



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

#### OUR MISSION

*"We are a people called together into the life-transforming ministry of the Gospel, empowered to share our lives for the blessing of the world."*

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#### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please direct to the church office:  
[felc@salsgiver.com](mailto:felc@salsgiver.com)

#### THE SEASON OF LENT

**Friday Lenten Lunches:** 11:45am at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church

**Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers:** 6:00

**Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer:** 7:00

Sponsors are needed for our soup suppers. A sign-up sheet is in the rotunda. Contact Charlotte DeVere ([queenstitch13@gmail.com](mailto:queenstitch13@gmail.com)) or Pastor Jim with any questions.

#### 40 CANS IN 40 DAYS – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting cans, boxes, and pouches of non-perishable food items for our Little Free Pantry. Please consider donating 1 food item (40 total) for each day of the Lenten season or \$1 for each of the 40 days (please label monetary donations "food pantry") Donations can be made weekly. Questions? Contact Doreen Smeal: 724-448-4188 or [doreen.smeal@gmail.com](mailto:doreen.smeal@gmail.com).

#### EASTER EGG HUNT – SAT. MARCH 30 @ 1:00pm

We've teamed up with the Leechburg Community Association and the Leechburg Ministerial to put on best Easter Egg Hunt ever! We will return Leechburg-Gilpin Park. We need donations of candy and prize baskets. Register now at [www.servinggodgracefully.net/egghunt](http://www.servinggodgracefully.net/egghunt).

#### SCUBA: DIVE INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

VBS is back, and it's going to be better than ever! We will be at First United Methodist Church at 8:30—11:30 on June 17-21, in partnership with Hebron and Cross Roads. We need teachers, crew leaders, and helpers with games, crafts, science, registration, and music. Volunteers and students can register now: [www.myvbs.org/leechburg](http://www.myvbs.org/leechburg).

#### CLOTHING CLOSET REOPENS MARCH 16, 9am-1pm

Clothes are sorted on Monday mornings at 9am. A sign-up sheet is at the usher's station for our monthly openings. We need your smiling face! Contact Kathy Munko if you can help: (724) 845-8974 or [kathymunko@hotmail.com](mailto:kathymunko@hotmail.com).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Our members:* Shannon Kiro, Becky Panzak, James Woodside, Len Kalmar, Rachel McKelvey, Rodney McKelvey, Jackie McKelvey, Jeff Smeal, Don Aber, Beverly Woodside, Jackie Smorey, Karen McGuire, Judy DeFilippi, Marian O'Connell, Deborah Daugherty, Nicolas Delp, Margaret McKallip

*Our family and friends:* John & Meda McKallip, Kathleen Herring, Nelda Carlson, Cathy Rupert, Carole & John Copeland, Dale McMullen, Carolyn & Bob Lash, James Arter II, Henry Michael Hedding, Sean Zeiders, Allan Beattie, Terry Roofner, John Polchinski, Kaylee, Dina Filo, Pam, Reed Schaeffer, the family and friends of Nicholas DeFilippo and Donna Nepesa

*Our military:* James Antoniono, Alex Fulton, Garrett Fulton, Rachel Bubeck, Michael Hedding