody Marangoni	Ken Riggle
11 Rhiannon Rearick	Jack Rearick	
18 Rhiannon Rearick	Cole Rearick	
25 Tom Walker	Colin Saxion	

ALTAR CARE: Louise Dyess
Fernetta Klingensmith

March Birthdays

- 5 Meghan Kennerdell
- 6 Janet Nichols, Jody Nichols
- 7 Jack Kennerdell
- 8 Dallas Remaley, Leann Heilman, Jacob Heilman
- 10 Raylee Riggle
- 11 Michael Marangoni, Carolyn (Cookie) Quince
- 13 Richard Long
- 14 Marilyn Smail
- 15 Michael Fouse
- 16 Hazel Myers
- 17 Maegen Hess
- 19 Dillon Nichols; Brooke Anderson
- 20 Emma Rupert
- 23 George Shearer
- 24 *LOUIS BOPP *100 YEARS YOUNG*
- 24 Sarah Kersheski, Susie Strapac
- 29 George Lebetz
- 31 Colin Saxion



March Anniversary

March 31
Scott and Jennifer Gray

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing a red lab-style coat, there has been one at the church, hanging in the narthex, for over a year.

Also, other small items have been left, such as a wallet of family photos, a man's plaid necktie, one men's sock, two eye glass cases, one pair of black gloves.

All of the above items are located in the narthex.

Talk to Sandy Hess, church secretary, if you need assistance locating your missing items.





Please remember the following people in your prayers:

John Heilman, Nancy Altman, Dale Altman,
Sulinn Mathews, Michael Catlos, Maddix Paul, Layten Bowser, Donna Lobaugh,
Hershel Phares, Alice Newton, Tim Caramellino, Alice Myers Birch, Betty Hartje, Betty Lege,
Audrey Finley

Please inform the Forks Church secretary if there are any additions or deletions to the prayer list.

Thank you!

Homebound

Lou Bopp 1237 Bagdad Rd., Leechburg 15656
Lou will turn 100 years young on March 24 2018.
Please honor him by sending a card for his milestone birthday.

Jean Burton 103 Stoughton Drive, Vandergrift 15690

Howard Hepler 1178 St. Rte 66 Vandergrift 15690

Darl Minnich, 159 Shearer Rd., Leechburg 15656

Hazel Myers 548 Pitt St., Leechburg 15656

Don Nichols 205 Johnetta Rd., Vandergrift 15690

Leota Wolfe 635 St Rte 66, Leechburg 15656



Independent Living

John Lange - Concordia, 148 Marwood Rd, Apt 1317, Cabot, PA 16023



**Lord, the storms of our lives
sometimes seem like they will swamp us.
Help us trust that You are the Master of the storm, to place
our faith in You when life's winds blow fiercely.**

***"I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I."***

~ Psalm 61:2



EASTER FLOWERS



Please help make our church beautiful this Easter Season.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN!

Complete and return the order form, along with payment to:

Sandy Bowser, 864 Logansport Road, Ford City, PA 16226

OR place in the secretary's office door pocket.

Last Day to Order: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

	No. of each	Amount
Lillies \$8.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Yellow Tulips \$6.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Purple Hyacinths \$6.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Flower Fund Donation		\$ _____
Total Due		\$ _____



_____ Give my flower to a Shut-In.

_____ I will pick my flower up after the 10:30 am Easter morning worship service.

DRESSES AND BRITCHES – St Paul’s Highfield, Parks Twp

This group was scheduled to meet on January 16 but Mother Nature (or Old Man Winter) didn’t cooperate. However, there were enough items on the table in the narthex to send 1 box to Kentucky. It contained 3 boy outfits (Kathleen had made the shirts but were purchased jeans), 2 girl’s jumpers with tops, a girl’s outfit consisting of pants, jacket and top and 3 fleece throws of various sizes.

We did manage to meet on February 6 with Judy, Linda, Sandi, Kathleen, Claudia, Harriet and Glenda being present for Show and Tell. Judy and Linda brought several hand-made quilts, Kathleen emptied a bag containing knitted hats, pillowcases, 2 jumpers with tops, lounging pants and 4 colorful tote bags. Claudia added items of purchased clothing. Harriet had an array of knitted sweaters and slippers. A 9-patch quilt, which was a group effort, was added to the pile of quilts. Glenda contributed a dress, a skirt with a blouse, 2 jumpers with tops and a pants, vest and top outfit. The table was full!

Thanks to Sandi for stopping at the Ford City Bakery and bringing goodies.

With cooperation from the weather, we will meet on March 6 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall of St. Paul’s Highfield.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

First Lutheran Church in Leechburg is once again holding GriefShare, a 14-week support ministry for persons needing love and encouragement following the death of a loved one.

Meetings will be on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm, beginning March 5th.

The group is free to attend and all are welcome regardless of church affiliation.

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
358 Main Street, Leechburg
724-845-7518**

Call the church office if you have any questions.



Christ the King Parish, Leechburg

EASTER BAKE SALE

Accepting orders for Nut, Apricot and Poppy Seed rolls and Paska Bread (with or without raisins) for Easter.

Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot rolls are \$11.50 each – order deadline is Monday, March 5, 2018.

Paska Bread is \$6.50 each – order deadline is Monday, March 12, 2018.

To place an order, call any of the following numbers: 724-842-0623, 724-845-8615 or 724-845-9762.

Thank You!

CHICKEN ‘N BISCUIT DINNER

Chicken/Biscuit Dinner

Spring Church Lutheran Church

3623 Lutheran Church Road, Apollo

4:00 – 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Adults: \$9

Children: 6-12 \$4.50; 5-under FREE

Take-outs available: \$.50 extra.

Menu: chicken/biscuit, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and beverage.

Handicapped accessible.

Call 724-478-1528 for more information.

UPCOMING CHARITY EVENT



SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K

Saturday, March 17, 2018 | 10AM-12PM
West Leechburg Fire Department
Must be registered on or before 3/2/18.

100% of race proceeds will be donated.

This year all proceeds will benefit the **Muscular Dystrophy Association** and the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**.

Visit www.sempergratuspgh.org/events for details.
Call the Forks Church office if you need help registering.



Saturday, March 17, 2018 | 6PM - 11 PM
West Leechburg Fire Department
Social Hall!
\$20 per individual
\$30 per couple

Semper Gratus., Latin for **Always Grateful**, is a non-profit organization whose intent is to work with other non-profits/charities for philanthropic purposes.



Healing Through the Arts

Experiencing deep loss engulfs our whole being and shuts us down. Using arts to explore our memories, thoughts, and feelings helps give voice to our loss and to open our hearts again.

It can give reprieve from the depth of our pain.

Please join us for a six-week series at **Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church**
271 Main Street, Leechburg PA 15656 **Fridays at 1:30 pm thru March 23.**

Meditation ~ Art ~ Journaling ~ Spirituality ~ Music

Please call **Heritage Hospice** at **724-334-6600** for more information.

BUS TRIP

Lancaster, Sight and Sound Theater
May 30-June 1, 2018

CANCELLED due to low number of people that signed up to go.



CLOTHING CLOSET

March 17 – 9 am

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31 – 1 pm

Registration – 12:30 pm

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