## **FIRST EDITION JANUARY 2020**



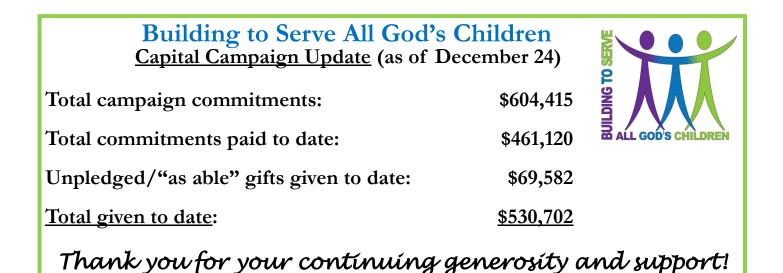
We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

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!





#### 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.



## <u>THIS</u> 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!

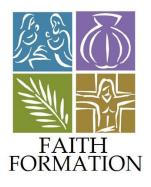
### THANK YOU, COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEERS!

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

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

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**



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. <u>All Faith Formation classes start promptly at 9:15 a.m. and finish at 10 a.m.</u> 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			Staff meetings are held every	
Sat., Jan. 4	3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi		Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.	
Sun., Jan. 5	2-4 p.m. — Youth & Families Bowling at Midway			
Tues., Jan. 7	– 6:30 p.m. — Worship & I	Music Committee		
Wed., Jan. 8	– 6:30 p.m. — Stewardship	o Committee		
Sat., Jan. 11	– 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — Fes	stal Hall		
Sun., Jan. 12	<ul> <li>11:45 a.m2 p.m. — Confirmation Class</li> <li>7 p.m. — Book Discussion at Pastor Leber's house</li> </ul>			
Tues., Jan. 14	<ul> <li>9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group</li> <li>5:30 p.m. — Property Committee</li> </ul>			
Wed., Jan. 15	8:30 a.m.—FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution			
Sat., Jan. 18	7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — <i>Momma Spriggs</i> 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — <i>Festal Hall</i>			
Sun., Jan. 19	<ul> <li>2:45 p.m. — MLK Commemoration March — begins at St. Paul's</li> <li>4 p.m. — MLK Commemoration Service — at St. Paul's</li> </ul>			
Mon., Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed — Office Closed			
Tues., Jan. 21	6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council			
Sat., Jan. 25	<b>In., Jan. 26</b> – 11:45 a.m2 p.m. – Confirmation Class <b>Thursdays, 6</b> – <b>6:45</b>			
Sun., Jan. 26				
Tues., Jan. 28	<ul> <li>9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group</li> <li>4 p.m. — Finance Committee</li> <li>A Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p</li> </ul>		Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.	
Wed., Jan. 29	<ul> <li>– 7 p.m. – Faith Formation Committee</li> </ul>		[L]	

## 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, <u>www.firstlutherancarlisle.org</u>, 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.

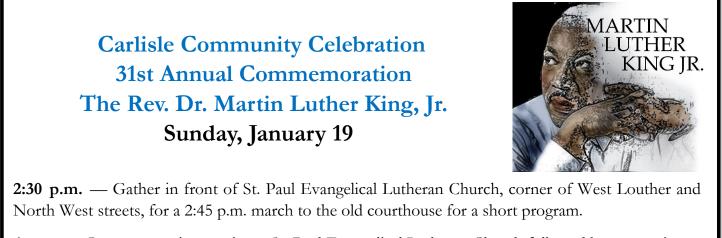


#### Congregation Council transition — 2020 Officers

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!



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. servic	e			- <b>·</b>
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. — W	eekly Fellowship	Host		
	Kathy Hall	Jessica King	Patty Gillingham	Hope Miller
10:30 a.m. set	rvice			
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



Kreiser, John1/1
Gitt, Joan1/3
Kline, Susan1/3
Stone, Ella1/3
Stum, Ian1/4
Champlin, Douglas1/5
Shearer, Ann1/5
Thorp, Michele1/5
Green, Carol1/6
Shenk, Lawrence1/6
Brantner, Norah1/8
Mancke, John1/8
Henderson, Cheryl1/9
Martin, Charles1/10
Mulholland, Cassie1/10
Baker, Betty1/11
King, Steven1/11
Egolf, Kenneth1/12
Van Orden, Mary Ann1/12
Staley, Alecia1/13
Shenk, Marjorie1/15
Shenk, R. Edward1/17
Newton, Gary1/18
Boehm, William1/20
Jacobs, William1/20
Stitzel Sr., Dale1/23
Haag, David1/24
Leidigh, Lee1/25
Baker, Carol1/28
Miller, Joanne1/29
Ramond, Tyler1/29
Giffin, Roger1/30
March, Mary Ann1/30
Jumper, Robert1/31
Shank, Nicholas1/31



Fulton, James1/2
Ward, John1/2
Jacobs, William1/3
Hall II, Robert1/4
Champlin, Tamara1/5
Bigelow, Richard1/7
Slusser, Eloise1/7
Slusser, Phineas1/7
Engle, Madison1/8
Seibert, May1/8
Green, Carol1/9

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.

 $\sim$  Carole Asten and children  $\sim$ 



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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.

#### Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. – Faith Formation Classes

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