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

Ways to Serve

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

Last fall, the Stewardship Committee prepared a pamphlet outlining all the ways First Lutheran members and friends can offer their hands to God’s work being done in and through the ministries of the congregation. We will periodically highlight service opportunities in the *First Edition* and invite you to consider offering your time and talent in a new way! (*Ways to Serve* pamphlets are always available in the church office, the High Street narthex, or at [http://firstlutheranccarlisle.org/volunteer-opportunities/.](http://firstlutheranccarlisle.org/volunteer-opportunities/))

WORSHIP

- +Assisting minister (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- +Communion set-up/clean-up (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- +Lector (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- +Bread baker (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- +Acolyte (10:30 a.m.) (5th graders and above)
- +Head usher (10:30 a.m.)
- +Usher (10:30 a.m.)
- +Communion assistant (10:30 a.m.)

Other ways to be involved in our worship ministry:

- +Nursery attendant (10:30 a.m.) (must be an approved adult)
- +Chancel Choir (10:30 a.m.)
- +Bell Choir (as scheduled)
- +Lessons & Carols Choir
- +Instrumentalist for special music
- +Assisting minister for funerals and memorial services
- +Usher for funerals and memorial services
- +Lector for Advent and Lent mid-week evening prayer services (Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)
- +Worship and Music Committee member





LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. We will offer two worship opportunities that day:

12:15 p.m. – spoken Holy Communion
with the imposition of ashes

7:00 p.m. – sung Holy Communion
with the imposition of ashes

On **Wednesdays during Lent (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10)**, we will gather in the Martin Luther Room for a light soup supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by evening prayer at 7 p.m.



Flower visitation to our homebound

On Sunday, February 17,
we will be sharing a little love with
our homebound members!

We are looking for volunteers to deliver plants (and a warm greeting!) from our congregation following the 10:30 a.m. service. This is a great activity for families, as well as individuals or couples. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church office at (717) 249-3310 or secretary@firstlutheranCarlisle.org.

Thanks!

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania



The outdoor ministries of the ELCA offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages, many of whom become leaders in the church and their communities. These ministries are carried out on the territory of the Lower Susquehanna Synod through the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania, with a mission to be: *“The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!”*

You are encouraged to regularly check out www.lutherancamping.org for information about upcoming events, summer camp and summer employment opportunities!

Summer camp brochures are here!

Summer camp brochures for Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald are available on the camp bulletin board located near the church office for anyone wishing to spend a week or weekend at camp this summer. (Yes... they even offer an elder camp for 55+!)

First Lutheran, through the Faith Formation Committee, offers camp scholarships to cover 1/2 the cost for a week at camp.

And don't forget to check the camp bulletin board periodically for other events at our camps!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - January 2019 MEETING



+At the beginning of our new council term, council members spent a significant amount of time in introductions and discussing the opportunities and challenges the congregation will have over the next 12-24 months as we complete Phase I of Building to Serve All God's Children, live into new and reconfigured space, open our building to the community, and begin servicing debt.

+Council reviewed Christmas Eve attendance statistics for the past ten years. Attendance was up at all three services (4, 7, 10 p.m.) this year (+48 worshippers over 2017).

+Council appointed Bev Mancke to a second three-year term on the Audit Committee.

+Recognition was given to the volunteers who have been staffing the office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during our office manager's medical leave. Robin Orner is expected to return to work, at least part-time, on Monday, January 28.

ADULT FORUM



FAITH
FORMATION

On Sunday, February 3, the Adult Forum will begin discussing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's social statement, *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries*. You can access the statement on the ELCA website: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Criminal-Justice>. Copies are also available in the church office.

Pastor Leber will be leading this discussion, to be held on Sundays, February 3, 10, 24 and March 3. Adult Forum will not meet on February 17. Join us in the Martin Luther Room lounge from 9:15-10 a.m.!



Sunday, February 3

You are invited to support our youth in their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive to benefit Project SHARE. Youth representatives will be in the narthex following both services on Sunday, February 3, to collect donations of canned goods and monetary donations. (You can even vote for your favorite Super Bowl team by placing your donations in the appropriate container!) Help us to help our neighbors with this nation-wide hunger-fighting campaign.

Meetings & Events

February 2019

- Fri., Feb. 1** — 8 a.m. - Construction Meeting
- Sun., Feb. 3** — after each service - Souper Bowl of Caring
- Tues., Feb. 5** — 7 p.m. - Faith Formation
- Sat., Feb. 9** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., Feb. 10** — 11:30 a.m. - Second Sunday Fellowship (hosted by Property)
- Wed., Feb. 13** — 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
- Fri., Feb. 15** — 8 a.m. - Construction Meeting
- Sat., Feb. 16** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Tues., Feb. 19** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Feb. 20** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., Feb. 23** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Mon., Feb. 18** — President's Day — *Office Closed*
- Tues., Feb. 26** — 6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Wed., Feb. 27** — 6:30 p.m. - Worship and Music Committee

**Staff meetings are held every
Wednesday at 1 p.m.**

- ♫ **Bell Choir – Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m.**
- ♫ **Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.**

During *Building to Serve All God's Children*, meetings, including council, committees, WELCA, money counters, etc., are being held in room 18 (across from Pastor's office).



INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements about the cancellation of meetings, rehearsals, concerts and/or worship services or the closure of the church office/building due to inclement weather will be posted on our website, www.firstlutherancarlisle.org, as well as on www.wgal.com, www.abc27.com, and www.local21news.com.

You can also text Pastor Leber for info at (717)215-6055.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

COMMUNITY CARES

First could not host the Community CARES overnight shelter without individuals volunteering to be church host volunteers. Many thanks to the following persons who gave selflessly of their time on evenings throughout January to open the doors of First to guests needing shelter: Kathy Hall, Jered Hock, Elaine Hock, Yvonne Karper, Roger Williams, Babette Hoch, Marsha Lorenz, Hope Miller, Karen Longenecker, Steve Hogg, Patty Gillingham, Bill Schirmer, Sarah Niebler, Bob Baker, and Ginny Brennan.

Thanks, too, to our sexton, John Shughart, who has additional duties when Community CARES guests shelter here and adjusts his work schedule to clean daily throughout the month.

You can help at Project SHARE!

First Lutheran members volunteer at Project SHARE each month on the Wednesday morning of distribution week, starting at 8:30 a.m. The dates for 2019 are (all Wednesdays):

February 20	August 14
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 19	December 11
July 17	

Please help us support this important food ministry in our community. If you are interested in helping, simply show up on one of our workdays at the Project SHARE warehouse (5 N. Orange Street) or contact Taylor Miller for more information: (717) 448-5363 or taylormiller@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Golf Outing, benefitting Carlisle Meals on Wheels, will be held on Friday, May 17, 1 p.m., at the Eagles Crossings Golf Course (501 Conodoguinet Ave, Carlisle)

Look for more info in the March *First Edition!*

SHARING OUR GIFTS

During its last meeting of 2018, the Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee donated benevolence funds to the following: Carlisle Meals on Wheels, Lutheran Disaster Response, Cumberland Goodwill EMS, Union Fire Company, Carlisle Area Religious Council, United Lutheran Seminary Food Bank, Global Health Ministries, Selian Hospital (Swansons—First's missionaries in Tanzania), Carlisle Family Life Center, and Fruit Belt Farmworker Christian Ministry.

Advent Fill-A-Box

Thanks to all who filled boxes with needed items for the Carlisle Family Life Center and Community CARES, including formula, diapers, baby wipes, children's clothing, canned food, paper products, hand sanitizer, and toiletries. By Christmas Eve, over 40 boxes were under our sanctuary Christmas tree. The items were unpacked, sorted and repacked for delivery. Recipients at both agencies expressed great gratitude for the generosity of members and friends of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.



From Mary Pat Povirk: Thank you so much for your continuing support of the [Carlisle Area Family Life] Center. And thank you so much for your huge donation last week of diapers, wipes, crib sheets, blankets, towels, wash cloths, clothing, toiletries and formula!

Building to Serve All God's Children *Construction Progress Report*



September 2018 - before!

Though we found pipes where we didn't expect them and rock where we didn't want it and experienced a very rainy fall, an early snow in November, and very frosty temperatures in recent days - we are making progress on our atrium project and interior renovations!



January 2019 - the 1966 stair tower/entry has been demolished, heating system and sanitary sewer pipes have been re-routed, the elevator and sump pit has been poured, and the site has been prepared for the lower level concrete floor



No, we aren't having a camp out! The tenting (and supplemental heat) helps maintain an appropriate temperature so the concrete floor of the lower level can cure properly.



Recognize this room? It is room 16, across from the church office. The storage closets along the back were removed. On the left, you can see the framework of the new mechanical closet. On the right (purple drywall) is the outside of the new accessible restroom.

END OF YEAR FINANCE REPORT

The Finance and Stewardship committees wish to thank the congregation for a tremendous year of financial support in 2018. In addition to the generous commitments you have made to our capital campaign, *Building to Serve All God's Children*, your regular offerings to our current needs, benevolence and capital projects not only helped to support our ministries and keep our building operating, but provided over \$100,000 in benevolence support, locally and across the globe (detailed in the pie chart below)! That is awesome!

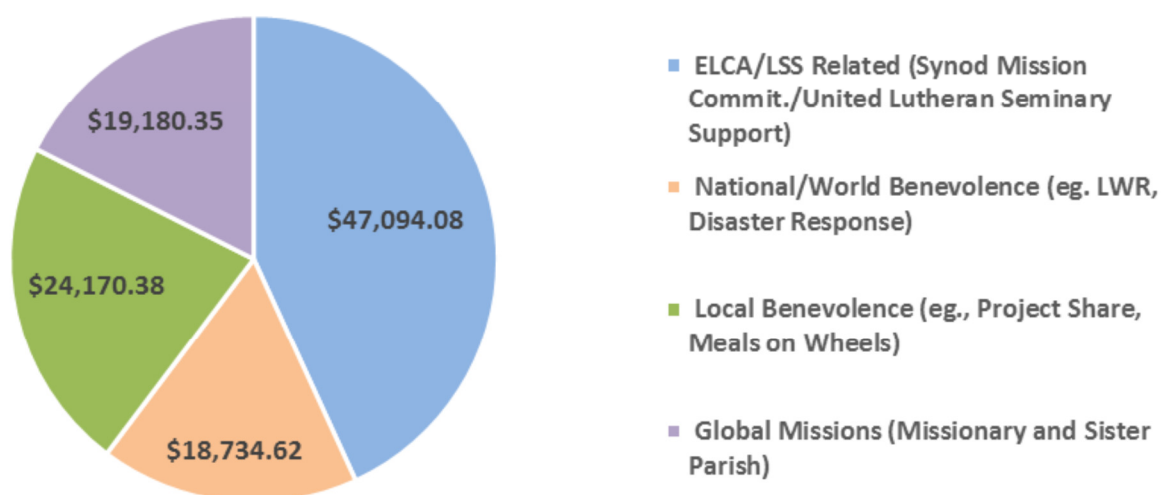
If you have not already submitted a 2019 Invitation to Stewardship form, there is still time. These forms can be picked up in the narthex or church office. In addition, e-giving is a great alternative for individuals who don't want to bother with checks or just like having one less thing to remember each month. Forms are available in the church office for anyone wanting to start or change their e-giving profile.

In Christ,

John Ward
Finance Committee Chair

Jeri Fitzsimons
Stewardship Committee Chair

2018 Benevolence Support Total \$109,179

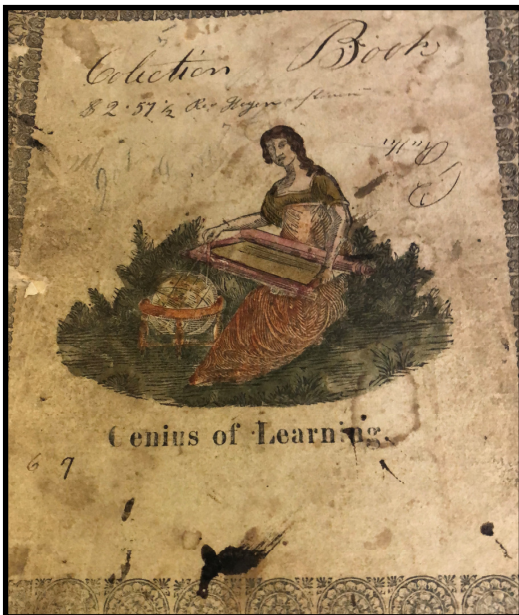


From Our Archives

GENIUS OF LEARNING.
 First Lutheran used this child's copy book, complete with multiplication tables on the rear page, for an entirely different purpose: to record the Sunday collections. The period shown here covers December 12, 1824, to March 20, 1825, and is carefully divided between the amounts received at each of the English and German services.

Carlisle December 12th 1824.

German Preaching	\$ 1.58
Do English in afternoon	0.86
December 20 th German	2.12
Do English Evening	0.55
1825 January 9 th German	1.56
Do Evening	0.75
Feb 6 th German Preaching	2.54
Do Evening	1.15
Feb 20 th German Preaching	1.60
Do English	1.70
March 6 th German Preaching	1.60
Do English	1.86
March 20 th German Do	2.18
Do English Preaching	7/4
	\$ 17.47



MULTIPLICATION TABLE.

Times	2 times	3 times	4 times	5 times	6 times	7 times
1ma. 2	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 4	6	9	12	15	18	21
3 6	9	12	15	18	21	24
4 8	12	16	20	24	28	32
5 10	15	20	25	30	35	40
6 12	18	24	30	36	42	48
7 14	21	28	35	42	49	56
8 16	24	32	40	48	56	64
9 18	27	36	45	54	63	72
10 20	30	40	50	60	70	80
11 22	33	44	55	66	77	88
12 24	36	48	60	72	84	96

times	one times	ten times	eleven times	twelve times
1ma. 1	1	10	11	12
2 2	2	20	22	24
3 3	3	30	33	36
4 4	4	40	44	48
5 5	5	50	55	60
6 6	6	60	66	72
7 7	7	70	77	84
8 8	8	80	88	96
9 9	9	90	99	108
10 10	10	100	110	120
11 11	11	110	121	132
12 12	12	120	132	144

Children may readily be made to understand, that as 3 times 8 are 24—times 3 must be 24 also, &c. Therefore their task in learning the Multiplication Table is little more than one half so great as it appears at first view.

February Worship Assistants

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
8 a.m. service				
Assisting Minister	Chuck Martin	Rich Wood	Terri Myers	Chuck Martin
Bread Baker	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Lisa Newton	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton
Greeter/Usher	Sam Simmons	Sandy Kohler	Mike Luther	Roger Williams
Lector	Rich Wood	Jim Brantner	Sandy Kohler	Terri Myers
10:30 a.m. service				
Acolyte	Colton Gillingham	EmmaRose Harty	Ainslee Martin	Ian Galbraith
Assisting Minister	Taylor Miller	Roger Williams	Hope Miller	Sarah Niebler
Bread Baker	Sarah Niebler	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie
Communion Assistants	Caryn Carr Janet Jacobs Hope Miller	Sam Orner Karen Hollen	Kathy Hall Sandy Jumper	Janet Jacobs Sandy Kohler
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Kathy Hall Yvonne Karper	Ginny Brennan Yvonne Karper	Janet Jacobs Cindy Allgyer	Robin Orner Ruth Osborne
Flower Distribution	Terri Myers	Bill and Mary Ann Schirmer	Babette Hoch	Cindy Allgyer
Greeters	Monica Frederick Norma Greider	Hope and Taylor Miller	Dee Weigel Jane Ewing	Ethel Simmons Alecia Staley
Lector	David Raphael	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller
Nursery Duty	Cindy Markle Cindy Allgyer	Kathy Hall Jeri Fitzsimons	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Robin Orner Cindy Markle
Head Usher	Don Osborne			
Ushers	Bill Gillingham Don Grell Michelle Fisher	Steve King Ruth Osborne Callie Culbertson (youth)	Roger Williams Michelle Fisher Cindy Markle	Steve Hogg Alecia Staley Bob Baker

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents' Day.



- Drumheiser, Phillip..... 2/2
- White, Megan..... 2/4
- Burke, Jane..... 2/5
- Yocum, Frankie..... 2/6
- Baish, Amy..... 2/7
- Shughart, Joseph..... 2/10
- Baish, Nancy..... 2/11
- Chestnut, Donna..... 2/11
- Weaver, Aaron..... 2/12
- Wood, Richard..... 2/12
- Slusser, Benjamin..... 2/16
- Slusser, Megan..... 2/17
- Baker, Robert..... 2/18
- Deery, Kurt..... 2/18
- Jumper, Benjamin..... 2/20
- Seibert, Charles..... 2/23
- Drumheiser, Blanche..... 2/24
- Houtz, Roxanna..... 2/24
- Ingram, Nancy..... 2/24
- Leber, Lisa..... 2/24
- Lorenz, Richard..... 2/24
- Asten, Rex..... 2/25
- Kratzer, Lisa..... 2/26
- Johnston, John..... 2/28
- Vovakis, James..... 2/28

CELEBRATING A



- Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer (62 years)..... 2/9
- John & Ruth Oakes (50 years)..... 2/15



- Schade, Carolyn..... 2/2
- Van Orden, Philip..... 2/3
- Shank, Jill..... 2/16
- Shugars, John..... 2/18
- Reitzel, Merritt..... 2/19

WITH OUR MEMBERS

FIRST COMMUNION

Ella Poppy Vera Stone

December 24, 2018

BAPTISM

Oliver Vincent Napoli

January 13, 2019

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Dec. 2	143	\$4,982.96
Dec. 9	144	\$11,385.80
Dec. 16	156	\$4,712.20
Dec. 23	145	\$7,786.00
Dec. 30	118	\$7,782.00



Thank you to all who kept me in your prayers and thoughts and sent cards - get well and birthday - during my hospitalization. I appreciated Pastor Leber's and Pastor Lorenz' visits. I thought of your prayers during the Christmas services while in the hospital. They helped me then and now during P.T. What a caring, giving church!

Sincerely, Joan Gitt

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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



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God's work. Our hands.

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.