



FIRST EDITION JANUARY 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

Giving thanks for a joyous and generous Advent and Christmas!

First Lutheran is always a busy place, but particularly so from mid-November through the end of December each year. We hold additional seasonal worship services and host a number of concerts and events by outside groups as well. This was also our biggest Christmas Eve in at least 15 years, as we welcomed 418 worshipers (!) to our three candlelight communion services. Thanks to all who offered their time, talent and treasure to help us prepare for and celebrate the birth of Christ! Special thanks go to our worship leaders (acolytes, ushers, assisting ministers, lectors, communion set-up, altar guild, greeters, and all the rest!); to David Erickson and the Chancel Choir for a beautiful Lessons & Carols service; to all who helped set-up, cook, bake and/or serve food, and play music for Round-the-Tree; to poinsettia deliverers, cookie bakers and packers, proofreaders, Bell Choir ringers, decorators and greens-hangers, and everyone else who lent a hand—we couldn't do it without you!



Thanks, too, for your generosity in supporting this year's Advent Fill-A-Box event! We collected many needed items for both the Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter and the Carlisle Family Life Center.

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of December 24)



Total campaign commitments:	\$604,415
Total commitments paid to date:	\$461,120
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$69,582
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$530,702</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

What's next?



We have been enjoying our new and renovated space for a few months now, but as folks have noticed, we don't have **furniture for the upper level of the Atrium** yet! We wanted to wait to see the finished space and how people would move through and around it from the elevator and stairs to the various doors and hallways before we made decisions about seating groups and other furnishings. Our furnishings need to be easily rearranged/moved for events such as funeral visitations, durable, and cleanable, but also in keeping with the architecture of the space. We are consulting with a local designer for ideas and guidance.

In other news: As has been shared via several articles over the past few months, **the main door to the new addition** was not built and outfitted as designed and specified. The door is supposed to have automatic openers for accessibility, as well as panic bars, the ability to be programmed to be locked/unlocked at specific times, and compatibility with a fob system. Our architect is taking the lead on resolving this issue. We are keeping the temporary ramp in the stairwell by Pastor Leber's office in place because we expect there to be a short period of time sometime in the next few months when we will have to use that door as a temporary entrance again.

Finally, as planned, **we will be converting our construction loan to a 20-year mortgage** in mid-January 2020. This means we will transition from making interest-only payments to paying both interest and principal.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

BOWLING

**THIS Sunday, January 5
2 — 4 p.m.**

**Midway Bowling Center
1561 Holly Pike, Carlisle**

ATTENTION YOUTH AND FAMILIES! You are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at the Midway Bowling Center this Sunday, January 5, from 2 – 4 p.m. The event is free, including the shoe rental; however, we will accept donations to help offset the cost.

Even if you haven't RSVP'd, come!

We'll make room!

THANK YOU, COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEERS!

First Lutheran once again is providing overnight shelter for Community CARES residents during the month of January. A huge thank you to our host volunteers who come out on cold winter evenings from 8:15-9:45 p.m. to welcome and show hospitality to our overnight guests. We appreciate your time and support of this critical community program!

Michelle Fisher	Karen Longenecker
Jeri & David Fitzsimons	Marsha Lorenz
Don Grell	Taylor Miller
Kathy & Bob Hall	Annette & Bob Nickey
Babette Hoch	Sarah Niebler
Jered Hock	Bill Schirmer
Steve Hogg	David Stum
David Jones	Harry Kline (backup).
Yvonne Karper	

For more information about CARES and how to support its ministry to people experiencing homelessness, go to: <https://www.morethanshelter.org/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES



**FAITH
FORMATION**

The following adult learning opportunities are being offered in January:

✠ **January 5 and 12, *All About Holy Communion***, led by Pastor Leber

✠ **January 19 through February 16, *The Structure and Significance of Genesis***, led by Jered Hock. Participants will explore 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 will discuss 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.

Both classes will meet in room 22 (upper level of the Christian Ed wing). You are welcome to attend whichever classes interest you. 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.

Meetings & Events

January 2019

- Wed., Jan. 1 — New Year's Day — *Office Closed*
- Fri., Jan. 3 — 9 a.m. — Take down Christmas decorations
- Sat., Jan. 4 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., Jan. 5 — 2-4 p.m. — Youth & Families Bowling at Midway
- Tues., Jan. 7 — 6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
- Wed., Jan. 8 — 6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
- Sat., Jan. 11 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Jan. 12 — 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. — Confirmation Class
7 p.m. — Book Discussion at Pastor Leber's house
- Tues., Jan. 14 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
- Wed., Jan. 15 — 8:30 a.m.—FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., Jan. 18 — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *Momma Spriggs*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Jan. 19 — 2:45 p.m. — MLK Commemoration March — *begins at St. Paul's*
4 p.m. — MLK Commemoration Service — *at St. Paul's*
- Mon., Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed — *Office Closed*
- Tues., Jan. 21 — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Sat., Jan. 25 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Jan. 26 — 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. — Confirmation Class
- Tues., Jan. 28 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
4 p.m. — Finance Committee
- Wed., Jan. 29 — 7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee

**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.**



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.



Congregation
Council

Congregation Council transition — 2020 Officers

Many thanks to Caryn Carr, Jay Chestnut, Jeri Fitzsimons, Tali Martin and Sam Simmons 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 5, 2020, we will be installing the council members elected by the congregation at its annual meeting in November to serve three-year terms: Michelle Fisher, Karen Hollen, Steven King, Michael Luther and Sam Orner as well as the officers elected by the council for 2020: Sarah Niebler, president, Ashley Zink, vice president, Lisa Kratzer, treasurer, and Sam Orner, secretary.

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

Carlisle Community Celebration 31st Annual Commemoration The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 19



2:30 p.m. — Gather in front of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of West Louther and North West streets, for a 2:45 p.m. march to the old courthouse for a short program.

4 p.m. — Commemoration service at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church followed by a reception.

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Brian A. McClinton, Lead Pastor, Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, York and Christ Lutheran Church of Starview

Music by: First Baptist Church of Steelton Choir

From the staff: Thank you for your support and assistance throughout 2019 and for your cards, cookies, gifts and good wishes during this holiday season. God's blessings to each of you in 2020!

Pastor Leber, David, Robin, John, Hope and Pastor Lorenz

January Worship Assistants

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
8 a.m. service				
Assisting Ministers	Sandy Kohler	Chuck Martin	Rich Wood	Sandy Kohler
Bread Bakers	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner	Kathy Brunie
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Lisa Newton	Monica Frederick	Norma Greider	Connie McDermond
Greeter/Usher	Mike Luther	Sandy Jumper	Sandy Kohler	Sam Simmons
Lectors	Amy Baish	Lisa Newton	Chuck Martin	Joan Inners
10 a.m. — Weekly Fellowship Host				
	Kathy Hall	Jessica King	Patty Gillingham	Hope Miller
10:30 a.m. service				
Acolytes	Ainslee Martin	Madison Engle	Ian Galbraith	Colton Gillingham
Assisting Ministers	Caryn Carr	Sarah Niebler	Martha Stigelman	Sean Nedimyer
Bread Bakers	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner	Kathy Brunie
Communion Assistants	Karen Hollen Sandy Jumper	Sandy Kohler Robin Orner	Kathy Hall Hope Miller	Sam Orner Don Osborne
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Ginny Brennan Robin Orner	Yvonne Karper Ruth Osborne	Debbie Reitzel Kathy Hall	Hope & Taylor Miller
Flower Distribution	Nancy Baish	Taylor & Hope Miller	Babette Hoch	Cindy Allgyer
Greeters				
Lectors	Sam Orner	Donna Chestnut	Sean Nedimyer	Martha Stigelman
Nursery Duty	Jeri Fitzsimons Taylor Miller	Kathy Hall Cindy Markle	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Sarah Niebler Robin Orner
Head Usher	David Stum			
Ushers	Cindy Allgyer Jim Brantner Kathy Brunie	Bill Gillingham Amelia Yocum Elizabeth Yocum Frankie Yocum	Michael Raphael Ethel Simmons Ashley Zink Caroline Zink	Jessica King Pria King Steven King

JANUARY Birthdays

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
 Boehm, William 1/20
 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



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
 Napoli, Oliver 1/13
 McDermond, Connie 1/25
 Helwig, Brenda 1/27
 Gitt Jr., Charles 1/31
 Jumper, Robert 1/31



Harry & Susan Kline (52 years) 1/6
 Thomas & Carol Green (56 years) 1/9
 Dennis & Susan Shank (54 years) 1/15
 Joseph & Connie McDermond (52 years) 1/27

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Nov. 3	141	\$5,236.87
Nov. 10	161	\$4,863.00
Nov. 17	133	\$8,168.00
Nov. 24	136	\$2,711.26

Our thanks to Pastor Leber and Pastor Lorenz and members of First Lutheran, who supported us with visits and cards during our grieving for our beloved husband and father, Rex.

~ Carole Asten and children ~



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



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.