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

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

Let's help build something!

Yes, it's true...we already are involved in an exciting building project here at the corner of East High and South Bedford streets in Carlisle, Pennsylvania! But our missionaries in Tanzania, Steve and Jodi Swanson, also are working on something important - an expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center.



The nine-bed expansion, which will double the physical size of the NICU, is expected to cost approximately \$20,000. Special IV pumps for babies and devices to measure and treat jaundice are needed; funds also are needed to provide housing and food for the nurses from the United States and Canada who travel to Tanzania for 6-12 months to teach and train NICU staff.

As we enter the season after the Epiphany, when we celebrate the revelation of Jesus Christ to the nations, we will be praying for the Swansons and their ministry to, with and among the

A recent video about the Swansons' work in Tanzania can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Mmsgyqm9UPg>

people of Tanzania and raising money for the NICU expansion. If you can help, please make your check payable to First Lutheran Church and note *Swansons-NICU expansion* in the memo line. Donations are due by January 30, 2019. Thank you!

From the staff: Thank you for your support and assistance throughout 2018 and for your cards, cookies, gifts and good wishes during this holiday season. God's blessings to each of you in 2019!

Pastor Leber, David, Robin, John and Pastor Lorenz

Building to Serve All God's Children



Capital Campaign Update (as of December 20):

Total pledges/gifts from 105* households: \$634,858

(consists of \$600,855 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts and \$34,003 unpledged/"as able" gifts given)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$264,607

**Includes four (4) non-member households, which made one-time memorial gifts to the campaign.*

Construction Update

It's been an exciting month for *Building to Serve All God's Children*! One of our Head Start classes has relocated temporarily to our nursery, while their classroom ceiling is lowered to make room for new ductwork and that ductwork is installed. We discovered a sanitary sewer line during excavation which had to be re-routed. We also discovered several feet of rock where the elevator is going! After several (loud) days of jack-hammering, the rock is gone. As you can see in the picture, the concrete base of the elevator shaft and the elevator sump pit have been poured. We have had a lot of inclement weather this fall, including an early snow storm, and a few "surprises" such as pipes where we did not expect to find pipes - but we are making progress! Thank you for your continued patience and good humor!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER 2018 MEETING



Council recognized incoming members, Roger Giffin, Nancy Ingram, Lee Leidigh, John Shugars, and Ashley Zink and also outgoing members Connie Alexander, Jered Hock, Debbie Nickey, Sam Orner, and Rich Wood. According to our constitution, the first day of the new members' three-year terms is January 1. They will be formally installed the second Sunday in January.

It was announced that the new sound system in the sanctuary will be installed the first two weeks of January. This has been budgeted in the past and has been found to offer a marked improvement over the present system.

Note was made that our *Building to Serve* project is advancing. The contractors have relocated every pipe and similar item that needed to be re-routed (there were some surprises in our century-old building!). Weather has permitted the pouring of foundation concrete, and temporary insulation and other heat-related measures have been taken. Also, a number of our members have already fulfilled their three-year commitment to the campaign.

Hope Miller was named Financial Secretary. Hope has been voluntarily filling this position without pay since our previous Financial Secretary resigned. Beginning January 1, this will become an hourly-pay job at the same rate as previously, with no benefits such as retirement or health coverage. The time involved is not to exceed 35 hours per month.

Our Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee finished out the year by donating \$4,500 of their share of undesignated bequests to local and ELCA-related organizations. It is hoped that early in the year our members will provide additional unbudgeted contributions to the neonatal intensive care unit at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, the work site of Steve and Jodi Swanson, our missionaries.

The incoming council elected officers for the term beginning January 1, 2019. They are Tali Martin, president, Sarah Niebler, vice president, Lisa Kratzer, treasurer, and John Shugars, secretary.

Congregation Council transition—2019 Officers

Many thanks to Connie Alexander, Jered Hock, Debbie Nickey, Sam Orner, and Rich Wood, whose service as council members ended at the end of December. We are grateful for their leadership and commitment to the congregation!

During worship on Sunday, January 13, 2019, we will be installing the council members elected by the congregation at its annual meeting in November to serve three-year terms: Roger Giffin, Nancy Ingram, Lee Leidigh, John Shugars and Ashley Zink, as well as the officers elected by the council for 2019: Tali Martin, president, Sarah Niebler, vice president, Lisa Kratzer, treasurer, and John Shugars, secretary.

Please take the opportunity to thank these faithful servants for their labors!

Beginning January 3, Robin Orner will be out of the office for a few weeks recuperating from surgery. She is tentatively scheduled to return to the office on Monday, January 28.

Meetings & Events

January 2019

- Tues., Jan. 1** — New Year's Day — *Office Closed*
- Wed., Jan. 2** — 6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
- Thurs., Jan. 3** — 9 a.m. — Take down Christmas decorations
- Sat., Jan. 5** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., Jan. 6** — 2-4 p.m. — Youth & Families Bowling at Midway
- Tues., Jan. 8** — 7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee
- Wed., Jan. 9** — 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
- Sat., Jan. 12** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Tues., Jan. 15** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Jan. 16** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Sat., Jan. 19** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Mon., Jan. 21** — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed — *Office Closed*
- Tues., Jan. 22** — 6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Thurs., Jan. 24** — 7 p.m. — Carlisle Area Religious Council
- Sat., Jan. 26** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

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.**



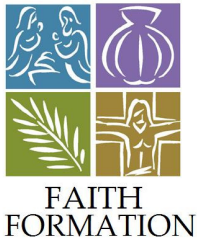
CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



In the event of bad winter weather, please check the following local stations for information about the cancellation of worship services or church events. (We will try to post information on our website as well.)

Radio Stations: WHP580, W100 (1000 AM), 1480 AM, 93.9 FM, BOB 94.9, The River 97.3, 97.9 FM, Kiss FM 99.3, and Red 102.3

TV Stations including their websites: WGAL 8 (check WGAL.com first before the TV station), WHP 21, and WHTM/ABC27



ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum will be studying the book of Ruth beginning January 6. Our discussion will be led by Taylor Miller. This four-week course will explore the whole book of Ruth. Join us in the Martin Luther Room Lounge Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome!



Please welcome our newest staff member!

In December, Congregation Council voted to hire Hope Miller to serve as our part-time financial secretary. Hope has been volunteering as our interim financial secretary since the resignation of Kathryn McCusker in November.



Hope, a long-time member of First Lutheran, has served as our treasurer for the past few years and also served as our interim financial secretary for six months in 2015. She can be reached at busadmin@firstlutherancarlisle.org.

Carlisle Community Celebration 30th Annual Commemoration Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 20

2:30 p.m. — Gather in front of St. John's Episcopal Church on the square for a 2:45 p.m. march to the old courthouse for a short program.

4 p.m. — Commemoration service at St. John's Episcopal Church followed by a reception.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Todd Allen, Special Assistant to the President and Provost for Diversity Affairs/Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Messiah College

Music by: United Voices of Praise, Gospel Choir, Messiah College

ADVENT WALK THANK YOU



Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you so much for welcoming our Advent Walking Tour into the warm and beautiful sanctuary of First Lutheran Church once again. Everyone enjoyed Monica Frederick's presentation about Advent in Sweden!

Pictured above: Monica Frederick in traditional Swedish clothing and Pastor Leber as Santa Lucia

January Worship Assistants

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
8 a.m. service				
Assisting Ministers	Chuck Martin	Terri Myers	Rich Wood	Sandy Kohler
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Taylor Miller	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton	Monica Frederick	Terri Myers
Greeter/Usher	Mike Luther	Roger Williams	Sandy Jumper	Gary Newton
Lectors	Sandy Kohler	Amy Baish	Joan Inners	Sandy Jumper
10:30 a.m. service				
Acolytes	MaryGrace Harty EmmaRose Harty Ian Galbraith Michael Raphael	Ainslee Martin	Luke Erickson	Madison Engle
Assisting Ministers	Hope Miller	Sarah Niebler	Caryn Carr	Sam Orner
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Taylor Miller	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie
Communion Assistants	Taylor Miller Don Osborne	Kathy Hall Sandy Jumper	Karen Hollen Sandy Kohler	Don Osborne Sarah Niebler
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Elaine Hock Norma Greider	Ruth Osborne Debbie Reitzel	Kathy Brunie Lois Quigley	Hope & Taylor Miller
Flower Distribution	Ann Roeder	Nancy Baish	Taylor & Hope Miller	Cindy Allgyer
Greeters	Elaine Alvarez Ginny Brennan	Steve & Lori Hogg	Nancy Ingram Ann Jordan	Don Grell Ann Roeder
Lectors	Michelle Fisher	Jay Chestnut	Kathy Hall	Ann Roeder
Nursery Duty	Kathy Hall Darlene Ramond	Cindy Allgyer Jeri Fitzsimons	Cindy Markle Hope Miller	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley
Head Usher	David Stum			
Ushers	Steve Hogg Cindy Markle Luke Erickson	Steven King Michelle Fisher Cindy Allgyer	Bob Baker Jim Brantner Alecia Staley	Blanche Drumheiser Matt Drumheiser Kathy Brunie Don Fraley

Please note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.



Kreiser, John.....	1/1
Gitt, Joan.....	1/3
Kline, Susan.....	1/3
Stone, Ella.....	1/3
Stum, Ian.....	1/4
Champlin, Douglas.....	1/5
Shearer, Ann.....	1/5
Thorp, Michele.....	1/5
Green, Carol.....	1/6
Shenk, Lawrence.....	1/6
Brantner, Norah.....	1/8
Mancke, John.....	1/8
Henderson, Cheryl.....	1/9
Martin, Charles.....	1/10
Mulholland, Cassie.....	1/10
Baker, Betty.....	1/11
King, Steven.....	1/11
Egolf, Kenneth.....	1/12
Van Orden, Mary Ann.....	1/12
Staley, Alecia.....	1/13
Shenk, Marjorie.....	1/15
Shenk, R. Edward.....	1/17
Newton, Gary.....	1/18
Jacobs, William.....	1/20
Stitzel Sr., Dale.....	1/23
Haag, David.....	1/24
Leidigh, Lee.....	1/25
Baker, Carol.....	1/28
Miller, Joanne.....	1/29
Ramond, Tyler.....	1/29
Giffin, Roger.....	1/30
March, Mary Ann.....	1/30
Jumper, Robert.....	1/31
Shank, Nicholas.....	1/31

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Nov. 4	161	\$5,801.75
Nov. 11	136	\$2,805.61
Nov. 18	161	\$7,274.00
Nov. 25	147	\$4,149.50

CELEBRATING A



Harry & Susan Kline (51 years).....	1/6
Thomas & Carol Green (55 years).....	1/9
Dennis & Susan Shank (53 years).....	1/15
Joseph & Connie McDermond (51 years).....	1/27



Fulton, James.....	1/2
Ward, John.....	1/2
Jacobs, William.....	1/3
Hall II, Robert.....	1/4
Champlin, Tamara.....	1/5
Bigelow, Richard.....	1/7
Slusser, Eloise.....	1/7
Slusser, Phineas.....	1/7
Engle, Madison.....	1/8
Seibert, May.....	1/8
Green, Carol.....	1/9
Fickel, J. Lucas.....	1/10
Massa, Kenneth.....	1/10
Slusser, Benjamin.....	1/10
Fisher, Michael.....	1/11
Yocum, Frankie.....	1/11
McDermond, Connie.....	1/25
Helwig, Brenda.....	1/27
Gitt Jr., Charles.....	1/31
Jumper, Robert.....	1/31

I would like to thank all of my church family for their prayers, cards, food and support during the passing of my wife, Cindy Jones. God only knows how much I miss her. I know she's in God's hand. She loved her church and church family, children and granddaughters.

~ David Jones ~



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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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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.