



FIRST EDITION APRIL 2018

We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
21 SOUTH BEDFORD STREET, CARLISLE, PA 17013

***You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here. (Mark 16:6)***

In recent months, the article on the front page of the *First Edition* has been about our building project and/or capital campaign. We've had news to share, invitations to offer, thank yous to communicate.

The work of the Building for Mission Steering Committee and the *Building to Serve All God's Children* capital campaign continues, of course. But, this week, this holy week, our most important calling—and great privilege—is to tell the story of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. It is the story at the center of our life together as Christ's community, and it is the story which gives us, and the world, hope. Join us for worship, and help us tell the Story!

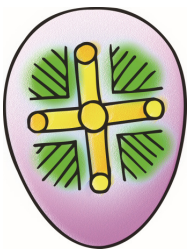
The Three Holy Days (March 29-31)

Maundy Thursday (holy communion and stripping of the altar) – 7 p.m.

Good Friday (reading of the Passion of St. John and adoration of the cross) – 7 p.m.

The Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday (the central service of the church year, when we tell stories of God's saving grace, recall the promises of our baptism, and celebrate the first communion of Easter) – 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 1) - holy communion at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
(organ/brass prelude at 10:15 a.m.)



Easter Morning Fellowship and Egg Hunts

**Sunday, April 1
between 9 and 10 a.m.
(egg hunts at 9:30)**

Martin Luther Room

Please join us in the Martin Luther Room any time between 9 and 10 a.m. on Easter morning for a time of fellowship and a light breakfast (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.). A craft will be available for the kids, and at 9:30 a.m., we will hold egg hunts for three age groups: pre-school, elementary age, and middle school age.

Commitment Sunday is April 15!



Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events!

Easter Morning Fellowship & Egg Hunts — Sunday, April 1 — 9-10 a.m.

2nd Sunday Fellowship — Sunday, April 8 — 11:30 a.m. — hosted by the Social Ministry Committee

Holocaust Remembrance Service — Tuesday, April 10 — 7 p.m.

Dickinson Orchestra Concert — Sunday, April 15 — 4 p.m.

Gettysburg Children's Choir and Chamber Chorale — *Fine Arts at First* — Sunday, April 22 — 4 p.m.

Carlisle Homeschool Children & Youth Choir Concert — Friday, April 27 — 7 p.m.

Youth Car Wash — Saturday, April 28 — 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Carlisle Town Band Spring Concert — Sunday, April 29 — 3 p.m.

Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet — Wednesday, May 2 — 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN WITH US FOR A

Holocaust Remembrance Service (Yom HaShoah)

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



April 10, 2018, 7 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

Guest Speaker — Deborah Kravitz,
Harrisburg resident who will present the story of her
mother Regina Fields, who survived the Holocaust in
hiding in Germany

Musical Interludes by Lori Elliott on flute

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

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, March 30. At each of the stations along the route, readings 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.

- 12:00 p.m. – Opening Prayer and Stations 1 and 2, New Life Community Church, 64 E. North Street (**Parking available/Rain Location**)
- 12:15 p.m. – Stations 3 and 4, St. John's Episcopal
- 12:30 p.m. – Stations 5 and 6, First Presbyterian
- 12:45 p.m. – Station 7, Dickinson College (academic quad by the flagpole)
- 12:55 p.m. – Stations 8 and 9, Carlisle United Methodist
- 1:10 p.m. – Station 10, Salvation Army
- 1:20 p.m. – Stations 11 and 12, First Lutheran Church
- 1:40 p.m. – Station 13, Bethel A.M.E. Church
- 1:50 p.m. – Station 14 and Conclusion, Saint Patrick Shrine Church

Last year, close to 200 people participated in the Stations of the Cross. Please join us for this important witness to the Carlisle community!

April Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

4/1 Elise Erickson, EmmaRose Harty,
MaryGrace Harty, Ainslee Martin
4/8 Ian Galbraith
4/15 Josh Staley
4/22 Michael Raphael
4/29 Ben Galbraith

NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

4/1 Kathy Hall and Alecia Staley
4/8 Cindy Allgyer and Jeri Fitzsimons
4/15 Nancy Ingram and Cindy Markle
4/22 Hope Miller and Alecia Staley
4/29 Sarah Niebler and Robin Orner

GREETER/USHER

(8 A.M.):

4/1 Sandy Kohler
4/8 Sam Simmons
4/15 Roger Williams
4/22 Sandy Jumper
4/29 Gary Newton

GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

4/1 Cindy Allgyer and Elaine Alvarez
4/8 Bill and Kim Fickel
4/15 Ann Roeder and Norma Greider
4/22 David and Elaine Haag
4/29 Monica Frederick and Karen Hollen

LECTORS:

(8 A.M.)

4/1 Jacqueline Cook
4/8 Steve Hildebrand
4/15 Kim Fickel
4/22 Joan Inners
4/29 Rich Wood

(10:30 A.M.)

4/1 Jered Hock
4/8 David Raphael
4/15 Sean Nedimyer
4/22 Ann Jordan
4/29 Karen Deery

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

(8 A.M.)

4/1 Rich Wood
4/8 Chuck Martin
4/15 Jacqueline Cook
4/22 Sandy Kohler
4/29 Terri Myers

(10:30 A.M.)

4/1 Caryn Carr
4/8 Taylor Miller
4/15 Hope Miller
4/22 Roger Williams
4/29 Sam Orner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(10:30 A.M.):

4/1 Sam Orner and Sarah Niebler
4/8 Robin Orner and Michelle Fisher
4/15 Caryn Carr and Karen Hollen
4/22 Taylor Miller, Janet Jacobs, Kathy Hall
4/29 Don Osborne and Sandy Kohler

BREAD BAKERS:

(8 A.M.)

4/1 — NOT NEEDED
4/8 Cindy Jones
4/15 Taylor Miller
4/22 Joan Gitt
4/29 Sarah Niebler

(10:30 A.M.)

4/8 Cindy Jones
4/15 Taylor Miller
4/22 Joan Gitt
4/29 Sarah Niebler

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

(10:30 A.M.):

4/1 Babette Hoch
4/8 Nancy Baish
4/15 Cindy Allgyer
4/22 Terri Myers
4/29 Bill and Mary Ann Schirmer

**Please see page 4 for additional
worship assistants.**

April Worship Assistants

USHERS & YOUTH USHERS

(10:30 A.M.):

- April Head Usher:** David Jones
- 4/1 Steven King, Cindy Markle, Jered Hock,
Cindy Jones, Ian Galbraith (youth)
- 4/8 Don Fraley, Roger Williams,
Ethel Simmons
- 4/15 Kathy Brunie, Blanche Drumheiser,
Matt Drumheiser, Bob Baker
- 4/22 Bill Gillingham, Don Fray,
Michael Raphael (youth)
- 4/29 Taylor Miller, Cindy Allgyer, Josh Staley

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

(8 A.M.)

- 4/1 Lisa Newton
- 4/8 Terri Myers
- 4/15 Monica Frederick
- 4/22 Terri Myers
- 4/29 Lisa Newton

(10:30 A.M.)

- 4/1 Robin Orner
- 4/8 Ann Roeder, and Yvonne Karper
- 4/15 Ruth Osborne and Cindy Allgyer
- 4/22 Elaine Hock and Norma Greider
- 4/29 Debbie Reitzel and Janet Jacobs

CELEBRATING A



50+ Anniversary

April 12 Lester and Andrea Keck (51 years)

Congratulations!

Nickey, Betty 4/2	Culbertson, Callie 4/13	Tomassone, Sandra 4/25
Orner, Samuel 4/2	Souders, C. William 4/13	Berry, Robert 4/26
Sheaffer, Sterlen 4/2	Erickson, David 4/14	Jumper, Sandra 4/27
Guadalupe, Jeremy 4/3	Egolf, David 4/15	Massa, Kenneth 4/27
Hoch, Babette 4/3	Lorenz, Marsha 4/15	Osborne, Ruth 4/27
Fitzsimons, David 4/6	Greider, Norma 4/16	Peffer, Jennifer 4/27
White, Michele 4/6	Fickel, Kimberly 4/17	Miller, Taylor 4/29
Allgyer, James 4/7	Cook, Rickie 4/18	Oakes, Ruth 4/29
Burkholder, William 4/7	Markle, Jacob 4/18	Harty, EmmaRose 4/30
Eshenour, Bryan 4/7	Shaffer, Adam 4/18	Sunstein, Isaac 4/30
Keck, Andrea 4/7	Zink, Caroline 4/19	
Himmelreich, Laura 4/8	Stone, Juliet 4/20	
Engle, Madison 4/9	Mullen, Michael 4/21	
Galbraith, Benjamin 4/9	Nickey, Debra 4/22	
Leszczuk, Boni 4/9	Rugoletti, Heidi 4/23	
Guadalupe, Patty 4/11	Callahan III, James 4/24	
Scott, Helen 4/11	Chestnut, Jay 4/24	
Spiese, Patrick 4/11	Ewing, Carrie 4/24	
Kreiser, Kaylynn 4/12	Croft, Joanne 4/25	
Lillich, Barbara 4/12	Hogg, Lori 4/25	



April
BIRTHDAYS



Egolf, Kenneth	4/3
Markle, Cindy.....	4/3
Martin, Trena	4/3
Erickson, Leann.....	4/4
Inners, Charles	4/5
Kline, Susan	4/6
Leidigh, Lee	4/6
Manspeaker, Kathryn	4/6
Staley, Alecia.....	4/6
Staley, Madelynne	4/6
Cozort, Kaylee	4/7
Peffer, Eden.....	4/7
Yocum, Amelia	4/7
Egolf, June.....	4/9
Keck Jr., Lester.....	4/10
Shughart, Joseph	4/10
Stum, Ian	4/10
Carr, Caryn	4/11
Pounder, Michael.....	4/13
Cook, Rickie	4/14
Cook, Robert	4/14
March, Mary Ann	4/14
Weaver, Zachary	4/14
Erickson, Elise	4/15
Haggerty, Logan.....	4/15
Baish, Nancy	4/16
Hollen, Robert.....	4/16
Hunt, Kathryn.....	4/17
Jones, Cindy.....	4/17
Mulholland, Cassie	4/17
Seibert, Charles.....	4/17
Shenk, R. Edward.....	4/17
Nickey, Debra	4/18
Eshenour, Jodee	4/19
Eshenour, Tanner.....	4/19
Markle, Holly.....	4/19

Markle, Jacob.....	4/19
Mulholland, Hunter	4/19
Stone, Ella.....	4/19
Karper, Yvonne	4/21
Shenk, Lawrence	4/21
Stum, David.....	4/21
Mancke, John.....	4/22
Raphael, David.....	4/22
Fraley, Don.....	4/23
King, Steven.....	4/23
Jumper, Benjamin	4/25
Lillich, Barbara	4/26
Fickel, Kimberly.....	4/27



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED



**BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
March 18, 2018**

**Roger Giffin
Steven Hildebrand
Andy and Christina Hoke
Sean Nedimyer**

**BY LETTER OF TRANSFER
March 18, 2018**

**Kurt and Karen Deery
John Shugars**

Please note that the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2.



From our **MINISTER of MUSIC**

By the time you read this, the music for Holy Week will be nearly completed. I hope that the variety of pieces you hear connect you strongly to the scriptures and familiar stories of our tradition. We look forward in April to the Alleluias and joy of Eastertide!

Chancel Choir will be busy as always. I'd also like to schedule Handbells, Youth Choir, and Cherub Choir one or two more times each before the school year ends. Please watch your emails for scheduling plans. Care to join an ensemble?

All groups welcome new members at any time during the year. Maybe you'd like to try a group after Easter and then continue when ensembles resume in the fall?

I attended the convention of the American Choral Directors Association in March. It was well attended by all types of choral directors, including many church musicians. While I'd prefer that it not be scheduled during one of the busiest times of the year, it is a very useful conference. I attended classes in choral pedagogy and group vocal technique. New information can be incorporated into rehearsals and there is also value in hearing things that were once known, but have fallen off in practice. I remember thinking "I should do more of that!" Think of a conference as tools that go into the tool bag. The tools come out when they're needed - maybe right away, or maybe months or years down the road in a particular situation.

Contact me at any time about music: in person, at musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org, or by phone at 717-462-6140. I welcome your feedback!

Andy Hoke

Building for Mission Update

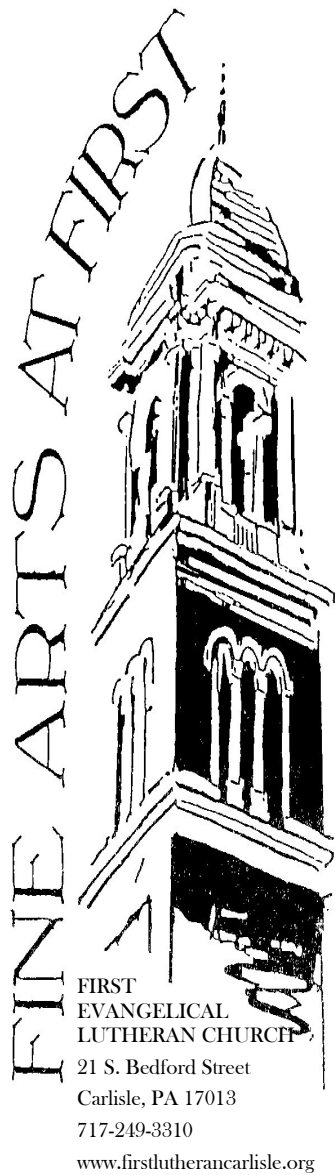
Our capital campaign, *Building to Serve All God's Children*, got off to a great start at our March 11 luncheon. Thanks to all who attended and kicked things off by contributing to the noisy offering collected by our pre-K and Kindergarten class! Leadership gatherings are being held, and excitement is building as we head toward Commitment Sunday, April 15!

Other news:

The Borough of Carlisle has approved our application for a land development plan waiver. This will save us approximately \$18,000 in engineering fees.

Upon the recommendation of the Carlisle Historical and Architectural Review Board, the borough has also issued a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for our project!





FINE ARTS AT FIRST
presents the
GETTYSBURG CHILDREN'S CHOIR
and **CHAMBER CHORALE**

In Concert

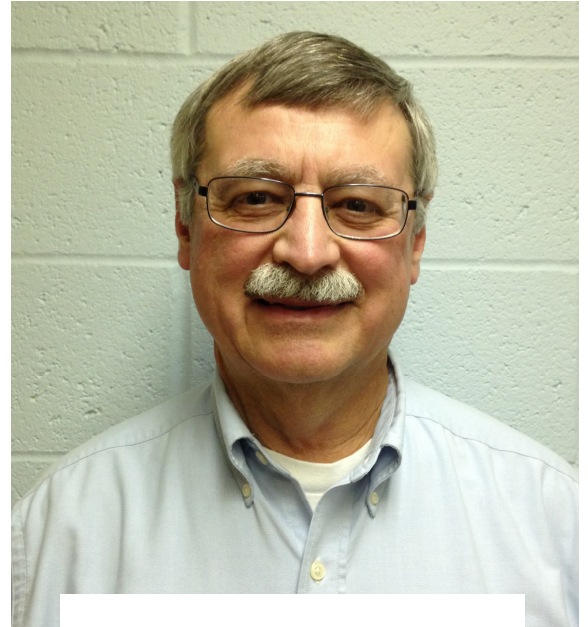
The GETTYSBURG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CHAMBER CHORALE will present their 2018 Spring Concert, "Prelude to Spring" on Sunday, April 22 at 4 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. The ensembles are sponsored by the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College which provides the highest quality vocal training in children's choral music to young people from Gettysburg and surrounding communities. The Children's Choir, comprised of students in grades three through eight, and the Chamber Chorale, representing students in grades nine through twelve, perform concerts annually in December and in the spring in the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary Chapel and other regional locations. The ensembles are conducted by Artistic Director, Brent C. Talbot, who is Associate Professor and Coordinator of Music Education at the Sunderman Conservatory and a graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and the Eastman School of Music. The concert is free of admission with freewill donations accepted. Plan to come and join us after the concert for a reception in the Martin Luther Room to greet the singers!



WELCOME OUR



Kurt and Karen Deery



Roger Giffin



Steve Hildebrand



Andy and Christina Hoke

NEW MEMBERS!



Sean Nedimyer



John Shugars

Festive Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 15



Please join us for a Festive Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 15, in the Martin Luther Room following each worship service. This will be an opportunity to celebrate our "Building to Serve All God's Children" Commitment Sunday. Come and join in fellowship and good food as we chart the next chapter here at First Lutheran — celebrating our past, present and future!

Meetings & Events



- Sun., April 1** — 9-10 a.m. — Easter Morning Fellowship & Egg Hunts—*Martin Luther Room*
- Mon., April 2** — *Office Closed*
6:30 p.m.— Building for Mission Steering Committee
- Wed., April 4** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Bible Study
3:30-5:30 p.m. — YWCA Afterschool Homework Club (Wednesday & Thursday)
6:30 p.m. — Leadership Gathering hosted by Donald Grell and Caryn Carr —
Martin Luther Room Lounge
- Sat., April 7** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., April 8** — 11:30 a.m. — 2nd Sunday Fellowship — hosted by the Social Ministry Committee — *Martin Luther Room*
- Mon., April 9** — 3:30-5:30 p.m. — YWCA Afterschool Homework Club (Monday-Thursday)
- Tues., April 10** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
7 p.m. — Holocaust Remembrance Service — *Martin Luther Room*
- Wed., April 11** — 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
6:30-9:30 p.m. — Dickinson Orchestra Rehearsal
- Sat., April 14** — 8:30 a.m.-Noon — Dickinson Orchestra Rehearsal
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., April 15** — 4 p.m. — Dickinson Orchestra Concert
- Mon., April 16** — 3:30-5:30 p.m. — YWCA Afterschool Homework Club
(Monday-Thursday)
- Tues., April 17** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., April 18** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., April 21** — 7:30 a.m.—Men’s Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*
9 a.m.-Noon — Homeschool Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., April 22** — 4 p.m. — Gettysburg Children’s Choir and Chorale Ensemble — *Fine Arts*
- Mon., April 23** — 3:30-5:30 p.m. — YWCA Afterschool Homework Club (Monday-Thursday)
6:30 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee
- Tues., April 24** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5 p.m. — Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Fri., April 27** — 7 p.m. — Carlisle Homeschool Children and Youth Choir Concert
- Sat., April 28** — 9 a.m.-Noon — Carlisle Town Band Rehearsal
10 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Youth Car Wash—*Church Parking Lot*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., April 29** — 3 p.m. — Carlisle Town Band Spring Concert



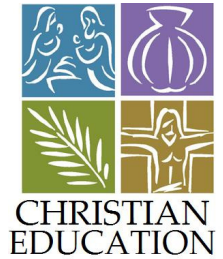
♫ **Handbell Choir –**
Thursdays, 6–6:45 p.m.

♫ **Chancel Choir –**
Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

Staff meetings are
held every Tuesday
at 2 p.m.

ADULT FORUM

On April 8, the Adult Forum will begin the book and DVD series titled *Pilgrim's Progress*. *Pilgrim's Progress*, the first English novel, was written by John Bunyan in 1678. This series will be led by Caryn Carr and Jered Hock.



We welcome all adults Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in room 16. Please join us! The Adult Forum will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1. We hope you will enjoy the Easter Fellowship event from 9-10 a.m. that morning!

YOUTH CAR WASH



WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE: First Lutheran parking lot

WHY: To raise money for Camp Koala (day and residential camps for grieving children) and the Lutheran Camping Corporation campership fund

If you don't need a car wash, you can still help our youth help others—donations will be accepted in the church office or offering plate. Please designate for the "Youth Car Wash." Thank you!



Lutheran Camping night with the Harrisburg Senators

Friday, May 11 — Game time: 7 p.m.

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 New Hampshire Fisher Cats on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. There will be a spectacular fireworks display after the game. 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. The Senators will donate \$4.00 per ticket sold to the Lutheran Camping Corporation to help support Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald.

You may sign up by completing an order form, which can be found on the kiosk in the narthex or in the church office, by calling Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310 or by emailing her at secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org. Checks should be made payable to *First Lutheran Church* and marked for *Senators Game*. **The deadline to sign up for tickets is Sunday, April 22.**

FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEWS

**The 2018 golf outing will be held on
Friday, May 18, 1 p.m. at the
Eagles Crossings Golf Course
501 Conodoguinet Ave, Carlisle**

Registration forms are available on our website at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org and in the church office.

Cost is \$70.00 per person (includes a round of golf in scramble format, cart, unlimited range balls, prizes, and a steak dinner)

Deadline to register: May 16

Our beneficiary this year is The Arc of Cumberland & Perry Counties, whose mission is to “empower, inspire, and educate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and the community.” Learn more about The Arc at www.cparc.org!



DON'T PLAY GOLF?

Join us for a steak dinner and the presentation of prizes (usually around 5 p.m.)! Dinner is \$20.00 per person.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS/PRIZES NEEDED!

Even if you are unable to join us on May 18, you can still support the outing! We are in need of items for our silent auction, prizes and give-away bags. Prizes and give-away bag items should be new with tags attached (e.g. tees, ball markers, divot repair tools, bottled water, snack bars, etc.). Items may be dropped off in the church office, or you can contact Jim and

Linda Fargus at 717-254-6559. All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit The Arc.



HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

AVAILABLE

A sign will be placed on a hole acknowledging your support. You may use your company name or logo or sponsor a hole “in memory of” or “to honor” loved ones, friends or children. Cost for hole sponsorship is \$35.00.

Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church and dropped off in the office or mailed to:

**First Lutheran Church
21 South Bedford Street
Carlisle, PA 17013**

From Our Archives

TWELVE SKETCHES OF CARLISLE, PENNA.

Drawn by
DONALD G. BEETEM

Published by Thompson's Book Store
Carlisle, Penna.

THE DRAWINGS—

The subjects of these sketches were not selected for their formal beauty nor historical significance. A group of scenes was desired that should be picturesque, unhackneyed, and so representative of Carlisle that the native would instantly recognize the scenes of his home and at the same time see them enhanced by art in a fresh light, as though not seen before. We think the artist has accomplished this purpose. Hundreds of subjects were eligible, and choice was made almost at random of a dozen scenes well known to most Carlislers. A brief description on the back of each card will identify it.



CARLISLE IN TWELVE SKETCHES

This series of sketches/post cards was a local Carlisle offering by Thompson's Book Store and featured a view of First Lutheran itself, as well as our bell tower as seen from the old market (now the site of the new Cumberland County Courthouse). The artist, Donald Beetem, began sketching while serving with the intelligence section of the 97th Bombing Squadron in World War II in order to "relieve the tedium of army life."

Bible Study — The WELCA bible study group will meet on Wednesday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m. in room 16 for study, fellowship and planning. The bible study group will not meet in May, instead, we will be holding our annual Mother/Daughter/Women Banquet with all women invited to attend.

Mother/Daughter/Women Banquet — will be held on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited. This year’s program will include a skit entitled *Accessories “R” Us* by Dawn Conroy, music and delicious food. Our menu will include lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and juice for the children. We will also have our gift table available with new and like new items, including our stainless steel cutlery. Money raised from the gift table is used for those in need. A free will offering will be received to help with the cost of the food.

Reservation forms are available on the kiosk in the narthex and in the church office. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. You may also sign up for the banquet by calling the church office at 717-249-3310. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 29.**

Annual Rummage/Bake Sale — Help is needed for the following: Thursday, May 10, from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m. for setup; Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. for the sale, Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. for the sale and cleanup. A light lunch will be available all three days for the helpers. Although men are welcome to help at anytime during the sale, they are especially needed on Saturday around 11:30 a.m. to help pack, cleanup and put away tables and racks. Please consider helping with the sale — you are welcome to help as little or as much as you are able.

We accept all spring and summer items, kitchen items, clothing, shoes, toys, books, glassware, pictures, tools, knick-knacks, bedding (please mark with size), etc. in clean and useable condition. All electrical items should be tested at home prior to donating to the sale. **No baby cribs, strollers, swings, car seats or electronics will be accepted.**

Items are also needed for our bake sale. Cookies, candies, small loaves of bread, pies, cupcakes, Chex mix, whoopee pies, and fudge all sell well. Baked goods should be brought to the Festal Hall kitchen on Thursday, May 10, or very early Friday morning, May 11. Please mark your containers with your name and the name of the item you are donating. Thanks!

Attendance and Offering

Week of:	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 29 — Feb. 4	146	\$6,134.00
Feb. 5 — 11	126	\$4,293.00
Feb. 12 — 18	82	\$7,162.80
Feb. 19 — 25	129	\$3,921.00

I would like to express my appreciation to the pastors and members of the church for prayers, calls, and cards during my recent illness.

Also, a special thank you to Ken Egolf and the Prayer Shawl Committee for the beautiful prayer shawl.

~ Jim Schade





After contacting our missionaries, Steve and Jodi Swanson, via e-mail, Taylor Miller, Social Ministry chairperson, recently received an e-mail response from them. Below are excerpts from that e-mail. (A printed copy of the full e-mail and pictures can be found on our missionary bulletin board located inside the entrance doors located off the south end of the parking lot.)

Dear Taylor,

Thank you so much for the kind email. Steve and I have been working on a new format for our regular communication. We are trying to switch to mail chimp to make it more efficient which will help us to increase the frequency of our communication! In this regard, however, Steve works almost day and night and so the plan has been for myself to make this switch. Here now lies the problem- I'm not exactly techno savvy and have been trying to figure out this program so please bear with me!

There has been so much going on both at work and in the family. Steve burns the midnight oil as he is training about 4-8 Tanzanian [doctors] who are working in 2 hospitals, nurses in the NICU, seeing patients on the ward and the outpatient clinic. I have been working at the local Lutheran hospital primarily with malnourished children and have been visiting some of the villages for the purpose of education and follow up of some of our children. I am finding that the home situations for many of these children is harsh. Food insecurity, lack of consistent income for the family, means that many of our malnourished children are malnourished simply due to poverty. In this situation it has been difficult to find sustainable solutions since the source of the problem is poor education and lack of economic opportunities!

Monday I went to find this little girl whom we had cared for some months ago. I don't have a picture of her first arrival, but she was miserably sick with kwashiorkor (lack of protein). Here she is enjoying some books in the hospital, looking miraculously recovered! ...



... I found 8 children, unsupervised except for the 70+ father in his own house. There are 3 homes in this "boma" with the father having one, and the other two are meant for the 2 wives. One wife has died, the other mama was not home, but working for \$1.00/day to feed the father, herself, and about 10 children. We are planning to return in a week, to plant some green leafy trees that should produce for years, to bring some short term relief food, to inquire about enrolling them in a government program that provides a small relief for the next 3 months, and to talk with them about their ideas/feelings/plans for the future.



In reality, we see and help individual children in the hospital to get "back on their feet", but sending them back into impoverished situations? It's tough. Community Development is a big project which takes a team. At this time, with Steve's full time work, and my part time work in the ward, I don't have the time to tackle these issues and I'm looking for projects that are already out there so that I might refer the families that I find in need. But honestly, the need is greater than the resources. The needs are frankly overwhelming. We are trying to care lovingly for each child as they are before us, but keep in mind the bigger picture of the communities and the country. In summary, it's challenging!! ...

... I hope that gives you a glimpse of life here and helps to direct your prayers. Once we get the new system up and running on mail chimp, you will hear from us more regularly. Please accept my apology for the lack of correspondence. It is not for lack of gratitude- we are so grateful for your support which enables us to be here caring for these vulnerable ones.

With much gratitude, Jodi Swanson

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