



FIRST EDITION JULY 2018

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

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

Our missionaries are coming—Sunday, July 29!

Our missionaries in Tanzania, Jodi and Steve Swanson, will be in the U.S. on home assignment this month, and (lucky for us!) will be coming to First Lutheran on July 29! They will share information about their ministry during our two morning services and at a more informal gathering from 9:15-10:15 a.m.



Though First Lutheran has a long history of supporting our denomination's global missions (recently we were recognized as one of the "Top 100" supporters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), it was just last year that we began sponsoring the Swansons, so we still have a lot to learn about them and their work!

Steve is a pediatric and infectious disease specialist and serves as the medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Jodi works with programs for malnourished children at Selian Hospital and helps train community health workers. They also have three children, Hannah, Caedmon and Indya (the family is pictured above).

Our Vacation Bible School offering this year has been designated to help with a new play/library area for children hospitalized at Selian Hospital. We welcome additional contributions to this project—simply designate "Selian play area" on your check or envelope. We will present our gift to the Swansons while they are here.

Please join us at worship (8 or 10:30 a.m.) and during the Sunday School hour on July 29. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the missionaries for whom we regularly pray and to learn about and show our support for their work!



Steve with a patient in the Arusha neonatal intensive care unit

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events!

Approved Adult Refresher Training — Sunday, July 1 — 9:15 a.m. — room 16

VBS Staff Orientation Meeting — Sunday, July 8 — 9:15 a.m. — room 16

Vacation Bible School — Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19

Vacation Bible School Closing Program — Thursday, July 19 — 7:30 p.m.

Visit from our missionaries, the Swansons — Sunday, July 29 (see front page)

Approved Adult Refresher Training — Sunday, August 5 — 9:15 a.m. — room 16

Resignation of our minister of music, Andy Hoke

Andy Hoke has resigned as our minister of music, effective July 14. Because of accumulated vacation time, his last Sunday/last day of work will be Sunday, July 1. At Lemonade on the Plaza that morning, we will have an opportunity to formally thank Andy for his ministry and to wish him Godspeed. In his resignation letter to the council, Andy shared that “I’ve appreciated the welcome that you’ve extended to me and to my family and we plan to continue the friendships that we’ve made during our time here.” Thank you, Andy, for your work with and among us over the past year!

A reminder that current and prospective “approved adults” under First Lutheran’s child protection policy must attend refresher training on either Sunday, July 1, or Sunday, August 5, between services (from 9:15-10 a.m.) in room 16. If you cannot attend either meeting, please see Pastor Leber. Thank you!



SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

During the month of July, our Christmas tree will be in the High Street narthex covered in ornaments. Listed on these ornaments will be items needed by the Carlisle Area Family Life Center to aid in their mission of providing crisis pregnancy resource support and services.



Here’s how it works...take an ornament, purchase the item or items listed and then place your donation in the designated container located in the hallway outside the church office by Sunday, August 5.

The Christmas spirit doesn’t have to be limited to one season. Let’s show our community that we celebrate the Good News of Christ’s birth all year long! Thank you!

The Social Ministry and World Outreach Committee

July Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

7/1 Elise Erickson
7/8 Ben Galbraith
7/15 MaryGrace Harty
7/22 Michael Raphael
7/29 Josh Staley

NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

7/1 Robin Orner and Darlene Ramond
7/8 Cindy Allgyer and Jeri Fitzsimons
7/15 Marsha Lorenz and Hope Miller
7/22 Nancy Ingram and Alecia Staley
7/29 Cindy Markle and Sarah Niebler

GREETER/USHER

(8 A.M.):

7/1 Gary Newton
7/8 Roger Williams
7/15 Sam Simmons
7/22 Sandy Jumper
7/29 Sandy Kohler

GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

7/1 Ginny Brennan and Dee Weigle
7/8 Lois Quigley and Kathy Brunie
7/15 Ann Roeder and Roger Williams
7/22 Jane Ewing and Donald Grell
7/29 Cindy Allgyer and Don Fraley

BREAD BAKERS:

(8 A.M.)

7/1 Joan Gitt
7/8 Sarah Niebler
7/15 Robin Orner
7/22 Robin Orner
7/29 Cindy Jones

(10:30 A.M.)

7/1 Joan Gitt
7/8 Sarah Niebler
7/15 Robin Orner
7/22 Janet Jacobs
7/29 Cindy Jones

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

(8 A.M.)

7/1 Terri Myers
7/8 Sandy Kohler
7/15 Chuck Martin
7/22 Rich Wood
7/29 Terri Myers

(10:30 A.M.)

7/1 Hope Miller
7/8 Caryn Carr
7/15 Sarah Niebler
7/22 Robin Orner
7/29 Taylor Miller

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(10:30 A.M.):

7/1 Kathy Hall and Janet Jacobs
7/8 Michelle Fisher and Karen Hollen
7/15 Sandy Jumper and Sandy Kohler
7/22 Hoe Miller and Don Osborne
7/29 Caryn Carr and Janet Jacobs

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

(8 A.M.)

7/1 Lisa Newton
7/8 Terri Myers
7/15 Robin Orner
7/22 Lisa Newton
7/29 Monica Frederick

(10:30 A.M.)

7/1 Cindy Allgyer and Lois Quigley
7/8 Kathy Hall and Debbie Reitzel
7/15 Ginny Brennan and Ann Roeder
7/22 Kathy Brunie and Yvonne Karper
7/29 Norma Greider and Elaine Hock

LECTORS:

(8 A.M.)

7/1 Kim Fickel
7/8 Joan Inners
7/15 Rich Wood
7/22 Chuck Martin
7/29 Lisa Newton

(10:30 A.M.)

7/1 Ben Galbraith
7/8 Sandy Jumper
7/15 Dawn Bennett
7/22 Sarah Niebler
7/29 Roger Williams

**Please see page 4 for additional
worship assistants.**

July Worship Assistants

USHERS & YOUTH USHERS

(10:30 A.M.):

July Head Usher: Sam Orner

7/1 Steven King, Cindy Markle, Ian Galbraith (youth)

7/8 Jered Hock, Don Fraley, Ethel Simmons

7/15 Kathy Brunie, Blanche Drumheiser,
Matt Drumheiser, Taylor Miller

7/22 Josh Staley, Bill Gillingham, Callie Culbertson (youth)

7/29 Don Osborne (head), David Stum, Alecia Staley,
Bob Baker

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

(10:30 A.M.):

7/1 Cindy Jones

7/8 Taylor and Hope Miller

7/15 Ann Roeder

7/22 Babette Hoch

7/29 Nancy Baish



Building Project Update

By this time, many of you have heard the news that two contractors submitted bids on our project in early June, which were very competitive with each other, but higher than the cost projections we have been working with for the past six months. The Building for Mission Steering Committee met with our architects to discuss next steps and a number of options for how to proceed and voted unanimously to engage

Galbraith/Pre-Design (one of our two bidders) to work with us on a value engineering and descoping process. We have made a lot of progress in the past week in identifying possible changes to materials, finishes, etc. that we believe will reduce construction costs. Updated subcontractor bids based on these revised specifications are being sought. Galbraith/Pre-Design will also serve as our general contractor if the congregation votes to move forward with the project.

While this process will extend the timeline of our project (and we know people are excited about getting started!), it is a necessary step at this point. We anticipate bringing the project and a proposed financing plan to the congregation in early September.

Capital Campaign Update

Thank you for your contributions to our capital campaign and keep them coming! The faithful (and early) fulfillment of commitments is helpful as we talk to lenders about our borrowing capacity. **Special capital campaign offering envelopes are available** in the pew racks, the narthex and in the church office for your use in fulfilling your commitment to *Building to Serve All God's Children* or in making a general donation toward the project. **PLEASE NOTE:** Any contribution included in your regular offering envelope and marked as "capital projects" will go to our annual capital budget, not Building to Serve All God's Children.

Total pledges/gifts from 71 households: **\$610,527**
(consists of \$598,430 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts
and \$12,097 unpledged/"as able" gifts given)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: **\$178,687**
(as of June 18)



Ewing, Jane	7/1
Bigelow, Jan.....	7/2
Newton, Lisa	7/2
Quigley, Lois	7/2
Slusser, Kyle	7/2
Fargus, Linda	7/3
Erickson, Luke	7/5
Eshenour, Tanner	7/5
Kohler, John.....	7/6
Fitzsimons, James	7/7
Nickey, Robert	7/7
Fisher, Michael.....	7/10
Culbertson, Dana	7/11
Gillingham, William	7/13
Martin, Talitha	7/17
Hock, Jered.....	7/18
Miller, Hope.....	7/21
Cook, Christian	7/22
Fry, P. Donald	7/22
Nickey, Robert	7/22
Shank, Jon	7/23
Stum, David	7/23
Fulton, James	7/25
Ramond, Frank	7/25
Schade Jr., James	7/25
Cozort, Kaylee	7/27
Ewing, Colton	7/28
Frederick, Monica	7/28
Manspeaker, Kathryn.....	7/29
Brantner, Judith.....	7/30
Hoch, Janelle	7/30

Please note that the church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

CELEBRATING A



Kenneth and June Egolf (59 years).....7/19



Chestnut, Donna	7/2
Galbraith, Benjamin.....	7/2
Egolf, David	7/7
Galbraith, Karen	7/8
Ewing, Carrie.....	7/9
Gillingham, Gerald	7/10
King, Pria.....	7/10
Leber, Lisa.....	7/15
Cook, Christian.....	7/16
Scott, Helen.....	7/16
Mentzer, Susan	7/18
Shank, Maximus.....	7/28
Ulrich, Charlotte.....	7/28
Chestnut, William	7/30
Croft, Joanne.....	7/30
Hoch, Janelle.....	7/31

Congratulations to the Rev. Sterlen Sheaffer on the 65th anniversary of his ordination!

Pastor Sheaffer was ordained on May 3, 1953. We included him and his wife, Evelyn, in the prayers of the church on May 6, with thanksgiving for their ministry to Christ's church!




Meetings & Events



- Sun., July 1** — 9:15 a.m. — Approved Adult Refresher Training
- Mon., July 2** — 4:30-6:30 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force
6:30 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee
- Wed., July 4** — *Office Closed* — Independence Day
- Sat., July 7** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 8** — 9:15 a.m. — VBS Staff Orientation
- Tues., July 10** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., July 11** — 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry Committee
- Sat., July 14** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 15 — Thursday, July 19** — Vacation Bible School — 5:15-5:45 p.m. — *dinner*; 5:45-8 p.m. — *VBS*
- Wed., July 18** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., July 21** — 7:30 a.m.—Men’s Huddle
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., July 24** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Sat., July 28** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
May 6	138	\$5,733.65
May 13	146	\$3,578.20
May 20	147	\$6,787.00
May 27	120	\$2,346.86

Staff meetings are held every **Tuesday** at **2 p.m.**



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE 2018 MEETING

Our June meeting was largely routine. One major item was revising our Continuing Resolutions, which set forth the duties of most of our committees, to establish a “Social Ministry and World Outreach Committee.” This action allows local social ministry outreach (for example, Project SHARE) to be better coordinated with global social ministry (for example, Lutheran World Relief). It also opens the door for our Sister Parish support and our missionary sponsorship to be more closely related to our other outreach programs. Our Council and congregation are grateful for the ongoing work of the individuals who have attended to all these causes, and we look forward to their efforts together in our Social Ministry and World Outreach programs and in advocacy through individual efforts and through support of LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania) and the ELCA.

Council also noted that our missionaries, Dr. Steven and Jodi Swanson will be visiting with us Sunday, July 29, and providing a time of conversation during the Sunday School hour. The Swansons will be “stateside” at that time visiting many supporting congregations, and we are fortunate to have them visit with us on a Sunday.

Council approved using up to \$1500 from memorial monies to assist with the costs associated with the Swansons’ home visit.

It was also announced that three-year pledges and one-time gifts to our Building for Mission Campaign now total \$610,527. The total pledged and unpledged contributions paid to date are \$178,687.

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

July 15-19, 2018

5:15 — 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner;

5:45 — 8 p.m. VBS



Registration is open for children ages 4 through youth who have just completed grade 6. We are also offering an adult class. Registration forms are available in the narthex, on the Sunday School bulletin board located near room 16, in the church office and on our website (www.firstlutherancarlisle.org). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our VBS Co-Directors, Tali Martin (717-422-5596 or tali.martin@alumni.clemson.edu) or Robin Orner (717-249-3310 or secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org). We're looking forward to another successful and exciting week at VBS. **Please join us!**

VBS OFFERING

This year our Vacation Bible School offering will help establish a play area/library for children hospitalized in Selian Hospital, one of the hospitals served by our missionaries in Tanzania, Steve and Jodi Swanson. This “play area” will contain floor mats, toys and books.

If you are interested in making a donation towards our VBS offering, please make your check payable to *First Lutheran Church* and note *Selian play area* in the memo line. As you may have read on the front page, we will have the privilege of presenting our gift to the Swansons in person, when they are here on Sunday, July 29. Thank you!



VBS Closing Program

You are invited to a *Babylon* Celebration! Come see and hear what we did during VBS... and then join us for brownies and ice cream!

Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.



The 31st Annual Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization (Women of the ELCA), will be held Saturday,

August 18, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carlisle.

Registration is on Saturday, August 18, from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. (cost \$20.00). Worship with Holy Communion will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The Convention Call to order is 1:45 – 3:30 p.m. The Churchwide representative attending the convention will be Lisa Plorin, Executive Board member, and newly elected President of the Churchwide Board in 2017. Continental breakfast upon arrival and a lunch buffet is part of the registration fee.

One voting member of each congregational unit is encouraged to attend plus any other women interested in WELCA activities.

Registration forms are located on the kiosk in the narthex or in the church office. Forms are to be mailed and postmarked no later than Tuesday, July 17, to Peggy Norman, 328 Carolle St., Greencastle, PA 17225.

THANK YOU FROM GREEN DROP

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for thinking of Green Drop and having us do the pickup of unsold items after the church sale (WELCA Rummage Sale). It will help the Purple Heart and its causes. Thanks again.

Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Janine Carruthers,
Community Relations Coordinator Green Drop

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Ron and I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers while Ron was in the hospital. It was so nice for him to be remembered. He enjoys flowers, our former home was surrounded by them.

God bless,
Lois and Ron Quigley

THANK YOU FROM CAMP KOALA

Dear First Lutheran Youth,

You guys are amazing — Thank you so much!!! We really appreciate your thoughtful and generous donation! Just in time too, as our camp is in 2 weeks. This check will be so helpful. Our camp is already full!

Thanks for helping.

Lisa Liebetau
Camp Koala

Thank you for all the church members who have helped me during this time. Your kindness is appreciated.

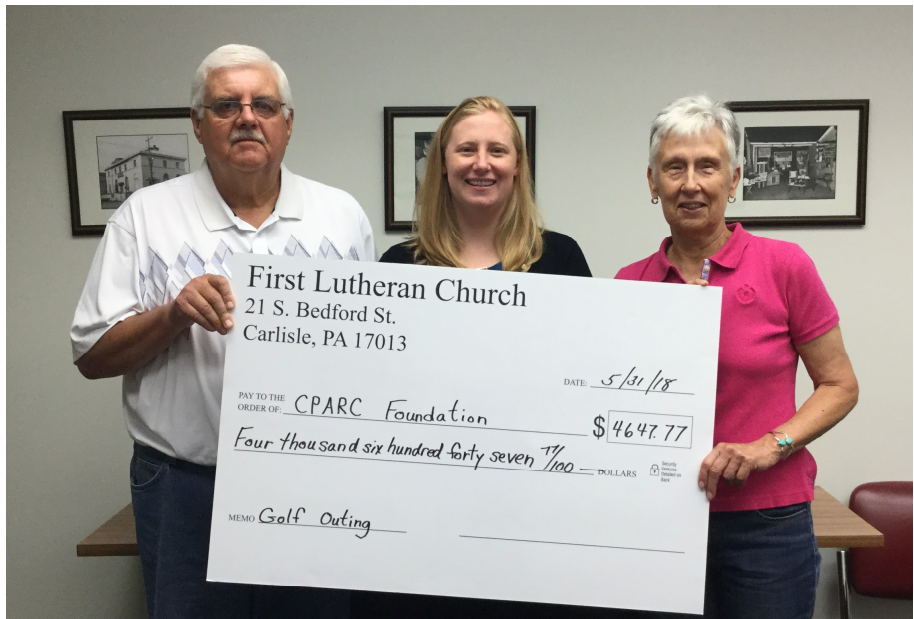
Sincerely,
Nancy Swartz

Thanks to our youth and their families for the great job they did planting flowers along the Bedford Street side of the church and in the area near Pastor Leber's office on June 3. (See photos on page 11.) The areas look lovely and colorful and are enjoyed by all!

Also, thanks to our sexton, John, for serving as grill-master for the picnic!



2018 Golf Outing



Pictured from left to right: Jim Fargus, Tricia Grace, Director of Development of CPARC, and Linda Fargus.

Although the Eagles Crossing Golf Course was saturated from a week’s worth of liquid sunshine, and Mother Nature threatened more rain for Friday, May 18, 48 golfers were able to complete their rounds and bring to conclusion the 11th Annual First Lutheran Church Golf Outing. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the golfers as well as a host of hole sponsors, those donating silent auction items, and those individuals and local businesses making cash donations, we were able to present a check in the amount of \$4,647.77 to The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties. These funds will be used to provide advocacy services to those in need.



The following e-mails were sent between our Sister Parish, Divine Redeemer, in El Salvador and Patty Gillingham, our Sister Parish contact.

On 4/13/2018 Patty Gillingham wrote:

Dear Pastor Belinda,

Thank you so much for your email and pictures. It was so nice to see pictures of your festive Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. We are very sorry that teaching classes to church leaders was not approved which postponed graduation. That is a huge disappointment! You worked very hard. You devoted many hours. Please know that your Christian Education Classes were very inspiring and tremendously helpful to the church leaders. All the people you taught and helped in the community were inspired by your deep faith in God, your warmth and caring. God works in mysterious ways. He guided you to teach for a purpose that you may not understand now. We wish you well in your studies and will keep you in our prayers. Everyone at First Lutheran appreciates the pictures and sends you and all of our brothers and sisters at Divine Redeemer many hugs and smiles.

With much affection from everyone at First Lutheran Church.

Sincerely, Patty Gillingham

On 5/21/2018 Pastor Fernandez wrote:

Dear Patty,

Happy Pentecost season. I gladly sent the video again. https://youtu.be/hDvkiSM_lo. The funds were already received on April 25, 2018, for \$3,133.70, in support of the bakery and vocational fund for the training of women. Tomorrow I communicate to share other photos. Cute message from Pentecostes. Thank you very much!!!!

Greetings and blessings. Brotherly hugs,
Belinda Fernandez Church The Divine Redeemer

From Our Archives

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

★ *What will the Government do with the money I invest in Bonds?*

All money invested in Savings Bonds and other Government securities, as well as receipts from all other sources, goes immediately into the general fund of the Treasury, from which all war and other expenditures are made.

★ *How can I get special information or advice about a Government security?*

If your banker, postmaster, or local War Finance Committee is unable to supply it, write to your nearest Federal Reserve Bank or to the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

★ *Where can I buy War Bonds and other Government securities?*

During the Fourth War Loan, the Treasury, through its many volunteer workers and issuing agents, will be offering the complete list of available Government securities as described in this folder. Series E War Bonds are available at more than 50,000 sales outlets. Other Government securities may be purchased through any bank.

★ *What security is behind these bonds?*

The full faith and credit of the United States Government.

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WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET UP NOW . . .



Let's All BACK THE ATTACK

Total Victory is undoubtedly closer today than it was a few months ago. But don't let's make any mistake about it—there's still a great deal to be done before the glorious day of PEACE arrives.

Many battles are still to be won. Millions of dollars worth of war equipment must still be made and delivered to the fighting fronts. There are many sacrifices ahead of us.

Let's not let up now.

No matter what your bond buying has amounted to so far, *increase it, step it up, buy at least one extra \$100 bond during the 4th War Loan Drive, and more if possible.* Whatever sacrifices you may find it necessary to make, how can they compare with those being made every day by our men at the front?

You'll feel better when the boys come marching home if you can look them squarely in the eye and say "We backed you up with EXTRA bonds".

DO YOUR PART

Congregational member L.C. Storer received this flyer advertising the World War II Fourth War Loan war bond drive, scheduled to begin in 1944. At that time there were some 145 First Lutheran men and women serving in uniform. One member had already been lost in service and two others would give their lives before the war ended.

The WELCA group will again be purchasing materials for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Some of the money received will be used for postage to send the kits where ever needed — areas that have suffered, wars, floods, and other disasters throughout the world.

Personal care kits include a towel, comb, two bars of soap, tooth brush, and nail clipper. Because of the sizes, colors, and types of combs, we prefer to purchase these items. All checks should be made payable to WELCA and marked for PERSONAL CARE KITS. Thrivent Financial will be supplying us with seed money for these kits. Thank you for your support!



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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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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.