



# "Come and See"

John 1:39

The CHIRPS  
for FORKS  
FOLLOWERS

SEPTEMBER

2018

## Our Mission Statement

*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!



**Dear Forks Church community,**

**I'd like to take the chance to introduce myself to you a little more as we get to know one another. I have been here just a couple of weeks so far.**

**I am not new to the Leechburg area, having lived in Lower Burrell for the past 7 years. Prior to coming to Forks, I served a small congregation in southern Indiana County. I am (of course) the wife of Pastor Jim Arter at First Lutheran in Leechburg. We have been married for 9 years and have a daughter, Rebecca. The other member of our household is a gecko (small lizard) named Angel.**

**In my spare time, I enjoy music (listening, playing, or singing), crocheting and other crafts, cooking, baking, and walking outdoors. In my church life, I enjoy working with folks of all ages, though I have a passion for children/youth/educational ministry. I look forward to meeting the good people of Forks and hearing more about what this congregation means to you and where you see God working among you.**

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Elizabeth Arter**

**“INVITATION TO EXTENDED SERVICE”**  
(Installation Service)  
**FOR PASTOR ELIZABETH ARTER**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Forks Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Bishop Kurt Kusserow, presiding**

A **catered dinner** will follow the service in the **Social Hall** of the church.

There is no charge for the dinner, however you **must sign up** to attend.  
Good will offerings would be appreciated.

A sign up sheet is located in the narthex of the church OR  
you may call the church office, 724-845-6627.

**FALL MUMS in Celebration of Pastor Elizabeth Arter’s**  
**‘Invitation to Extended Service’**

You may donate a mum to beautify the church on 9/16.  
Fill out the order form below and mail with payment to:

Forks Zion Lutheran Church  
253 Forks Church Road  
Leechburg, PA 15656



Orders and payment may also be placed in the offering plate  
or placed in the pocket on the secretary’s office door.  
Orders for mums must be received by: Sept 9

\_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) @ \$5 ea                      Total due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to Forks Zion Lutheran Church

## FORKS ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

253 Forks Church Road  
 Leechburg, PA 15656  
 Church Office: 724-845-6627  
 Email: [forkschurch@windstream.net](mailto:forkschurch@windstream.net)

### Rev. Elizabeth Arter, Pastor

Church Office: 724-845-6627

### Sandy Hess – Church Secretary

Secretary's Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

*Hours are subject to change, call ahead*

**Glenna Stitt – Organist/Choir Director**

**Karen Disciscio – Church Treasurer**

**Christina Gross – Financial Secretary**

On Sunday, September 30, we will meet in the parlor of the church to discuss plans for Adult Formation on Sunday mornings.

September 30 will be a "get to know you" time and a chance to see what you are looking for in an adult study group on Sunday mornings.

After a study is chosen, we will begin meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

## FORKS CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Glenna Stitt – President

Stephen Gross-Vice President

Kim Zimmerman – Council Secretary

Pastor Elizabeth Arter, Sandi Crawford,  
 Dave Finely, Sandy Kotvas, George Lebetz,  
 Mark Long, Sulinn Mathews, Ron Vogel

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MORNING – 10:30 am

Traditional Worship Service

### Sunday School

during the Worship hour

\*9:30 am – **Adult Faith Formation**

(beginning on 9/30)

### MONDAY EVENING – 6:30 pm

Bible Study in Parish House

### WEDNESDAY EVENING – 6:00 pm

'Come As You Are'

Mid-Week Renewal Service


## Forks Zion Lutheran Church Income and Expense Summary 2018

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Difference</b>
January	\$9,408.00	\$8,569.59	\$7,513.98	\$1,055.61
February	\$9,408.00	\$8,417.31	\$8,133.59	\$283.72
March	\$9,408.00	\$8,049.66	\$9,546.41	<b>-\$1,496.75</b>
April	\$9,408.00	\$10,920.69	\$9,723.62	\$1,197.07
May	\$9,408.00	\$9,492.17	\$10,812.34	<b>-\$1,320.17</b>
June	\$9,408.00	\$10,331.77	\$9,496.13	\$835.64
July	\$9,408.00	\$10,439.91	\$11,381.41	<b>-\$941.50</b>
Total to Date		\$66,221.10	\$66,607.48	<b>-\$386.38</b>
Annual Budget	\$112,896.00			

The budge column reflects the average monthly amount based on the overall 2018 budget. The income and expense totals include designated/restricted use funds given for specific ministries, i.e. Camperships, Feed My Sheep Pantry, Special Gifts/Bequests, etc. Some of these categories and amounts are built into the budget total under Mission Development.

If you would like more information or have questions, please speak with Karen Disciscio.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 am Worship	3 	4 12:00 pm WELCA picnic	5 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir	6	7	8
9 10:30 am Worship (deadline to order fall mums)	10	11 5:30 pm Pantry Team Meeting  6:30 pm Bible Study	12 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir	13	14 6-8 pm Pantry Open	15 9am – 1 pm Clothing Closet First Lutheran  10 am – 5 pm Pink Day Leechburg
16 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm Worship "Invitation to Extended Service" for Pastor Elizabeth. Dinner follows in Social Hall	17 6:30 pm Bible Study	18 6:30 pm Council Meeting	19 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir	20	21	22 10 am – 4 pm Fall Festival St. Paul's Highfield
23 10:30 am Worship	24 6:30 pm Bible Study	25	26 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir	27	28	29 4 pm – 6 pm Chicken & Biscuit Dinner – Spring Church  3-7 pm Fire Relief Benefit Dinner Ford City First Baptist
30 9:30 am Bible Study/Parlor 10:30 am Worship						

The Church Secretary will be on vacation from September 15 - September 26.  
If you need assistance, please call the church, 724-845-6627 and leave a message.



**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

John Heilman, Layten Bowser, George Lebetz, Peter Mitchell, Marie Catlos, Sulinn Mathews, Glenna Stitt, Ralph Maskrey, Matt Crawford, Maddix Paul, Russell Lobaugh, Donna Lobaugh, Tim Caramellino, Audrey Finley, Lou Fondrk, Diana Lydon, Ben Belfield, Johnny Yurko, Bob Venterini, Gerald Hamilton, Nick Malucci

**Homebound**

**Jean Burton** 1098 St. Rte 66, Vandergrift 15690

**John Heilman** 176 Sober Rd, Leechburg 15656

(John is now at home and welcoming visitors)

**Hazel Myers** 548 Pitt St., Leechburg 15656

**Leota Wolfe** 635 St Rte 66, Leechburg 15656

**Assisted Living**

**Howard Hepler – Rivercliff Terrace**

322 North McKean St., Kittanning 16201

**Don Nichols – Memory Meadows**

321 Godfrey Rd, Leechburg 15656

**Independent Living**

**John Lange - Concordia**

148 Marwood Rd, Apt 1317, Cabot, PA 16023



**First Lutheran Church in Leechburg** is once again hosting **GriefShare**, a weekly support group for persons needing help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

The group will meet on **Mondays from 6-8 pm beginning September 10.**

See the poster located on the long table in narthex.

Also, on **Thursday, August 30 at 6:30 pm** First Lutheran Church in Leechburg is hosting a special one-time seminar for those grieving the death of a spouse.

Our deepest condolences to the families of **Darl Minnich, Alice Myers Birch** and **Betty Hartje.**



**Alice** passed away on Friday, July 27 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held July 30, in Ohio, where she lived with her husband, Mark and son, Jason. Alice was the daughter of Earl and Linda Myers, sister of Glenn, Neal and Karen Harris and granddaughter of Hazel Myers.

**Betty Hartje** passed away on Saturday, August 4 at the age of 93. She was the mother of Cindy Brient.

**Darl Minnich** passed away on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Arrangements are being made through Clawson’s Funeral Home in Leechburg. His viewing will be held on September 1, 2018 from 5-8 pm. A service will be held at the funeral home at 8:00 pm.

**SEPTEMBER SPONSORSHIPS**

**FLOWER SPONSOR**

9/2 Richard Long  
 9/9 Glenda Paul  
 9/16 Helen Gondell  
 9/23 Ken Riggle  
 9/30 Richard Long

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

Karen Disciscio  
 Richard Long  
 Marie Catlos  
 Ken Riggle  
 Richard Long

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Helen Gondell

*Flowers: \$32/week  
 Bulletins: \$15/week  
 Candles: \$20/month*

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

9/2 Rhiannon Rearick  
 9/9 Rhiannon Rearick  
 9/16 10:30 am Tom Walker  
 3:00 pm Patty Newton  
 9/23 Patty Newton  
 9/30 Tom Walker

**ACOLYTE**

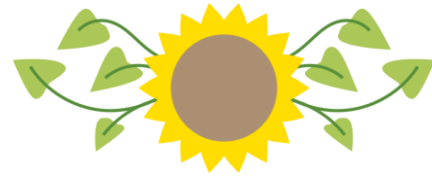
Jack Rearick  
 Mara Adams  
 Hayden Eiler  
 Cole Rearick  
 Ella Adams  
 Colin Saxion

**HEAD USHER**

Hershel Phares

**ALTAR CARE**

Louise Dyess, Cynthia Brient



2 Jason Kennerdell  
 5 Braxton Hess  
 9 Karen Disciscio  
 10 Noah Gross  
 12 Bob Wright  
 13 Mark Long  
 14 Brenton Kennerdell  
 15 Jane Burton  
 16 Hayden Eiler  
 19 Jack McIntire  
 21 Jerry Hepler  
 26 Sue McIntire  
 27 John Altman; Mark Craig  
 28 Ermamae Minnich  
 30 Ainsley McIntire

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

17 Stephen and Christina Gross  
 18 Shawn and Molly Artman;  
 Steven and Shannon Kotvas  
 19 Matthew and Lacey Eckman  
 21 Jack and Louise Dyess  
 29 Frances and Helen Gondell

**Thank you!!** George and I are humbled and thankful for everyone who donated blood on August 13 for his replenishment drive. 58 friends, family, coworkers, and members of the community came out to support George.

The Central Blood Bank was also grateful for the large turn-out. They ran out of bags for the blood collection twice. The last two donors had to be turned away because of the lack of bags. Thank you to all who gave of their time to do this. Your gift will benefit so many adults and children in need. -George and Jill Lebetz



### WELCA

Picnic on Tuesday, September 4, 2018  
at 12:00 pm for ALL women of the church.

Forks Church women, please bring a  
covered dish to share.



The WELCA Fall Cluster #3 Meeting will be held on **October 13, 2018** at St. Paul's Highfield Lutheran Church, Dime Road, Parks Township.

This year's Theme:  
**'Apple of God's Eye'**

**9:00 am Registration**

**10:00 am Worship**

**Cost: \$6.00**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**Call Mary Jane Ramer @ 724-568-2530**

Please bring a friend and join us.



**Choir practice has resumed as of Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm.** Practice is immediately following the 6:00 pm mid week "come as you are" worship service.

**New choir members are always welcomed!!**

We have a lot of fun while raising our voices in praise to the Lord!

**Come and sing!!**



### SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

During the month of September, the Pantry will collect fall cleaning supplies and paper products, as well as monetary donations and coupons

**The Pantry will be open:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**6-8 PM**

**Pantry Team will meet on  
Tuesday, September 11  
@ 5:30 pm**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 7

8 am – 5 pm

Saturday, September 8

8 am – 1 pm

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

At Christ the King Church

125 Park Rd., Leechburg

Food, Baked Goods &  
Refreshments available

### **PINK DAY**

10 am – 5 pm

**SEPTEMBER 15**

Market Street, Leechburg

Live music, Food, Vendors,  
and more!

Proceeds benefit the Breast  
Cancer Research Foundation

**THINK PINK!**

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

St. Paul's Highfield Church

1595 Dime Rd., Parks Twp

**Saturday, Sept 22**

**10-4**

Homemade Food,  
RUMMAGE SALE, Vendors,  
Basket Raffle, Oldies Music,  
FUN FOR KIDS!

### **PIES, PIES, PIES!**

The Leechburg Lutherans Relay for Life Team will be selling homemade pies at St. Paul's Highfield's Fall Festival. We are looking for people who love to bake and are willing to make a pie to donate. If we get 10-12 pies from the three Lutheran Churches, that will be wonderful! There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or call Janice at the church office of First Lutheran 724-845-7518 if you would like to help!

**Chicken 'N Biscuit Dinner** 4-6:30 pm

Sat., Sept 23 Spring Church Lutheran Church

Adults: \$9, Children 6-12 \$4.50, children 5 and under free

Takeouts, 50 cents extra...

Info: 724-478-1528

Spring Church Lutheran Church, 3623  
Lutheran Church Rd., Apollo.



*Praise to God comes naturally when you  
count your blessings.*

### **FIRE RELIEF BENEFIT**

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

& Chinese Auction

Saturday, September 29, 2018

3 pm – 7 pm

@ Ford City First Baptist Church

2230 Center Ave

Ford City, PA 16226

724-763-2357

**PLEASE COME JOIN US IN HELPING** Mary Heilman  
and her family who suffered a house fire that  
occurred on August 11, 2018, in Apollo.  
Mary and her family lost everything due to an  
electrical fire that occurred and water damage.

Plates include: Spaghetti, salad, bread,  
dessert and drink

Adults: \$8

Children 10 and under: \$4

Dine in or take out



## 4 Churches



## 1 Lutheran Community

### **St. Paul's Highfield**

**Bible Study** – Wed - 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

#### **New Hope Food Pantry**

To receive a box, a person must call Vandergrift Methodist Church at 724-568-5575. Boxes are distributed the third Tuesday of every month.

Donations of non-perishable food and monetary donations may be taken to St. Paul's Highfield.

#### **Dresses and Britches**

New faces are welcome. They usually meet on Tuesday afternoon in their fellowship hall at 1:00 PM January through April and September to November.

*This group of women makes clothing and send them to Christian Appalachia Project (CAP) in Kentucky. CAP is a non-denominational Christian organization that provides multiple services to the residents of the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky.*

### **Forks Zion**

**Bible Study** – Mon – 6:30 PM

**Wed service** – 6:00 PM

#### **Feed My Sheep Pantry**

The Pantry is designed to supplement other food banks with personal hygiene products, paper goods, diapers and other items that most food banks don't offer.

The pantry is open to the public on the second Friday of each month from 6 – 8 PM.

Donations are always welcome and may be dropped off at the Forks Church office, during church office hours (Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm) or on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 5:30pm, during the Pantry Team planning meeting.

### **Hebron**

**Bible Study** – One Friday evening a month  
6:00 PM

### **First**

**Bible studies** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed at 9:00 AM  
And 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu at 7:00 PM

#### **Fellowship & Prayer breakfast**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 9:00 AM at the Leechburg King's Restaurant

#### **Clothing Closet Ministry**

Sale the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of every month  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

New faces are always welcome!  
Sorting every wed 9:00 AM – Noon

#### **GriefShare**

Mon from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

Fall/winter session begins Mon, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and will run for 14 weeks ending Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

### **WELCA**

Women of the ELCA – **ALL** women are invited. Start off picnic Tue Sept 4 at Noon at Forks Zion their social hall. Everything will be provided so we need to RSVP by August 27<sup>th</sup>

The speaker will be Lauren Bell, recovering addict from the Community Health Clinic

### **Leechburg Pink Day**

Sat Sept 15

Community event raising money for Breast Cancer Research

### **Church Bonfire**

Friday, September 21, 7:00 PM at  
First Lutheran

There will be snacks provided so please RSVP by  
Sept 18

### **Fall Festival**

Saturday September 22 at St. Paul's Highfield



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September 2018 Forks Chirps

