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# **KEEPING IN TOUCH**



It's time to say goodbye to the Christmas holidays but keep the spirit in our hearts. On Christmas day we were privileged to have the children do the service. They had a wonderful program and did an awesome job! We are so blessed by our children. We can certainly learn from them.

Now it is time to bounce into the spring season that will soon be upon us. Spring brings the spirit of refreshment and newness and rebirth of the earth and all that is in it. First EC is bringing new and exciting programs too. We are ever changing and trying new things. A new Children's Church Program started in February. Children are now welcome to have their own church time during the worship service. This takes place the second and third Sunday of every month. There is also a new Elementary Sunday School Class for children that are in grades 2 thru 5.



As you can see the children are certainly enjoying Sunday School!

## Some Upcoming Important Dates (that are known at this time)

### March

9 - Spring Singles Social (not for matches! Just for fun!) 2:00-4:00PM. Ages 18-118!

16 - Lenten Breakfast at 8:00 see bulletin board for details

- 20 The Table from 5:30-6:30PM
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday Service
- 31 Easter Sunday

#### April

1 - SOS Dinner Appreciation Drop Off for Campbelltown Fire Fighters

2 - SOS Dinner Appreciation Drop Off for the Palmyra Fire Fighters

#### May

4 - Prayer Walk around Lingle Avenue Elementary School 8:00AM

4 - Rock Painting 9:00-10:00AM

#### The Legend of the Forget -Me -Not

When to the flowers so beautiful The Father gave a name, There came a little blue eyed one-All timidly it came-And standing at the Father's feet, And gazing in His face, It said with low and timid voice, And yet with gentle grace, "Dear Lord, the name thou gavest me, Alas, I have forgot." The Father kindly looked on him And said, "Forget-me-not."

Anon.





Through the Lenten season we are studying the Gospel of Mark every Wednesday morning and evening during the CST (Coffee Shop Theology) study groups. All are welcome!

The Table continues and the organizers are so grateful for the volunteers that help with this worthwhile outreach program.

The SOS Group is planning many outreach events in the near future and into the fall. Just a tease for you all, some of these activities will include painting rocks... (WHAT?), dropping off lunch for the Campbelltown and Palmyra Fire Departments (get your baking pans ready to make those delicious desserts that only come from First EC!), and also an Intergenerational Event! It all sounds exciting and fun. Watch your bulletin for details as these events unfold.

At First EC we share one another's burdens, blessings, and celebrations. In February we were all invited to share a very special birthday that only comes around once every 70 years. We celebrated with the Klaczak family to wish Bob a very happy birthday. Everyone had a wonderful time and we saw old friends and fellowshipped with one another over a delicious spread and his special 70th birthday cake. Here are just a few photos of the happy event.







