



# FIRST EDITION FEBRUARY 2020

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

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

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## WAYS TO SERVE

*We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.* Romans 12:6-8 NRSV

Serving on a committee isn't particularly glamorous work. It involves, among other things, attending meetings, reviewing minutes and other reports, participating in discussions about budgets, policies, and activities, looking back at what has been going on and looking forward to what might be. But the work of committees is incredibly important to our congregation. It's how much of our ministry gets done—from offering Vacation Bible School each summer to facilitating a planning process that results in a building project to ensuring that our worship gives glory to God and is engaging and vibrant.

God entrusts many gifts to us to use for ministry in Christ's name—our committees help us to be good stewards of those gifts!

**Please prayerfully consider whether you have gifts of organization, planning, leadership, communication, and/or visioning to offer the work of First Lutheran's committees.** Our committees typically meet every other month or less, as we try to be good stewards of our committee members' time. If you have a question about the responsibilities of a particular committee, please feel free to talk to Pastor Leber. You are also always welcome to attend a committee meeting as a guest—meetings are announced in the calendars in the *First Edition* and the weekly bulletin.

**\*Evangelism** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November)

**\*Faith Formation** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7 p.m. four times a year (January, April, July, October)

**Finance** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 5 p.m. approximately 4-5 times a year (next meeting is April 28)

**Property** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. approximately 8-10 times a year (next meeting is February 11)

**\*Social Ministry & Global Outreach** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November)

**\*Stewardship** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. approximately 6-8 times a year

**Worship & Music** – usually 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. approximately six times a year (next meeting is April 15 due to timing of Holy Week/Easter)

**\*These committees would especially welcome new members at this time**

## Financing Update



On September 9, 2018, when the congregation voted to move forward with Phase I of *Building to Serve All God's Children*, we had a very successful capital campaign under our belt. The proposed financing plan presented that day took into account the results of that campaign and the historical generosity of the congregation, as well as our history of legacy gifts (trusts and bequests).

On January 17, 2020, the date our construction loan was converted to a twenty-year mortgage, the principal of the loan was only \$1,000,000. That may sound like a big number (and it is!) - but it is much less than the debt we assumed we would be servicing at this time, both when we voted to proceed in September 2018 and even when we were developing our budget for 2020 last fall.

Through your generous giving to the campaign (many folks have pre-paid their three-year commitments) and two large bequests to the congregation received last fall, we have been able to pay architect's and other consulting fees, the cost of project change orders, the first \$178,000 of construction costs (the project was bid at \$1.776 million but our loan through Orrstown Bank was only \$1.6 million) and \$500,000 toward our construction loan in early January. That is simply astounding!

Financing a principal amount of \$1 million instead of the \$1.4 million we expected to finance results in a savings of \$35,000 a year. We have retained enough cash on hand for final payments to our architect and general contractor, once the punch list and the issues with the Atrium front door get resolved. If and when we are able to make additional large payments toward principal, Orrstown Bank is willing to re-amortize our mortgage, which will reduce our annual debt service further.

It has been said many times over the past few years, but it is always worth saying again: thank you.

### Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of January 27)

Total campaign commitments:	\$604,415
Total commitments paid to date:	\$477,865
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$70,778
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$548,643</u>



*Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!*

**DID YOU KNOW?** Banks and law enforcement are warning people not to abbreviate the year 2020 on checks and other documents. Shortening 2020 to 20 could leave you vulnerable to fraud. Scammers can add digits to a date, turning, for instance, 2/1/20 into 2/1/2018. Be safe and eliminate all chances of confusion or alteration—always write out 2020!!!

## WORSHIP IN LENT

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26**. 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 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1)**, we will gather at 7 p.m. for midweek worship. Worshippers in Advent greatly enjoyed the music of our new evening communion liturgy, “Unfailing Light.” These candlelight services, accompanied by piano, are approximately 35-minutes long. If your schedule permits, please join us at 6 p.m. (please note change in time) in the Martin Luther Room for a light soup supper. No RSVP needed! Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

**Holy communion** will be celebrated on **Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



## WELCA LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays,**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1**

**9:30 a.m. in room 18**

**(across from Pastor’s office)**

**We will study *Eyes on Jesus* by Lisa M. Clark.**

**All women of the church are invited to attend.**

*Please join us!*

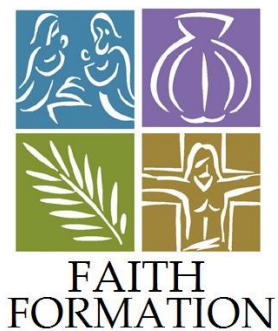


## Next Book Discussion—Sunday, March 15

Do you like to read and talk about books? Attend our next book discussion! Our book this quarter is *Barabbas* by Pär Lagerkvist, translated by Alan Blair. We will gather at Pastor Leber’s house, 1010 Dale Place, Carlisle, on Sunday, March 15. Arrival time is 7 p.m. (we get settled and start our conversation a few minutes after). No RSVP is required—**please join us!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

**Through February 16**, *The Structure and Significance of Genesis*, led by Jered Hock. Participants are exploring the three different parts of the first book in our Bible: the “beyond History” stories like Creation and Flood, the sagas of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), and the narrative of Joseph. We are discussing how these different accounts might have been assembled, what they might have meant to their first hearers and readers, and what messages they provide for us today. The class meets in room 22 (upper level of the Christian Ed wing). You are welcome to attend!



All Faith Formation classes start promptly at 9:15 a.m. and finish at 10 a.m. A weekly fellowship time follows from 10-10:15 a.m. in the Martin Luther Room on the upper level.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - January 2020 MEETING



- +Financial Secretary Hope Miller provided Council with an informative presentation outlining First Lutheran's finances.
- +Pastor Leber provided an update on the conversion of the construction loan to a mortgage. Due to generous bequests and the ongoing support of the congregation, we were able to take the principal of the loan down to \$1,000,000, which results in lower monthly payments than we budgeted for in 2020.
- +Council allocated memorial funds to support Emily Orner's (who is no longer a member of First Lutheran, but grew up here) Guatemala Immersion Semester. Emily is a candidate for Word and Service Ministry at United Lutheran Seminary.
- +Council thanks Pastor Leber, David, Robin, and John for everything they did to make Advent and Christmas worship services go so smoothly and beautifully. We are grateful for their leadership and hard work!



### Cantor Adventures!

Our cantor David Erickson recently traveled to Hamburg, Germany to take part in an organ master class with the world-famous French organist, Olivier Latry. The class was an in-depth study of the composers Louis Vierne and César Frank. The class visited churches in the Hamburg area that gave the students the chance to play some of the great organs in Europe.

On January 26 David offered a brief organ recital immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service during which he played and talked about several works he prepared for his master class.

David was accompanied on his trip by his wife, Leann, and Lee Leidigh.





**Sunday, February 2**

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 High Street narthex and the Atrium prior to and following both services on Sunday, February 2, 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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Community Block Party

Saturday, May 9 — 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The first planning committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room (upper level). Anyone interested in finding out what this year's celebration has in store and who would like to join in on the fun is welcome to attend!

### ***Mark your calendars!***

**2020 Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday-Thursday,**

**June 14-18**

*Please note the change in month!*



Our VBS Decorations Task Force is being formed to begin working on decorations to turn Festal Hall into a rainforest during Vacation Bible School week. **Anyone interested in helping with decorations is welcome to join us on Monday, February 24, in Festal Hall (lower level) from 4:15 — 6 p.m.** for our initial meeting. (Arrive when you can and stay as long as you are able.) If you have any questions, please contact Hope Miller or Ashley Zink, VBS Co-Directors, or call the church office at 717-249-3310.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

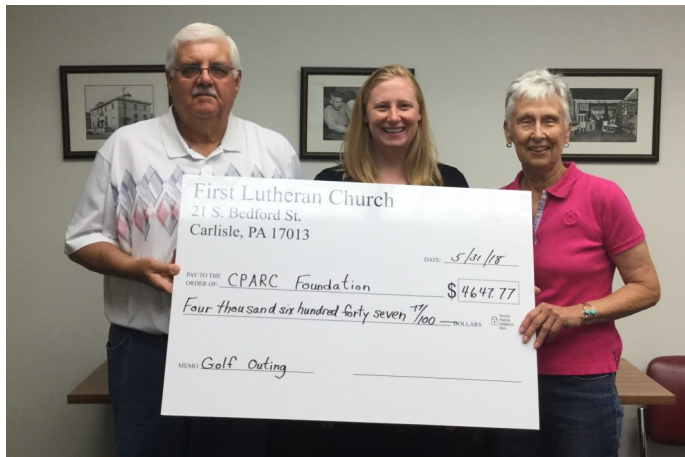
### THANK YOU, JIM AND LINDA FARGUS!

We want to recognize and thank Jim and Linda Fargus for all their hard work in planning and preparing for the past two years' golf outings, which benefitted The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties and Meals on Wheels of Carlisle.

In addition to recruiting golfers, Jim and Linda coordinated publicity with each year's beneficiary organization, recruited hole sponsors, solicited items for the silent auctions, and worked through the logistics of the outing and the evening meal with Eagle's Crossing.

On behalf of First, the service organizations, and the entire Carlisle community, THANK YOU, Jim and Linda!

The Social Ministry &  
Global Outreach Committee



*Jim and Linda Fargus (on each end) presenting a check to the CPARC Foundation in 2018.*

### Advent Fill-a-Box Thank you!

Dear Pastor Leber and Members,

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center would like to thank you so very much for organizing and collecting baby items for the center during the Christmas season. We so appreciate all the diapers, wipes and formula. Those are the items that bring most of the clients into the center for assistance. We also so appreciate the crib sheets and blankets that we will put in the layettes that we give to our new moms. We were getting low on those items! Our clients also really appreciate the baby toiletries to help keep their little ones clean.

We are so grateful for all these supplies that we now have available to give our clients for their little ones! We are currently giving out around 5,000 diapers each month. Thus, these diapers, wipes and baby supplies will surely get used! Many of our shelves were getting quite bare, but now are full thanks to you!

Again, on behalf of our clients and their families, thank you so much.

May God richly bless you all and grant you many blessings in the new year!

Sincerely for Life,  
Jackie Phillips, Executive Director

## THANK YOU COMMUNITY CARES HOST VOLUNTEERS!

First could not host the Community CARES overnight shelter without individuals volunteering to be church host volunteers. Many thanks to those who gave selflessly of their time on evenings throughout January to open the doors of First to guests needing shelter and to Patty Gillingham, our new CARES Volunteer Coordinator, who has taken over for Taylor Miller. Also thanks 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.

**A very special thank you goes out to Taylor Miller** who faithfully served as First Lutheran's CARES Volunteer Coordinator and liaison to CARES for the past decade. His dedication and commitment to this very worthwhile and much-needed community program is deeply appreciated. We are extremely grateful for all of the time and effort he put in to helping First provide warmth and shelter to our brothers and sisters in need.



*An excerpt from a recent email received from our missionaries, Steve and Jodi Swanson:*

Dear First Lutheran Church,

2019 draws to a close and we look back at the year's work with gratitude that we can be a part of such a wonderful journey:

- Continued training of Tanzanian doctors and nurses in Pediatrics and Neonatology
- Caring for hospitalized children with severe malnutrition at Selian Lutheran Hospital
- Hosting residents and medical students from around the world who are choosing to become involved in global health
- Treating dozens of children with chronic bone infections (osteomyelitis) at Plaster House, and watching them walk again
- Doubling our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) bed capacity and adding a new Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) unit
- Experiencing a 25% increase in NICU admissions, allowing us to provide care to more babies than ever
- 12 neonatology training workshops led across Tanzania among the largest hospitals in the country

Jodi and I are grateful to be on this journey. It has never been easy, but watching our Tanzanian colleagues grow in their abilities as doctors and nurses, and seeing children like Fatuma defeat death and live fills us with a deep sense of purpose and joy.

**To read the complete email, see the copy posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor Leber's office.**

## **Do you have experience painting?**

**Many of our Sunday school rooms are in great need of new coat of paint! We are looking for experienced painters to help freshen up these rooms. We will schedule work days around the availability of volunteers. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310 or email her at [secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org](mailto:secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org). Thanks!**

# Meetings & Events

February 2020

- Sat., Feb. 1 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Tues., Feb. 4 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — West Cumberland Conference Meeting — *Martin Luther Room*
- Fri.-Sun.,  
Feb. 7-9 — Confirmation Retreat — *Camp Nawakwa*
- Sat., Feb. 8 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Feb. 11 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
- Wed., Feb. 12 — 6 p.m. — Block Party Committee
- Sat., Feb. 15 — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *Momma Spriggs*  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Mon., Feb. 17 — Presidents' Day — *Office Closed*
- Tues., Feb. 18 — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Feb. 19 — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., Feb. 22 — 12-3:30 p.m. — Central PA Symphony Rehearsal  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Feb. 23 — 3 p.m. — Central PA Symphony Concert
- Mon., Feb. 24 — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force —  
*Festal Hall*
- Tues., Feb. 25 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., Feb. 26 — 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m. — Ash Wednesday Services
- Sat., Feb. 29 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

**Staff meetings are held every  
Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.**



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

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

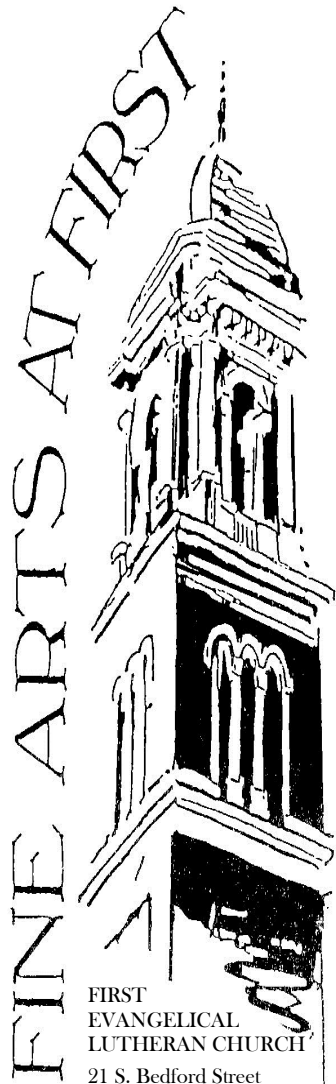
**Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, February 17,  
in observance of Presidents' Day.**



## 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](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org), as well as on [www.wgal.com](http://www.wgal.com), [www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com), and [www.local21news.com](http://www.local21news.com). You can also text Pastor Leber for info at (717)215-6055.





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# FINE ARTS AT FIRST

presents

## Westminster Kantorei

WESTMINSTER KANTOREI, a choral ensemble specializing in early music from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, will present a concert on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. The choir will perform German music from across the Baroque era, focusing intently on works by Heinrich Schütz, Andreas Hammerschmidt and members of the Bach family, culminating with J.S. Bach's masterwork *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227.

An award-winning chamber choir, it is comprised of students at Westminster Choir College which is one of the world's leading schools of music located in the heart of Princeton, New Jersey. It is conducted by Jay Carter, recognized as a leading interpreter of late Baroque repertoire. The ensemble performs regularly with Juilliard415 and several of America's leading specialists in early music. It was recently recognized as a winner of The American Prize, whose judges stated that the choir is "truly outstanding" and has a "finely-measured and delicate balance of voices, and a mastery of stylistic performance practice."

Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, the concert is free. A freewill offering will be accepted, and a dessert reception will be held following the performance. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m.



## BIRTHDAY BOXES FOR PROJECT SHARE

For their March Second Sunday Service Project, our youth will be assembling Birthday Boxes for Project SHARE, which will contain all the ingredients needed for a birthday celebration.

Our youth are asking for your help with donations. Each Birthday Box contains the following:

- 1 aluminum pan (preferably with a lid)
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 16 oz. tub of icing
- 1 box of birthday candles
- 1 generic birthday card

Donations may be placed in the designated container located in the short hallway located by the church office (lower level). Thanks for your support!



*For their 2nd Sunday Service Project in December, our youth made cookies for our homebound members, truckers and prisoners.*

*In January they made dog biscuits for Molly's Place, a local animal shelter.*



*Approximately 30 individuals attended our youth and families bowling event at Midway on Sunday, January 5. Everyone had a great time!*



# The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania



**“Camp is where I first really felt God speaking to me,” is a common refrain we hear from campers year after year – and not just from kids.**

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](http://www.lutherancamping.org) for information about upcoming events, summer camp and summer employment opportunities!

**Plan to join us for Sunday School on Sunday, March 1—the executive director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation, Mike Youse, will be here to talk about all the different camping experiences available to children, older youth, families and older persons, right here in Central PA! We will gather in the Martin Luther Room from 9:15-10 a.m.**

## **SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES ARE HERE!**

Summer camp brochures for Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald are available on the camp bulletin board located in the Christian Ed wing (upper level) 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, plus you are able to take the \$20.00 CampPerson discount.

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

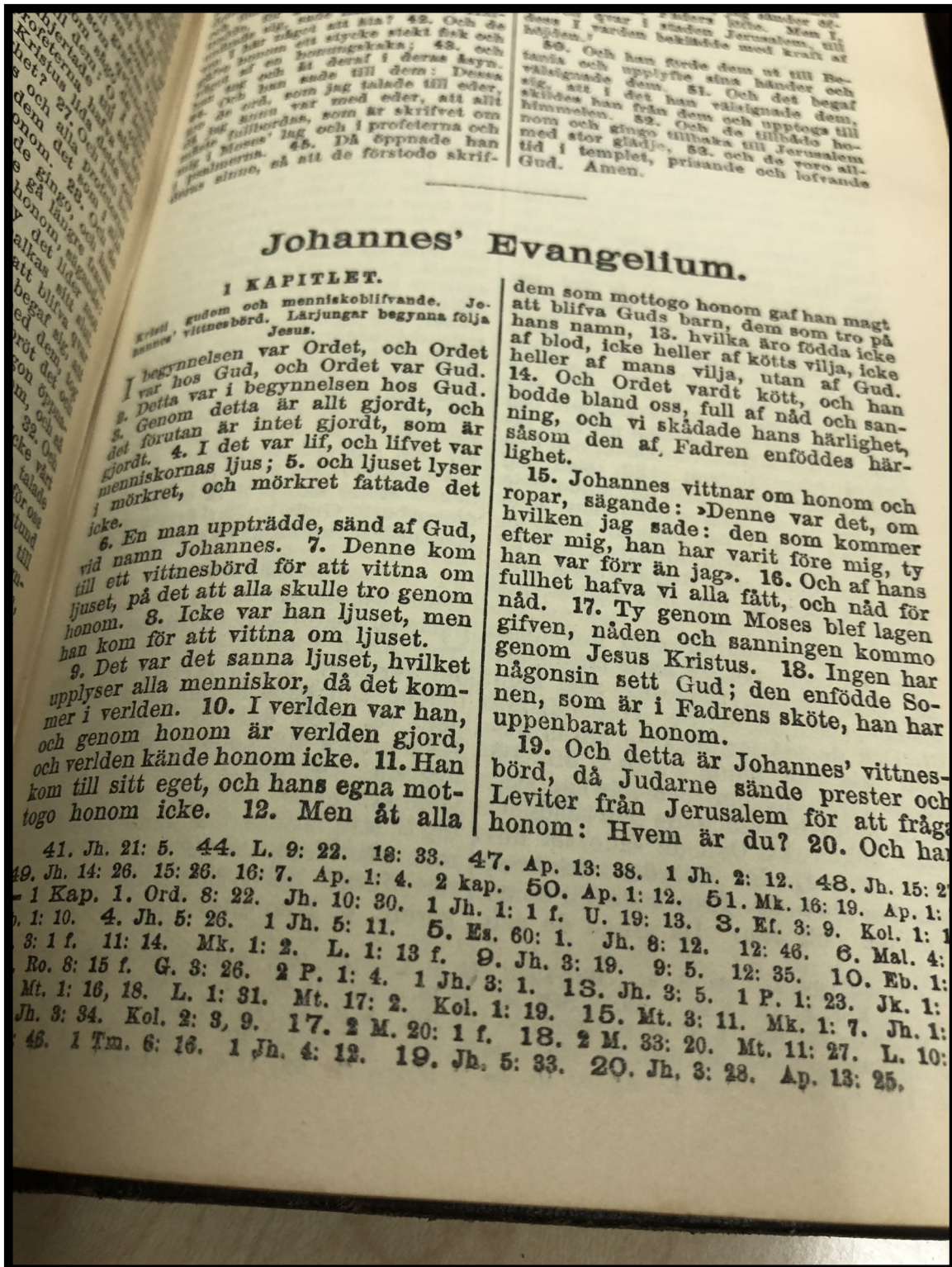
## **Keep Connected with our Lower Susquehanna Synod!**

Don't forget to periodically check our synod's webpage at <http://www.lss-elca.org/> to find out what Lutherans are up to in south central Pennsylvania. And, while you are there, sign up to receive “W.E. News”, our synod's weekly e-newsletter. Just click on the link at the bottom of the home page that says “Sign Up for W.E. News.” All you will have to do is enter your e-mail address!

### **And while you are online...**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's website is a wonderful resource – with current news about our national church, all sorts of social statements and other educational materials, information about initiatives such as the ELCA Malaria Campaign, etc. You'll find it at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

# From Our Archives



FROM THE OLD WORLD TO THE NEW. From the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries the Bible was often the only book people took with them when they moved from one place to another. For English speaking Protestants it was usually the King James Version but this 1878 Swedish Bible was a March 25, 1894, First Communion gift to Johan Emil Julius Christenson. The page shows the last verses of Luke's Gospel and the beginning verses of John's Gospel. Thanks to Monica Frederick who translated the Swedish inscription.



# February Worship Assistants

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>8 a.m. service</b>				
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Chuck Martin	Sandy Kohler	Youth	Sandy Kohler
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Lisa Newton	Monica Frederick	Monica Frederick	Connie McDermond
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Sandy Kohler	Mike Luther	Youth	Sandy Jumper
<b>Lectors</b>	Sandy Jumper	Jim Brantner	Youth	Lisa Newton
<b>10 a.m. — Weekly Fellowship Host</b>				
	Kathy Hall	Ginny Ehr Elizabeth Yocum	Jessica King	Robin Orner
<b>10:30 a.m. service</b>				
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Erickson	Michael Raphael	TBD	Ian Galbraith EmmaRose Harty Ainslee Martin Michael Raphael
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Caryn Carr	Janelle Hoch	Youth	Martha Stigelman
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Karen Hollen Taylor Miller	Sandy Jumper Sandy Kohler	Youth	Kathy Hall Janelle Hoch
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Ginny Brennan Kathy Hall	Cindy Allgyer Elaine Hock	Kathy Brunie Yvonne Karper	Robin Orner Ruth Osborne
<b>Flower Distribution</b>	Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer	Babette Hoch	Nancy Baish	Taylor & Hope Miller
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve & Lori Hogg	David Jones Annette Nickey	Youth	Nancy Ingram Ethel Simmons
<b>Lectors</b>	Jered Hock	John Steffee	Youth	David Raphael
<b>Nursery Duty</b>	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Jeri Fitzsimons Cindy Markle	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Cindy Allgyer Sarah Niebler
<b>Head Usher</b>	Don Osborne			
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Gillingham Don Grell Ella, Jeremy & Juliet Stone David Stum	Bob Baker Bill Burkholder Ashley Zink Caroline Zink	Michelle Fisher Amelia Yocum Elizabeth Yocum Frankie Yocum	Colton Gillingham Gerald Gillingham Jered Hock

Please see Ash Wednesday worship assistants on next page.

# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

	February 26	
	12:15 p.m.	7 p.m.
Acolytes	N/A	Luke Erickson
Asst. Ministers	N/A	Sarah Niebler
Bread Baker	N/A	Taylor Miller
Communion Assistants	Robin Orner	Taylor Miller Rich Wood
Communion Setup/Cleanup	N/A	Cindy Allgyer Debbie Reitzel
Lectors	N/A	Hope Miller
Ushers	N/A	Don Osborne, head Bob Baker Steven King Robin Orner

## 'Round-the-Tree Carol Sing Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your participation in such a fun event. We appreciate all the help with preparations—decorating, practicing music, setting up and serving. Many thanks also for all of the beautiful decorations, wonderful musicians and delicious food!

### Friendship squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



#### What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

#### What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

## A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

*Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*

“Y \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f  
y \_ \_ d \_ wh \_ t \_ c \_ mm \_ nd. ...  
Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:  
L \_ v \_ \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV

 **FEBRUARY**  
Birthdays

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  
 Steffee, John..... 2/14  
 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  
 Kratzer, Lisa..... 2/26  
 Vovakis, James..... 2/28



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



William & Mary Ann Schirmer (63 years)..... 2/9  
 John & Ruth Oakes (51 years)..... 2/15

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Dec. 1	123	\$3,170.00
Dec. 8	161	\$7,878.00
Dec. 15	135	\$8,172.00
Dec. 22	143	\$6,518.02
Dec. 29	110	\$3,997.00

Dear Members and Friends of First Lutheran,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and thoughts during my recent illness. It is a special feeling to know so many friends care about me. I am gaining strength and feeling stronger each day.

Yours in Christ,  
 Norma Greider



Dear Pastor Leber and Members,

Thank you so much for your support! It is because of the support of congregations such as yours that the Carlisle Area Family Life Center is able to assist the women and families in our community.

May God Bless You All,  
 Jackie

*Personal note from Jackie Phillips, Executive Director. See page six for an additional thank you.*

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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. – Faith Formation Classes



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