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God is our strength and shield.
Proclaiming Jesus Christ, God's Word, is our life and mission.

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There was a running joke among the members of our Minister of Music search committee last spring. Without really talking about it explicitly, we had developed a bit of a "routine" for interviews with candidates. We began with conversation and Q&A and then wandered over to the nave to listen to a few prepared organ pieces. After that, the whole committee would head up into the chancel so the candidate could lead us in parts of the communion liturgy and evening prayer. Then, (and this was the part that amused the rest of the committee), I always asked the candidate to play one particular hymn out of our *With One Voice* hymnal for the group to sing.

There in God's Garden, it's called. I made all of you sing it on Holy Cross Day last September, too. ☺

The lovely tune of the hymn – SHADES MOUNTAIN – was written relatively recently (in 1995) by K. Lee Scott.

But the text is an English paraphrase of a centuries-old Hungarian hymn, full of powerful images and references from the story of God's people across the ages - from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden story in Genesis to the vision of the New Jerusalem at the end of the Book of Revelation.

It's a lot to experience and absorb in the space of six verses. But it's also amazing.

I think the same thing could be said for Holy Week. It is a lot to experience and absorb. During our Palm/Passion Sunday services and the services of the Triduum (The Three Days) – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil – we share stories of the beginning of everything, of deliverance and promise, of love and betrayal and sacrifice and suffering and hope. We take communion, adore the cross, light candles in the darkness, renew our baptism.

It might be a lot to experience and absorb…***but it's also amazing.*** Please join us for worship during Holy Week, as we sing with "All heav'n..."

"*Thanks be to Christ whose Passion offers in mercy*
healing, strength and pardon."
[There in God's Garden, v.6]

In Christ,

Pastor Leber

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

1st Saturday of month

5 p.m. – quiet service of Holy Communion (chapel)

Due to the Easter Vigil, there will be no 5 p.m. service on April 4. Please join us for the Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther room.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

Easter III (Sunday, April 19): As part of our year-long anniversary celebration, the Rev. Rebecca Mentzer, a daughter of the congregation and pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Depew, NY, will be preaching at worship. Please plan to stay for a special reception after the 10:30 a.m. service!

Please join us for worship during Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday – 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Three Holy Days

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.
Good Friday – 7 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday) – 7 p.m.

*(The Easter Vigil will begin in the **Martin Luther Room.** If you do not need to use our handicapped accessible entrance on High Street, we ask that you enter the building using the double doors located at the lower end of the parking lot near the church office.)*

HOLY WEEK

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Upcoming Events at First:

- **Community Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** — Friday, April 3 — See page 8 for more details.
- **FLF Easter Egg Hunt** — Saturday, April 4 — 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Easter Fellowship** — Sunday, April 5 — 9:15 a.m. — See page 13 for more details.
- **Dickinson Orchestra & Collegium — *Fine Arts Benefit Concert*** — Sunday, April 12 — Please see page 9 for more details.
- **Holocaust Remembrance Service** — Wednesday, April 15 — 7 p.m. — See page 9 for more details.
- **FL Golf Outing** — Friday, May 1 — 1 p.m. — Please see page 7 for more details.
- **FLF Work Children's Tent at Amani Festival** — Saturday, May 2 — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — See page 19 for more details.
- **Carlisle Town Band** — Sunday, May 3 — 7 p.m.
- **Mother/Daughter Banquet** — Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m. — Please see page 14 for more details.
- **Lutheran Night at the Senators** — Friday, May 8 — 6:30 p.m. — Please see page 19 for more details.
- **Spring Rummage Sale** — May 15 & 16 — See page 14 for more details.

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Additional volunteers, please see page 4.

ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Mariella Guadalupe, Josh Staley, Madelynne Staley, Ben Galbraith
04/12 Sarah Raphael
04/19 Tanner Eshenour
04/26 Elise Erickson

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Sarah Raphael
04/04 **Easter Vigil** — Benjamin Jumper, Steven Jumper, Tanner Eshenour

NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Cindy Allgyer, Jeri Fitzsimons, Joanna Cannone
04/12 Kathy Hall, Cindy Markle, Elise Erickson
04/19 Kim Fickel, Robin Orner, Ben Galbraith
04/26 Cheryl Henderson, Alecia Staley, Sarah Raphael

LECTORS:

(8 A.M.)

04/05 Rich Bigelow
04/12 Amy Baish
04/19 Jan Bigelow
04/26 Sandy Kohler

(10:30 A.M.)

04/05 Sam Orner
04/12 Kathy Hall
04/19 Jered Hock
04/26 Steven Jumper

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Robin Orner
04/03 **Good Friday** — Sam Orner
Readers of the Passion according to John: Roger Williams, Bill Schirmer, Hope Miller, Jay Chestnut, Taylor Miller, Aaron Sunstein
04/04 **Easter Vigil** — Hope Miller
Readers: Ann Roeder, Jan Bigelow, Robert Jumper, Kathy Hall, Rich Wood

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

(8 A.M.)

04/05 Rich Bigelow
04/12 Sandy Kohler
04/19 Rich Wood
04/26 Roger Williams

(10:30 A.M.)

04/05 Robin Orner
04/12 David Erickson
04/19 Hope Miller
04/26 Taylor Miller

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Rich Bigelow
04/03 **Good Friday** — Caryn Carr
04/04 **Easter Vigil** — Roger Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Patty Gillingham and Lori Hogg
04/12 Karen Hollen and Kathy Brunie
04/19 Kathy Hall
04/26 Sandy Kohler and Lois Quigley

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Jan Bigelow and Rich Wood
04/04 **Easter Vigil** — Sandy Jumper

GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Gary and Cheryl Henderson
04/12 Steve and Lori Hogg
04/19 Annette and Bob Nickey
04/26 Dee Weigel and Roger Williams

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USHERS (10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Jered Hock, head, William Gillingham, Sterlen Sheaffer
04/12 Sam Simmons, head, Cindy Markle, Don Fraley
04/19 William Gillingham, head, Rhoda Bear, David Stum
04/26 Sandra Jumper, head, Roxanna Houtz, Steve King

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Donald Grell, head, Ethel Simmons, Don and Ruth Osborne
04/03 **Good Friday** — Gary Henderson and Babette Hoch
04/04 **Easter Vigil** — Ken Egolf, head, Cheryl Henderson, Cindy Jones, Jim Brantner

YOUTH USHERS (10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Jeremy Guadalupe and Ian Galbraith
04/12 Tanner Eshenour
04/19 Ian Stum
04/26 Luke Erickson

COMMUNION SETUP

(8 A.M.):

Monica Frederick and Sue Simmons

(10:30A.M.):

04/05 Kathy Hall and Debbie Reitzel
04/12 Ann Roeder and Kathy Hall
04/19 Norma Greider and Ginny Brennan
04/26 Roxanna Houtz and Janet Jacobs

Holy Week (7 P.M.):

04/02 **Maundy Thursday** — Cindy Allgyer and Ginny Brennan

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

(10:30 A.M.):

04/05 Cindy Allgyer
04/12 Ann Roeder
04/19 Sam and Robin Orner
04/26 Robert and Annette Nickey

Monday — Friday

8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

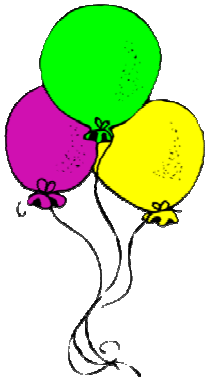
Reminder:

Deadline for the May newsletter is Wednesday, April 15.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS!

Nickey, Betty	4/2
Orner, Samuel	4/2
Sheaffer, Sterlen	4/2
Guadalupe, Jeremy	4/3
Hoch, Babette	4/3
Over, Derek	4/3
Sharp, Alexander	4/3
Shenk, Tanner	4/5
Fitzsimons, David	4/6
Allgyer, James	4/7
Burkholder, William	4/7
Eshenour, Bryan	4/7
Keck, Andrea	4/7
Brennan, William	4/8
Himmelreich, Laura	4/8
Engle, Madison	4/9
Galbraith, Benjamin	4/9
Ebert, Merle	4/10
Sharp, Greg	4/10
Yelk, Anna	4/10
Guadalupe, Patty	4/11
Kelley, Craig	4/11
Randall, Joyce	4/11
Scott, Helen	4/11
Spiese, Patrick	4/11
Kreiser, Kaylynn	4/12
Lillich, Barbara	4/12
Culbertson, Callie	4/13
Souders, C. William	4/13
Erickson, David	4/14
Egolf, David	4/15
Lorenz, Marsha	4/15
Greider, Norma	4/16
Fickel, Kimberly	4/17
Sharp, Tracy	4/17
Campbell-Orde, Maura	4/18
Cook, Rickie	4/18
Markle, Jacob	4/18
Shaffer, Adam	4/18
Stone, Juliet	4/20
Hamilla, August	4/21
Mullen, Michael	4/21
Kinsey, Dorothy	4/22
Musser, Jane	4/22
Nickey, Debra	4/22
Rugoletti, Heidi	4/23
Callahan III, James	4/24
Chestnut, Jay	4/24
Ewing, Carrie	4/24
Bloser, Steven	4/25
Croft, Joanne	4/25
Hogg, Lori	4/25
Tomassone, Sandra	4/25
Berry, Robert	4/26
Jumper, Sandra	4/27
Osborne, Ruth	4/27
Peffer, Jennifer	4/27
Shank, Jamey	4/27
Bousum, Blanche	4/29
Miller, Taylor	4/29
Oakes, Ruth	4/29
Allgyer, Kaitlyn	4/30
Ocker, Melissa	4/30
Scott, James	4/30



If you are a member of First Lutheran, have a birthday this month, and do not see your name listed, please contact Robin in the church office so our records can be updated. Thanks!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Week Of	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Total Weekly Attendance	Offering
Jan. 26 — Feb. 1	26	113	145	$4,169
Quiet Spoken Holy Communion		6		
Feb. 2 — 8	27	103	130	$8,194
Feb. 9 — 15	14	78	92	$3,157
Feb. 16 — 22	9	91	100	$4,258
	Ash Wednesday	5 (7:30 a.m.)	23 (12:15 p.m.)	66 (7 p.m.)
Offerings reported in the above totals represent the following funds: Benevolence, Current, Plate, Sunday School, Initial Offerings, and The Lutheran.				

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Listed below are highlights from the Congregation Council meeting held in March.

1. **The Congregation Council continued its discussion and discernment of Pastor Leber's call at FLC.** Since Pastor Leber's two-year term call ends on August 4, council will discuss next steps during its April meeting.
2. **A thank you letter from the Gettysburg Seminary Office of Advancement** was provided to council in recognition of First Lutheran's contribution of $335.67. This contribution was part of the partnership we and other ELCA congregations share with Gettysburg Seminary and assists with various programs including financial aid for students requiring assistance.
3. **The council discussed and approved a new ministry opportunity, "Summer Feeding and Literacy Program," in partnership with Project SHARE.** This program will run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon from June 22 through August 14 and is designed to help children maintain reading skills over the summer and to provide a hot meal at lunchtime (food is prepared and brought in by Project SHARE). First Lutheran will provide the space and recruit volunteers to assist with this program. Additional information will be provided in upcoming newsletters plus it will be placed on the church website. The council encourages all congregation members to prayerfully consider volunteering for this noteworthy community outreach opportunity.
4. **FLC is seeking a male voting member** (Robin Orner has volunteered to be our female voting member) to represent our congregation at the twenty-eighth Lower Susquehanna Synod Annual Assembly themed "Hungry for the Word." The assembly will be held Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Messiah College. Interested candidates may contact Robin in the church office.
5. **The council received an update on the staffing reconfiguration**. In addition to Pastor Lorenz joining the FLC staff as a part-time Visitation Pastor, Robin has recruited 11 volunteers to assist with the phones and receptionist duties. The council would like to extend its thanks to all staff and volunteers, both current and new, for their cooperation, time, and patience. The council also appreciates the time and commitment of Hope Miller in her volunteer role as interim financial secretary.

Roger Williams, Council President

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT
SAFE HARBOUR OF CARLISLE

Who: You, your friends, your relatives, members of your congregations

What: Eighth Annual First Lutheran 18 Hole Shotgun Scramble Golf Outing

When: Friday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. tee off, rain or shine

Where: Eagles Crossing Golf Course, Carlisle
www.eaglescrossing.com, phone 960-0500

Why: To promote fellowship and to benefit Safe Harbour of Carlisle

First Lutheran is hosting this outing. The scramble format (all players play the best ball of their foursome) allows golfers of all skill levels to contribute and have fun.

The cost is $70.00 per person, which includes cart, unlimited range balls, prizes, a silent auction, and a steak dinner with beverages after the round. If you don't play golf, no problem. You can still join us for the meal after the round of golf for just $20.00. Proceeds from the outing will go toward our fundraising efforts for Safe Harbour of Carlisle. **Checks should be made out to "First Lutheran Church" with "Golf Outing" on the memo line.** Again this year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be augmenting our donation to this worthy organization.

Registration forms are available in First Lutheran's church office, on the kiosk located in the narthex, and on its website: www.firstlutherancarlisle.org. **Completed registration forms and payment should be returned to the office or mailed/given to Dave Haag, P.O. Box 265, Carlisle, PA 17013. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 29.** Golfers can register as a group and play together, or register individually and foursomes will be organized at the course.

Even if you are not able to join us on the 1st, you can still participate. We need donations for the silent auction. 100% of the proceeds from the silent auction go to Safe Harbour. **Also hole sponsorships are available for $35.** A sign will be placed on a hole acknowledging your support. You may use your company name and logo or sponsor a hole "in memory of" or "to honor" loved ones, friends or children. We also need help in doing various jobs prior to the outing, i.e. making ditty bags and collecting items to put in them, and we need golf related/themed items for prizes (these items should be new with tags attached).

We had a great time and very successful outings the past seven years and we're hoping for an even better turnout this year, but we need your help. If you have any questions, please call **Dave or Elaine at 241-2619.** We hope to see you on May 1st.

FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Why the Easter Vigil is the Most Important Service of the Church Year

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. – Mark 16:1-2

At the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the companies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. That was for the Lord a night of vigil, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. That same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord by all the Israelites throughout their generations. – Exodus 12: 41-42

The culmination of the Easter Vigil is the first Easter celebration of Holy Communion. We of course celebrate Christ's Resurrection every time we receive communion, but the first communion of Easter assumes special significance, especially after the earlier parts of the Vigil service.

Understanding the meaning of two words is very helpful in understanding the significance of the Easter Vigil. The first word is **pasch** (the origin of the word *Paschal*). **Pasch** is the word for Easter which derives originally from the Hebrew word *pesach*, meaning "to pass over." *Pesach* is the word still used by Jews to refer to their holiday of Passover, in which they commemorate the night of the Exodus, in which Jews were freed from slavery in Egypt. When we Christians celebrate the Paschal Vigil, we commemorate both that first Passover as well as the greater Passover of Jesus's *passing over* from death to life in the Resurrection.

The second word is **vigil** which comes from the Latin *vigilia*, meaning watchfulness. The origins of our vigil keeping on Easter Eve are also in Jewish Passover tradition (see the passage from Exodus above). Originally, Paschal Vigil services would last the entire night, beginning at sundown and ending at sunrise, recognizing Mary Magdalene and Mary's journey to the empty tomb (see the passage from Mark above.)

The Paschal Vigil is perhaps the most ancient of all of our liturgical rites. Even the sequence of scripture readings is found in an ancient manuscript, and St. Augustine himself was baptized as an adult at the Easter Vigil in the year 387. We will sing psalms and canticles that amplify and reflect on the readings and celebrate the life-giving power of baptismal water as we renew our Baptismal vows.

Please join us, especially if you have not previously attended the Vigil, and experience the great pre-Christian story of Passover and the culminating Pascha, the Paschal Mystery: Jesus Christ, the author of our salvation, passing over from death to life in the Resurrection.

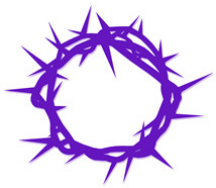
Yours,
Aaron Sunstein

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

The **Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** will occur from 12 noon to approximately 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3. At each of the stations along the route, reading and prayers will be offered. First Lutheran will be hosting two stations, starting at approximately 1:20 p.m. You may join the procession at any point during the two-hour event. All times other than the starting time are approximate.

Noon: Opening and 1st Station, St. John Episcopal, on the square
12:10 2nd and 3rd Stations, First UCC
12:20 4th Station, St. Paul Lutheran
12:30 5th Station, Dickinson College
12:40 6th and 7th Stations, Carlisle United Methodist
1:00 8th and 9th Stations, Carlisle Theater
1:15 10th Station, Salvation Army
1:20 11th and 12th Stations, First Lutheran Church
1:45 13th Station, Bethel AME Church
1:50 14th Station and Conclusion, Saint Patrick Shrine Church and graveyard

Please join us for this important witness to the Carlisle community.



SAFE HARBOUR BENEFIT CONCERT

Dickinson College Collegium and Orchestra

In Concert

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The Dickinson College Collegium and Orchestra will perform a Benefit Concert for Safe Harbour on Sunday, April 12, at 4 P.M. at First Lutheran Church. The Collegium will sing musical settings of texts from Virgil's Aeneid, and the Orchestra will perform *Rumanian Dances* by Bartok, *Five Variants of Divers and Lazarus* by Vaughan Williams, and J. S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3* with Brian Rotz, harpsichord. Also featured will be Mahler's *Adagietto* from Symphony No. 5 under the baton of guest conductor Cheung Chau, director of orchestral studies at Utah Valley University and music director of Sinfonietta Polonia in Poland.

Admission to the concert is free. All donations received will support the work of Carlisle's Safe Harbour whose motto is "Serving the homeless and potentially homeless in Cumberland County." Its mission is to provide housing and support services for individuals and families helping them achieve independent living by increasing their basic life skills. Additional funding for the performance will be provided by Thrivent Financial. Join us after the concert at a reception in the Martin Luther Room to greet the performers.

PLEASE JOIN WITH US FOR A

Holocaust Remembrance Service (Yom HaShoah)

HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE

Jointly Sponsored by Congregation Beth Tikvah and the Carlisle Area Religious Council

April 15, 2015, 7 P.M.

First Lutheran Church

Guest Speaker — David W. Wildermuth, Shippensburg University Assistant Professor of German and Secretary/Treasurer, American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance

Topic: A Micro Occurrence of the Holocaust: The Arrival of the German Army in A Small Town in Belarus in June of 1941

Musical Interludes by Lori Elliott on flute

Light Refreshments will follow the service, which will be held in the Martin Luther Room.

First Lutheran Church History

This article is the third in a series written by Rich Wood and celebrating First Lutheran's history and our 250th anniversary as a congregation. Articles will continue to appear throughout our anniversary year of 2015.

FIRST LUTHERAN ON ITS OWN

In 1801 John Herbst was still serving First Lutheran as its pastor. It was apparent however that he did not continue to do so for very long. Records of the Ministerium's 54th convention indicate that in 1801 it gave him permission to take up another call, and the 1801 meeting is the last one at which his name appears in connection with Carlisle. His last statistical report compilation indicated that he had baptized 192, confirmed 81, communed 298 and that 28 members of his various churches had died.

In the following year of 1802, the Ministerium examined and received Friedrich (known mainly by the English rendering of Frederick) Sanno as a catechist, he having received testimonials from the Sellers, Tinicum and Springfield congregations. More importantly, in 1803 it received a paper submitted from Carlisle saying that the congregation desired a preacher "And in particular Mr. Sanno." The Ministerium did resolve "that the catechist Mr. Sanno pay a visit to Carlisle, etc. and if he receives a call from the said congregation the officers give him permission to accept the call and to this end grant him a full license" In 1805 the Ministerium did note his attendance, this time as a candidate from Carlisle, and whose pastoral work included 308 baptisms, 208 communicants, 37 funerals and the overseeing of 3 schools. As is the case for this era, these statistics were probably those for all the churches Sanno served. In 1802 he had four churches directly under his care and seven others in a circuit of 50 miles. One source notes that he preached at Loysville in Perry County from 1802 to 1809, preaching there once every four weeks. (Sanno's predecessor had also preached there beginning about 1796.)

The beginning of Sanno's pastorate in Carlisle marked a turning point in First Lutheran's congregational life: the erection of its first church structure and its physical separation from the old Union church relationship with the Reformed congregation on South Hanover street. A separate town lot had in fact been available since February 1795 when John Rinn left town Lot 262 to the church via his will, but the congregation did not build on it for whatever reason. Perhaps they thought it too small for a then growing congregation. This is a possibility because in 1804 and 1806 the "Trustees of the German Lutheran Church" purchased two lots in Carlisle (Town Lots 222 and 230) in the Northeast quadrant of the borough, approximately half a block west of the 1795 property. Purchased for a total of $450.00, the combined lots fronted 120 feet on the south side of East Louther and 240 feet on East Bedford Street, ending at the alley separating the newly purchased property from the county jail. Though the boundaries of the property would change over the years, most notably with the sale of the Louther Street frontage, the Bedford Street location would serve First Lutheran until the end of the 19th century.

With the lots purchased, construction of our first church followed swiftly. The cornerstone (still visible today in our post 1900 structure) was laid in 1807. As Kline's Carlisle Weekly Gazette of July 15, 1807 noted:

> "The German Lutheran Society are happy to announce to the public that they have so far progressed in erecting of a house for public worship, that they intend laying the Corner Stone of said Lutheran Church on Wednesday the 5th day of August next. The friends of religion are generally invited--a

> discourse in both the German and English languages will be delivered on this solemn and very laudable occasion. The business will begin at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on the ground, the corner of Louther and Bedford Streets in the Borough of Carlisle."

If the cornerstone was laid by First Lutheran's membership, it appears that the general public of Carlisle and vicinity helped to finance the actual building — by means of a lottery. The first lottery notice appeared in the paper on March 20, 1809: "Lottery. By Authority. For the benefit of the German Presbyterian [actually the German Reformed] and German Lutheran Churches in the Borough of Carlisle, and County of Cumberland." The hoped for sum to be raised was $45,000. Tickets, which cost $5 a piece, a considerable sum for 1809, featured a grand prize of $3000, a second prize of $2000, and two third prizes of $1000, as well as smaller amounts ranging down to 2700 prizes of $6 each.

The first lottery drawing took place in January 1810; there were two $20 winners and 10 $6 winners. There were to be thirty five more, extending to March 1813, with a certification in May that "all prizes not demanded within twelve months from the date hereof will be considered and deemed as relinquished for the benefit of said congregations."

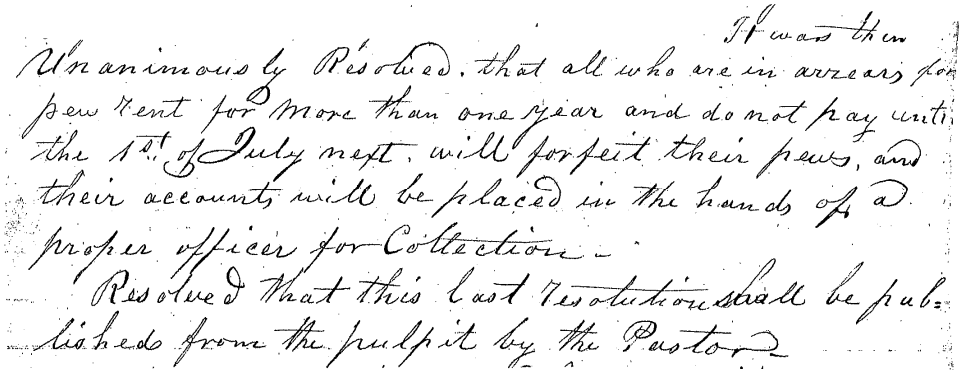
As the lottery proceeded so did the First Lutheran's construction. On May 22, 1812, Kline's Weekly Gazette published a

> "Notice. The friends of religion are informed that the German Lutheran church will be consecrated on the 24th of this month, at which time the German Lutheran Synod [the Ministerium] will meet, there also will be preaching in said church in the English language, in the forenoon at ten o'clock and afternoon at two on Sunday the 31st of this month, at which time the English inhabitants of Carlisle and its vicinity are particularly invited to attend. By order of the vestry. Frederick Sanno, Secy."

The Pennsylvania Ministerium held its 65th Convention at Carlisle May 24-27, 1812. After meeting at the parsonage (on West Pomfret Street) on Sunday morning the delegates "went in two processions to the Lutheran and Reformed churches. The next day, May 25, at 9 a.m. the members and delegates met in "the new Lutheran Church." There were 50 preachers and 85 delegates present "the greatest number since the organization of this Ministerium." Frederick Sanno was in attendance (listed as "Rev" in one part of the minutes and "Mr." in another). Also in attendance was lay delegate Andrew Emminger. The Ministerium announced several important pieces of business while meeting in Carlisle. It established a fourth rank of preaching — ordained deacons. And the president declared in its name "that hereafter none should be ordained as pastor who has not been regularly educated for the ministry."

When the Ministerium met at Carlisle, war between the United States and Great Britain was three weeks away. The War of 1812 would affect First Lutheran mainly through its pastor, Frederick Sanno.

From Our Archives



It was then Unanimously Resolved, that all who are in arrears for pew rent for more than one year and do not pay until the 1st of July next, will forfeit their pews, and their accounts will be placed in the hands of a proper officer for Collection.

Resolved that this last resolution shall be published from the pulpit by the Pastor.

PAY UP --- OR ELSE. This resolution, passed by First Lutheran's council on May 15, 1841, addressed those individuals whose pew rents were in arrears. As the church depended on pew rentals for most of its operating expenses the issue was an important one. Unfortunately one can only speculate on the method of "collection" referred to in the resolution. Here's the text.

"It was then unanimously resolved that all who are in arrears for pew rent for more than one year and do not pay until the 1st of July next will forfeit their pews and their accounts will be placed in the hands of a proper officer for Collection. Resolved that this last resolution shall be published from the pulpit by the Pastor."

FREDERICK SANNO.

Portrait of Frederick Sanno. Sanno was First Lutheran's pastor from 1802 to 1814. His pastorate began in promise but ended in scandal.

250th Community Outreach Thank You

Once again I am writing this with heart felt THANKS for your generous donations of money and food cards to go the PA Wounded Warriors. Not long ago my husband, Bob, was talking with Helen Sager, and she shared with him that many months they give upwards of $50,000 worth of goods and food cards. We collected $2,365, 45 food cards and one iTunes card. The cash is equal to 239 cards for a total of 284 cards. We again went over our goal, which I was sure we would. I know Helen is most appreciative of whatever they are given to help the wounded warriors and their families. We will be delivering the cards and check to them in early April.

Kathy Hall,

250th Anniversary Committee

CANS FOR ANIMALS!

Our Sunday school students continue to collect aluminum cans in order to purchase an animal (or animals) for a third-world family through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Students have recently decided that their goal is to raise enough money to purchase a sheep ($125), and depending on the amount collected, a goat ($50) and some chicks ($10 for ten). To date they have collected approximately $100 towards this goal! That's halfway!

You can also help our youth achieve their goal by continuing to bring in your aluminum cans! Empty cans may be placed in the designated container located in the hallway near the church office. Thanks for your support and for recycling!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Forum

Please join us for the upcoming Adult Forum, *Listening to God, Vol. 3,* which will be led by Dilys Schuettler. This book series is fictional short-stories written by well-known authors that will inspire and uplift you. This course begins on April 12.

Please join us in the lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome! The class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Brown Bags and Bibles with Pastor Leber

Thursdays from 12:15-1 p.m. in room 16 (across from the office)

Bring your lunch (or not!) and join us as we study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Sunday, April 5

9:15 a.m.

Martin Luther Room

All ages are invited to come together for a time of fellowship and refreshments between services on Easter Sunday.

Children will begin in Festal Hall for music and to hear the Easter story then join the adults for fellowship.

Please join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26-30, 2015

5:00 — 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner

5:45 — 8:15 p.m. VBS

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is only four short months away! The theme this year is "*Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us,"* which will take campers on an adventure to discover five Bible truths that will challenge them. Participants will learn that God gives them the courage and wisdom to step out in faith no matter where they are. We will also be holding our annual VBS Fair on Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. in the church parking lot to celebrate VBS and to share the excitement with our neighbors!.

If you are interested in helping with VBS in any way, please contact Robin Orner, VBS Director, by calling the church office. Adult volunteers must be approved per our Child Protection Policy.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of dinner and other VBS supply needs, please make your check payable to First Lutheran Church marked for "VBS Supplies." Thank you.

We're looking forward to another exciting week at VBS. Please join us!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Bible Study — The morning WELCA group will meet on Wednesday, April 1, for its monthly Bible study and meeting. The group will meet in Room 16 at 9:30 a.m. There will be no meeting in May; instead, we will have the Mother/Daughter banquet. Please join us for all our activities.

The Women of the ELCA evening circle will meet on Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Spring Rummage and Bake Sale Update — Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16 — Baked items (pies, cupcakes, small loaves of bread, cookies, and candy) are needed for our bake sale. Please, no cakes or store bought items as these do not sell well. Help is needed for setup on Thursday, May 14, for selling and straightening-up on Friday and for cleanup and packing on Saturday. Mark your calendars now to volunteer your time. We are currently accepting donations of spring and summer clothing and items only. We also accept household items, toys, books, shoes, tools, jewelry, etc. PLEASE, no electronics, baby cribs, strollers or swings. Items must be in clean condition and all electrical items must be in working condition. Donations may be brought to the church on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. After May 1, items may be brought in any day. Furniture will also be accepted at that time.

Prayer Chain — WELCA sponsors a prayer chain for our church family and friends. Prayer Chain volunteers pray for those congregational members, friends and relatives in need of prayers. Please call Mary Ann Schirmer at 243-1110 if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Women of the ELCA

Lutheran World Relief Quilts — The WELCA group is once again making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of cotton and cotton-blend material are always welcome as well as monetary donations for the purchasing of material! Checks should be made payable to WELCA marked for quilts. We hope to have 60 quilts ready for LWR Ingathering Sunday in October.

Mother/Daughter Banquet — May 6 — 6 p.m. — Our annual Mother/Daughter banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. (Please note the change in time and location!) At 7 p.m., following our meal of lasagna, salad, and rolls, we will move to the nave to hear our guest speaker for the evening. (Please watch the Sunday bulletins in April for information about our speaker!) Dessert and fellowship will follow in the Martin Luther Room. All women are welcome to attend! Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by Sunday, May 3. We will do our best to accommodate your seating request.

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MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Name ______________________________ Phone Number __________

How many adults/children over 3? __________ How many children under 3? __________

Dietary restrictions: ____

I would like to sit with ____

Reservations due no later than Sunday, May 3.

Social Ministry

Here's What's Happening Around Our Area!

- **The Salvation Army is holding a book sale on Friday and Saturday, April 10 & 11, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.** at its location at 20 East Pomfret Street in Carlisle. All books will be sold for $5 a bag! They are also looking for donations. All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's International Conference.
- **The Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry is holding its annual banquet and silent auction on Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m.** at the Newburg Church of God, 256 Newburg Road. A good will offering will be received and reservations are required by April 10. They are also looking for items for their silent auction. To make reservations, to arrange auction donations, or if you have any questions, please email or call FFCM at farmworker@comcast.net or (717) 701-8633.
- **The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry is holding its annual spring banquet Saturday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m.** at Newville Church of the Brethren, 16 Carlisle Road in Newville. Tickets are $12.00 per person. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 25. For tickets or more information please call Dan Lehigh at (717) 385-7932.

Thank You C.A.R.E.S. Host Volunteers!

Many, many thanks to the following individuals who served as Church Host Volunteers when First Lutheran provided space for the Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. shelter during the month of March:

Yvonne Karper, Kathy Hall, Pastor Leber, Kim Fickel, Steve Hogg, Jered Hock, Elaine Hock, Bob Baker, Karen Longenecker, Jim Brantner, Bill Brennan, Ginny Brennan, Bill Schirmer, and Dave Jones.

John Shughart, Jr., our sexton, also provided much assistance throughout this month of "First Lutheran hospitality."

Nothing speaks more distinctly of the gift of God's grace than when His people exercise love in action through caring for His creation in need.

~ Taylor Miller ~

250th COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT UPDATE

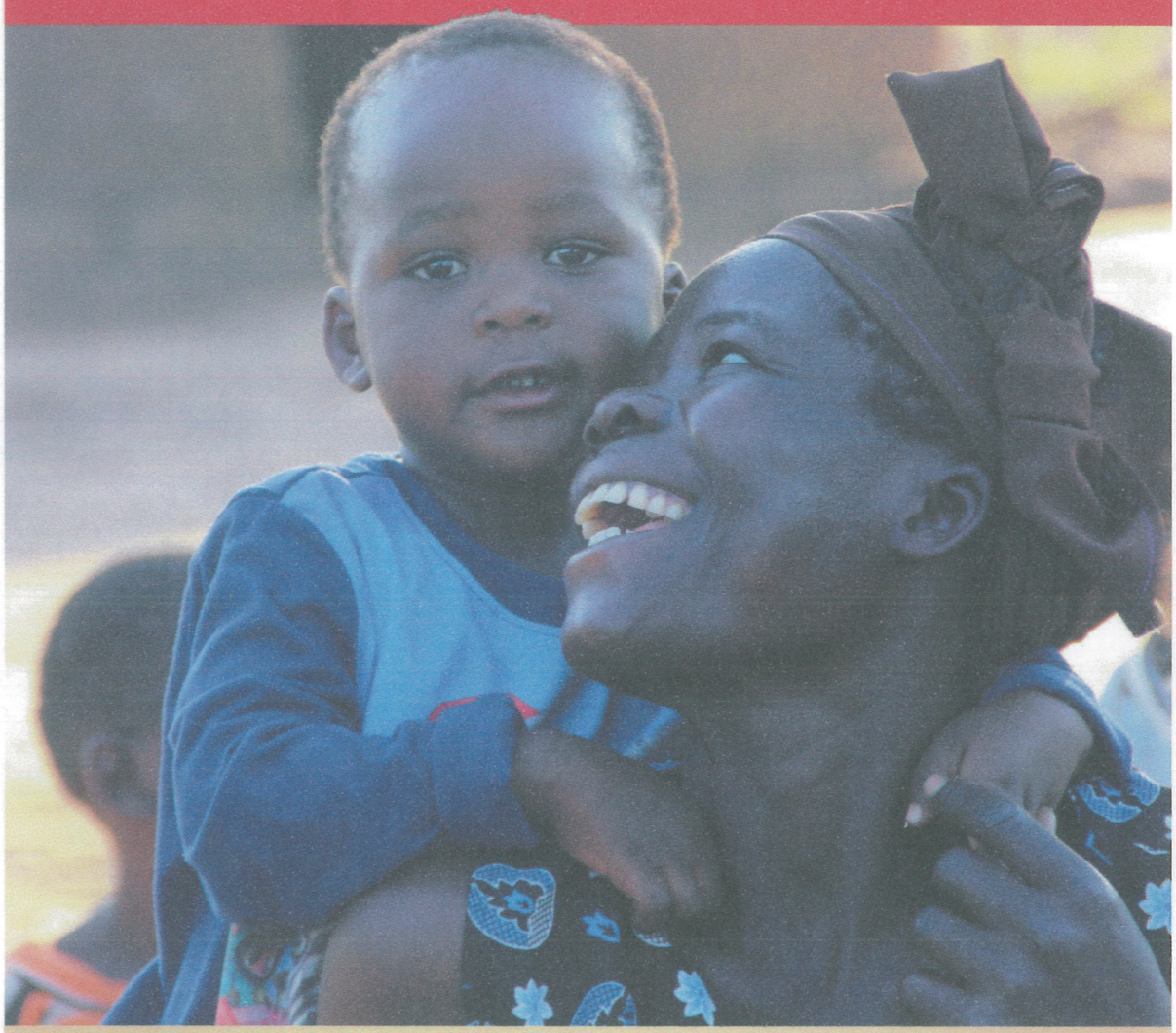
WE REACHED OUR MARCH GOAL! Thanks to everyone who donated canned hams for Project SHARE during March. To date we have received 82 hams and $565.50 for a total of 270 hams!. We will continue to collect hams and monetary donations for hams through March 31. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church and noted for "250th Community Outreach - March. Again, thank you for your very generous contributions!

April Project — The 250th Outreach Committee encourages you to support the youth project for April and purchase a mosquito that they have made. Proceeds will go towards conquering malaria. Please see page 17 of this newsletter for more details.

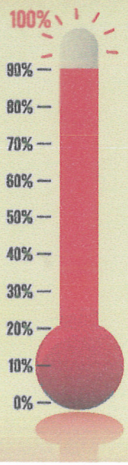
Looking forward to May's Community Outreach project, benefitting Domestic Violence Services — Watch for further information in the May newsletter.

WORLD MALARIA DAY 2015

Millions of people around the world and thousands of ELCA members across the United States are teaming up in the fight against malaria for **World Malaria Day, April 25.**



WE ARE ALMOST THERE!



By joining together during this special time, we have the opportunity to reach our goal of $15 million by 2015. **We have already raised over 90 percent of our goal – let's get to 100!**

ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

Thanks to our youth for their efforts in our Souper Bowl of Caring project!

Youth Group Meeting

April 19, 4-6 p.m.
(Grades 3-12)

Among other activities, we will be working on plans for Youth Sunday (May 3)!

Looking ahead to next month:
Mark your calendars for May 31 — 4 p.m.
End of Year Picnic for Youth and Families!!!

April 250th Community Outreach

STAMP OUT MALARIA! Once again this year, First Lutheran's youth group has joined forces with the ELCA to fight malaria. Our youth have once again made mosquitoes to sell for $10.00 each; all monies will go toward the ELCA's Malaria Campaign. This year there are 250 mosquitoes for sale! **This project is also serving as the congregation's 250th anniversary outreach project for April**. Please look for our netting full of colorful mosquitoes in the Martin Luther Room beginning Easter Sunday. The bugs will be for sale, and money will be collected all April long. Please help us to reach our goal of $2,500!

2015 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
Spaghetti Dinner

Two of our youth will be attending the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit this summer along with youth from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dillsburg. In an effort to help raise money for the trip, a spaghetti dinner has been planned for Saturday, May 2, at St. Paul's in Dillsburg. Look for more information coming your way in the Sunday bulletins during the month of April!

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER PARISH IN EL SALVADOR

The following letter was received via e-mail from our Sister Parish by Patty Gillingham, our Sister Parish contact.

02/23/2015 Pastor Fernandez wrote:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With much religious fervor we have begin our season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of the cross of ashes. I share some photos.

Greetings to all our people, myself and family.

Hugs, her sister in Christ,

Belinda Fernandez
The Divine Redeemer Church
San Miguel, El Salvador."

02/26/2015 Patty wrote in response:

"Dear Pastor Belinda,

Thank you very much for the email and pictures. We always enjoy and very much appreciate receiving your pictures. The heart cookies and cheesecake look delicious!

Thank you very much for thinking of us during this Lenten season. Many hugs to you and everyone at Divine Redeemer.

Sincerely,
Patty Gillingham

Posey Visitation Thank You

A most sincere thank you to Nancy Ingram, Alecia Staley, Josh Staley, David Raphael, Michael Raphael, Yvonne Karper, Cindy Jones, Babette Hoch, Blanche Drumheiser, Matt Drumheiser, Samuel Orner, Patty Gillingham, Cindy Allgyer and William Schirmer for participating in the 6th Annual Shut-In Posey Visitation. Indeed in the process of warming others hearts, ours were melted!

Heartfelt Thanks

Blessings,
Annette Carothers Nickey

Thank you for everything you do. I have been enjoying the beautiful poinsettia sent to me from the church. It is still beautiful. Thank you so much.

~ Kathryn E. Hunt ~

Ice Skating for Socks

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. We doubled the amount of socks we collected last year. Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. was very appreciative for the 100 pairs of socks and a check for $50.00!

2015 AMANI FESTIVAL
A CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Carlisle's multicultural festival is taking place on

Saturday May 2, 2015

9a.m. — 5p.m.

W. High St. (between the town square & West St.).

The Amani Festival is a one day multi-cultural festival designed to bring people together from various backgrounds to learn more about each other. Amani, which means "Peace" in Swahili, is the name of this festival that enables people to share their ethnic arts, crafts, dress, cuisine, customs, dance, and song while simultaneously enjoying these elements from other cultures and religions.

The Amani Festival will also provide hands-on experiences for the children who attend the festival. Free crafts at the **"Children's Tent"** (located at the intersection of Pitt & High Streets) are available from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m**.

Please sign up below or at the church office (249-3310) to help First Lutheran Fellowship with donations of sunflower seeds or planting seeds at our craft stand.

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FLF Amani Craft Stand

Name _____

Phone # _____

__Can donate sunflower seeds

(*please place seed packs in baskets in narthex & office)*

__ Can help at craft stand

Lutheran Night with the Harrisburg Senators

Friday, May 8

6:30 p.m.

City Island, Harrisburg

Fun for the whole family!

Come on out and join us at Commerce Bank Park on City Island to watch the Harrisburg Senators play the Altoona Curves on Friday, May 8. Game time is 6:30 p.m. There will be a spectacular fireworks display after the game. Come early to enjoy City Island and all of its wonderful attractions.

This is a great way to enjoy a terrific night of baseball, enjoy some fellowship time with other Lutherans, and do a good deed for our camps. Tickets are $11.00. Children age 2 and under are free. The Senators will donate $4.00 per ticket to the Lutheran Camping Corporation to help support Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald.

Use the form below to order your tickets in advance. Order forms should be returned to the church office along with your check made payable to *First Lutheran Church* and marked for *Senators Game* **no later than Monday, April 20.**

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SENATORS GAME

Names _____

Phone Number _____

# of seats @ $11 each _____

children 2 and under _____

Total amount enclosed _____

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