



FIRST EDITION AUGUST 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

Blessing of the Backpacks...

and book bags and briefcases and laptops and lunchboxes and whatever!



While we in the church mark time with our own special calendar - which begins anew with Advent in late November or early December every year - we also recognize the beginnings and endings of other calendars, especially the unique rhythm of the academic year.

On **Sunday, August 19**, all students (young and old!), teachers, professors, aides, school nurses, school and college administrators, consultants - in other words, all individuals beginning or returning to study or work at a school, college or university! - are invited to bring to worship an item they will be using during the school year.

Items should be placed at the altar before worship begins. We will offer a special blessing and prayer for students and educators after communion, before the sending hymn and dismissal.

SPEAKING OF SCHOOL...

At our Rally Day breakfast (see page 2), we will be assembling **school kits for Lutheran World Relief**. We are currently accepting donations of the items listed below. We also, of course, are happy to receive monetary donations toward the purchase of items (checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church and noted for "School Kits").

Items should be placed in the designated container located in the hallway near the church office by Friday, September 7. Please make sure the items do not have patriotic or religious symbols on them.

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2" erasers



Lists of needed items are also available on the kiosk in the High Street narthex and on the Sunday school bulletin board outside the church office. Thanks for your support!



Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 a.m.

Please mark your calendars and reserve Sunday, September 9, for our annual Rally Day Breakfast. If you attend the early service, please stay. If you plan to attend the late service, please come early. We invite you to join us for food and fellowship as we kick-off a new year of faith formation at First Lutheran! (We also will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief - see page 1.)

Building Project and Capital Campaign Update

The Building for Mission Steering Committee, our architects, Marotta/Main, and our general contractor, Galbraith/Pre-Design, have completed the value engineering process. A revised set of construction drawings, based on changes approved by the steering committee to materials and finishes and a slightly smaller “footprint” for the addition, has been sent out for re-bid. The steering committee will review the updated bids at its meeting on August 16 and will forward a recommendation to Congregation Council for action at its August 21 meeting.



The Finance Committee evaluated financing options from two lenders. The committee will meet again on August 20 to make a final financing recommendation to Congregation Council for action at its August 21 meeting.

On this timeline, we anticipate that Congregation Council will call a special congregation meeting for Sunday, September 9 or 16, to vote on moving forward with construction. Information about the final project costs and the proposed financing plan will be included in the written notice of the meeting sent to all members of the congregation in late August or early September.

Capital Campaign Update (as of August 2):

Total pledges/gifts from 71 households: \$612,295
(consists of \$598,430 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts
and \$13,865 unpledged/“as able” gifts given)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$198,124

Thank you for your continuing generosity to our campaign! A reminder that **special capital campaign offering envelopes are available** in the pew racks, the narthex and in the church office for your use in fulfilling your commitment to *Building to Serve All God's Children* or in making a general donation toward the project. **PLEASE NOTE:** Any contribution included in your regular offering envelope and marked as “capital projects” will go to our annual capital budget, not *Building to Serve All God's Children*.



**The WELCA Bible Study group will not meet in August.
Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m. in room 16.**

August Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

8/5 Elise Erickson
8/12 Michael Raphael
8/19 Ian Galbraith
8/26 Ainslee Martin

NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

8/5 Kathy Hall and Jeri Fitzsimons
8/12 Marsha Lorenz and Darlene Ramond
8/19 Nancy Ingram and Robin Orner
8/26 Hope Miller and Alecia Staley

GREETER/USHER

(8 A.M.):

8/5 Gary Newton
8/12 Roger Williams
8/19 Sam Simmons
8/26 Gary Newton

GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

8/5 Brenda Helwig and Beverly Mancke
8/12 Monica Frederick and Karen Hollen
8/19 Bill and Kim Fickel
8/26 David and Elaine Haag

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

(10:30 A.M.):

8/5 Cindy Allgyer
8/12 Terri Myers
8/19 Bill and Mary Ann Schirmer
8/26 Cindy Jones

BREAD BAKERS:

(8 A.M.)

8/5 Sarah Niebler
8/12 Cindy Jones
8/19 Joan Gitt
8/26 Taylor Miller

(10:30 A.M.)

8/5 Sarah Niebler
8/12 Kathy Brunie
8/19 Joan Gitt
8/26 Taylor Miller

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

(8 A.M.)

8/5 Rich Wood
8/12 Chuck Martin
8/19 Robin Orner
8/26 Sandy Kohler

(10:30 A.M.)

8/5 Josh Staley
8/12 Sam Orner
8/19 Hope Miller
8/26 Caryn Carr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(10:30 A.M.):

8/5 Michelle Fisher and Karen Hollen
8/12 Janet Jacobs and Taylor Miller
8/19 Kathy Hall and Sandy Kohler
8/26 Sandy Jumper and Taylor Miller

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

(8 A.M.)

8/5 Terri Myers
8/12 Lisa Newton
8/19 Monica Frederick
8/26 Terri Myers

(10:30 A.M.)

8/5 Kathy Hall and Robin Orner
8/12 Hope and Taylor Miller
8/19 Ruth Osborne and Debbie Reitzel
8/26 Kathy Brunie and Lois Quigley

LECTORS:

(8 A.M.)

8/5 Joan Inners
8/12 Sandy Jumper
8/19 Terri Myers
8/26 Amy Baish

(10:30 A.M.)

8/5 Jered Hock
8/12 Sean Nedimyer
8/19 Taylor Miller
8/26 Karen Galbraith

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

August Head Usher: Don Osborne

8/5 Steve Hogg, Ruth Osborne, Jim Brantner
8/12 David Stum, Taylor Miller, Robert Baker
8/19 Sam Orner, Cindy Markle, Michael Raphael (youth)
8/26 Roger Williams, Steven King, Jered Hock



August

BIRTHDAYS

- Fisher, Michelle 8/1
- Henderson, Gary..... 8/2
- Gillingham, Patricia 8/6
- Nedimyer, Sean 8/8
- Peffer, Eden 8/8
- Berry, Tyler 8/9
- Ehr, Virginia 8/11
- Hoch, Bronson 8/11
- Champlin, Tamara 8/12
- Miller, Jeff..... 8/12
- Minter, Marion 8/12
- Baish, Richard..... 8/17
- Bear, Rhoda 8/18
- Jordan, Ann..... 8/18
- Burkholder, Jean..... 8/22
- Martin, Ainslee 8/22
- Jumper, Steven..... 8/23
- Slusser, Eloise 8/23
- Slusser, Phineas 8/23
- Honsel, Mary 8/24
- Roeder, Donald..... 8/24
- Gillingham, Colton..... 8/25
- Allgyer, Cynthia 8/27
- Brunie, Kathy 8/28
- Carvalho, Monica 8/28
- Haggerty, Logan 8/30
- Wren, Betty 8/30
- Mancke, Beverly 8/31

CELEBRATING A



50+ Anniversary

- Keith & Roxanna Houtz (52 years)..... 8/6
- Jay & Donna Chestnut (54 years) 8/15
- Ronald & Patsy Sharp (53 years)..... 8/22
- John & Beverly Mancke (51 years) 8/26



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- Raphael, Sarah 8/1
- Johnston, John 8/2
- Smith, Shirley 8/3
- Franklin, Chelsea 8/4
- Miller, Hope 8/5
- Rugoletti, Sophie 8/7
- Raphael, Michael 8/10
- Hoch, Bronson..... 8/11
- Haggerty, Brittany 8/14
- Berry, Robert 8/15
- Reitzel, Deborah 8/17
- Eshenour, Douglas..... 8/23
- Orner, Samuel 8/24
- Shenk, Marjorie 8/24
- Brantner, Evan 8/25

DEATH

Harold Edward Van Orden

birth — July 18, 1927

death — June 22, 2018

† *Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
June 3	139	\$8,049.00
June 10	150	\$2,734.00
June 17	135	\$7,350.00
June 24	139	\$3,554.00

Meetings & Events



- Wed., Aug. 1** — 6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
- Sat., Aug. 4** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Aug. 5** — 9:15 a.m. — Approved Adult Refresher Training
- Wed., Aug. 8** — 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
- Sat., Aug. 11** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Aug. 14** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., Aug. 15** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee
- Thurs., Aug. 16** — 5 p.m. — Personnel Committee
6:30 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee
- Sat., Aug. 18** — 7:30 a.m.—Men’s Huddle
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Mon., Aug. 20** — 6:30 p.m. — Finance Committee
- Tues., Aug. 21** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Sat., Aug. 25** — 12-5 p.m. — Private Party — *Festal Hall*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Aug. 28** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Thurs., Aug. 30** — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Early Head Start Family Day — *Festal Hall*

**Staff meetings are held every
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.**
Please note the change in day and time.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The WELCA group is working on its second set of 40 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. The group hopes to assemble 120+ kits, which include a towel, comb, two bars of soap, tooth brush, and nail clipper, and are in need of monetary donations to meet its quota. Checks should be made payable to WELCA and marked for PERSONAL CARE KITS.

These kits are used world-wide to help those suffering from disasters, wars, floods, etc. Imagine the smile on their face when they receive a kit — let’s make it possible! Thank you for your support.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST

2018-2019 SERIES

DAVID WRIGHT AND "THE WRIGHT TOUCH"

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3 P.M.



Vocalist, saxophonist, producer, and bandleader David Wright with six musicians of "The Wright Touch" bring their polished swing and jazz style to Carlisle. Wright retired as a member of the "President's Own," the United States Marine Band, in 1994. From the White House to the Library of Congress to all the Smithsonian Institution's museums and galleries, "The Wright Touch" has entertained for special events at every major Washington, D. C. venue since the 1980's. David Wright's professional artistry and experience always create a connection with his audience. The ensemble will present a concert from The Great American Songbook drawn from its White House dance band arrangements. Each song is introduced with an interesting story and performed with energy and stylistic excellence.

APPALACHIAN WIND QUINTET

Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 4 P.M.

The award-winning Appalachian Wind Quintet, based in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Hagerstown, Maryland, is dedicated to presenting woodwind quintet literature from its earliest beginnings in the classical period to the present time. Formed in 1987, the group is known for its superb musicianship, innovative programming, and highest professional caliber. Each musician has a rich knowledge of musical styles and vast experience with orchestral and chamber music repertoire. Brief oral program notes throughout the concert give an enlightening historical context to each composition. Members of the Appalachian Wind Quintet are flutist Barbara Spicher, oboist Ed Stanley, clarinetist Rick Mogensen, bassoonist Scott Cassada, and French horn player Ed Schupp.



CHRISTYAN SEAY

Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3 P.M.

Active in recital, oratorio and opera, Christyan Seay has sung extensively throughout Central PA and in venues abroad in Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. In April 2018 he participated in “The Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey”, a concert featuring acclaimed soprano Kathleen Battle. Regionally, he has performed with the Harrisburg and Lancaster Symphonies and has sung in productions with the Harrisburg Opera Association, Philadelphia's Concert Operetta and Opera North, and Opera Lancaster. He serves as Artistic Director of the Capital Area Music Association, a Harrisburg community organization whose emphasis is the music of African-American composers and culture. The concert will be held as a benefit for **St. Barnabas Children's Ministry**, a summer camp to nurture the spiritual, educational, social, and physical development of Harrisburg's inner city youth. It was founded in 1993 by the Central PA Episcopal Diocese and the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



DICKINSON COLLEGE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4 P.M.

The Dickinson Orchestra, conducted by Gregory Woodbridge, and the College Choir, directed by Amy Wlodarski, will present their 2019 Spring Concert featuring Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. The composition is the French composer's beloved and best-known sacred work that focuses on the comfort and peacefulness of eternal rest. The orchestra is comprised of 40 to 60 students, community members, and faculty, and the choir is an ensemble of 60 to 80 singers. They will be joined by soprano Elizabeth Shoenfelt and baritone Jonathan Hays. Highlighted among other selections in the concert will be a performance by the winner of the Dickinson College Department of Music student-concerto competition.



{To support our 2018-2019 Series, please pick up a Fine Arts at First donor form in the narthex, on the music bulletin board located near Room 16, or in the church office. Be sure to check the Fine Arts webpage at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for more information.}

From our Cantor:

[Editor's Note: Members have expressed interest in hearing more about the title "cantor," which congregation council adopted as the new position title for our musician. We asked David to explain the rich history of this title.]



The cantor is the leader of the congregation's song.

The term cantor is the historic designation for the vocation of the Lutheran Church musician. The cantor normally serves as organist, director of choirs and instrumental groups, and teaches, encourages, and nurtures the musical talent of the congregation. The cantor's calling, however, extends beyond the preparation of music for the various services. The cantor takes an interest in the personal and spiritual lives of those with whom he or she works, and is often musically active in the larger community in which the congregation is situated. (Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, 2003)

Throughout the years and across denominations those in musical leadership have been associated with titles such as organist, choir director, minister of music, director of music, precentor and cantor. Each of those words bears differing and various associations for those for whom the title is used, to those within the Church, and to people outside the church. Some titles may appear to be more of a job description such as 'organist'; some may imply formal recognition by the denomination such as 'minister'. Only 'cantor' more properly encompasses the broader calling that is the leadership of the congregation's song.

The Jewish tradition and the Catholic tradition also embrace the use of the term cantor. In those traditions the role is sometimes associated with an individual whose job description might be 'song leader', or someone who stands before the congregation confidently leading songs. That is not how the Lutheran tradition has envisioned this person, nor do we confine our understanding of that role to song leading, but we see the role in the broader context of the community.

The most famous example might be Johann Sebastian Bach who was the Kantor (German spelling) at the two primary churches in Leipzig, Germany. His role included teaching music and singing at the town school throughout the week in preparation for worship leadership.

The highest and best use of the God given skills is in the teaching, the encouragement and the nurture of the music of the liturgy and hymnody.

David Erickson

Welcome back, David!

As announced in the congregational mailing in early July, David Erickson will be leading our congregation's music ministry once again. However, unlike during his previous two tenures, he is not considered an "interim". Rather, David is serving the congregation on a part-time contractual basis. His initial one-year contract runs until June 30, 2019, at which time it may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of David and the congregation. A few people have asked why a search process has not begun—that would only happen if David indicated he is unable to continue serving as our cantor, either at the end of his first or a successive contract term.

Congregation Council





CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

ADULT FORUM

We are excited for a new season of adult learning opportunities. Our year will start on Sunday, September 16, with a book/DVD series entitled *Short Stories by Jesus* written by Amy-Jill Levine. This six-week series will be led by Jered Hock and Ken Egolf.

Amy-Jill Levin, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, offers a new perspective of the parables of Jesus. Each week we will look at a new parable, so feel free to join us when you can. (You don't have to have been in prior classes to fully participate.) If you would like a copy of the book, *Short Stories by Jesus*, please call Robin in the church office (717-249-3310) by Sunday, August 19, so she can order sufficient copies.

Beginning Sunday, October 28, Pastor Leber will lead a DVD series entitled *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*. Look for more information about this series in an upcoming edition of the *First Edition*.

Please join us in room 16 at 9:15 a.m. beginning September 16. All adults are welcome!

VBS Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all who helped make this year's *Babylon* VBS a wonderful experience for all! We appreciate all those who allowed us to use their props, those who gave monetary donations to help with the cost of supplies and food, those who worked many hours to help turn Festal Hall into the biblical city of Babylon, and our extraordinarily dedicated VBS staff—and of course, our VBS students! A special thanks goes out to Carlisle Container for its very generous donation of sheets of cardboard.

We would also like to thank those who very generously contributed to our VBS offering, designated for our missionaries, Steve and Jodi Swanson, to use to create a play area for hospitalized children in the Selian Hospital in Tanzania. We collected \$1,120.35, matched (up to \$1,000.00) by the Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee, for a grand total of \$2,120.35! AWESOME!! We had the pleasure of presenting the Swansons with a check during their visit with us on Sunday, July 29. Thanks for your help in reaching out to sick children to provide some normalcy in their lives.

Tali Martin & Robin Orner, VBS Co-Directors & Ainslee Martin, Youth VBS Co-Director

Will you help us feed our neighbors?

First Lutheran is providing the evening meal at My Brother's Table (a ministry of the Salvation Army) on **Sunday, September 2**. We will need both meal and dessert items and volunteers to help serve them!

We currently need:

Four #10 cans of baked beans

Four #10 cans of applesauce

Eight dozen dinner rolls

12 dozen cookies

If you can help provide food and/or help serve, please call the church office to sign up. Items may be brought in any time on or before Friday, August 31. Thank you!

From Our Archives



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This circa 1901 photo of First Lutheran was taken from across Bedford Street and shows an almost completed church—with the exception of the top tier of the bell tower. If you look closely at the scaffolding, you can see a workman hard at work.

Dear First Lutheran Friends,

On behalf of the family, we appreciate the pastoral care visits, your cards and visits and telephone calls before and after the death of our mother, Glendora, and father, Harold. We are deeply touched by your expressions of sympathy and concern.

Our gratitude for your care of us is overflowing. You have truly been a source of much strength during a most difficult time. May God continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to us.

With gratitude,
Dean and Lois Van Orden



Vacation Bible School



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Church Office Hours:

Monday — Friday
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch — 12:15-12:45 p.m.

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Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Sunday Church School



Check out our website!
www.firstlutherancarlisle.org



Pastor Leber's sermons are posted on our website — so if you miss a Sunday or would like to share a sermon with a friend, visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.