



**FIRST EDITION JULY 2019**

*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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## Preserving Beauty

When our congregation relocated in 1901 to our present site, it built a stunning space for worship. And though the interior of our sanctuary has been renovated several times during the past 118 years, our beautiful stained glass windows have remained a constant.

In 2007, we embarked upon a decade-plus long stained glass restoration project with Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc. Periodically, windows have been removed, taken off site, and cleaned and conserved according to the Stained Glass Association of America's *Standards and Guidelines for the Preservation of Stained (and Leaded) Glass Windows*.

We are coming to the final phases of this restoration project. This month, the six clerestory windows high above the nave will be removed. Scaffolding must be built and removed under each window; we expect that work to take place between Sundays so there will be no disruption to worship.



*The east clerestory windows, viewed from the balcony*

In 2020, we will evaluate the remaining small leaded windows around the building to determine whether any conservation is required. Many members have made financial donations to the cost of this multi-year project, which will total close to \$400,000. Thank you for enabling us be good stewards of these beautiful pieces of art handed on to us by generations past!

## Building to Serve All God's Children



It has been a busy time! Most of the exterior windows have been installed, enabling us to proceed with interior work such as drywall and electrical. The sanctuary air conditioning is also installed and running. The replacement of the A/C in the office suite has been delayed for several weeks; we will announce in the bulletins if/when the church office will be closed for that work.

Work has begun on what will become the new entrance into the sanctuary through the chapel. The stained glass window in the chapel was removed several months ago and will be framed.



Demolition has begun: the view from the interior of the upper level of the new atrium.



The new custom door. Both panels will open. The style mimics the current doors into the nave but with glass inserts. The wood will be stained to match the woodwork in the nave.

## Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of June 25)



**Total pledges/gifts from 117\* households: \$648,908**  
(consists of \$607,415 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts and \$41,493 unpledged/"as able" gifts given)

**Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$422,234**

*\*Includes nine (9) non-member households, which made one-time memorial gifts to the campaign.*

## ***Congratulations, Mike Pounder!***

Mike Pounder, a member of First Lutheran, was honored recently at The Salvation Army, Carlisle Corps, 4th Annual Civic Dinner with the awarding of its Distinguished Service Award. Mike supports many organizations including the Cumberland County and the Lancaster County Adult Reentry Programs as well as The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope, Genesis and Stuart House Programs. He also volunteers at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen.



### ♪♪♪♪♪ *Staff News* ♪♪♪♪♪

Last summer, First Lutheran hired David Erickson to serve for one year as our part-time cantor. We are happy to announce that David has renewed his contract for the term ending May 31, 2020. We are grateful for David's many gifts and for his willingness to continue leading our worship and directing our singers and ringers for another year!

## **Safety and Security Task Force Update**

Earlier this year, Congregation Council appointed a task force to identify, discuss and address the safety and security of our building and the people who come here to worship, learn, and serve. The Task Force has been discussing everything from fire drills to our building's misleading street address to which doors should be locked/unlocked when people are in the building.

While our work will continue for some time, one thing we identified early on was that the automated external defibrillator (AED) formerly hanging in the High Street narthex had not been monitored or serviced since it had been donated to us. AEDs require bi-weekly or monthly monitoring with regular service and replacement of batteries, pads, etc. at certain intervals. It is likely that our AED had not been functional for many years.

Council authorized the purchase of a new AED with memorial funds. It and a basic First Aid kit have been hung in a central location for the upper level, the hallway between the sanctuary and the Martin Luther Room. Manual and automatic blood pressure monitors have also been purchased and are located, with additional first aid items, in the supply closet in the outer church office on the lower level.

We will continue to advertise the free CPR and AED classes offered by Cumberland Goodwill EMS. The July class is full; the next class is scheduled for November 4.



**A reminder: If there is a medical emergency in the building, call 911 FIRST.**

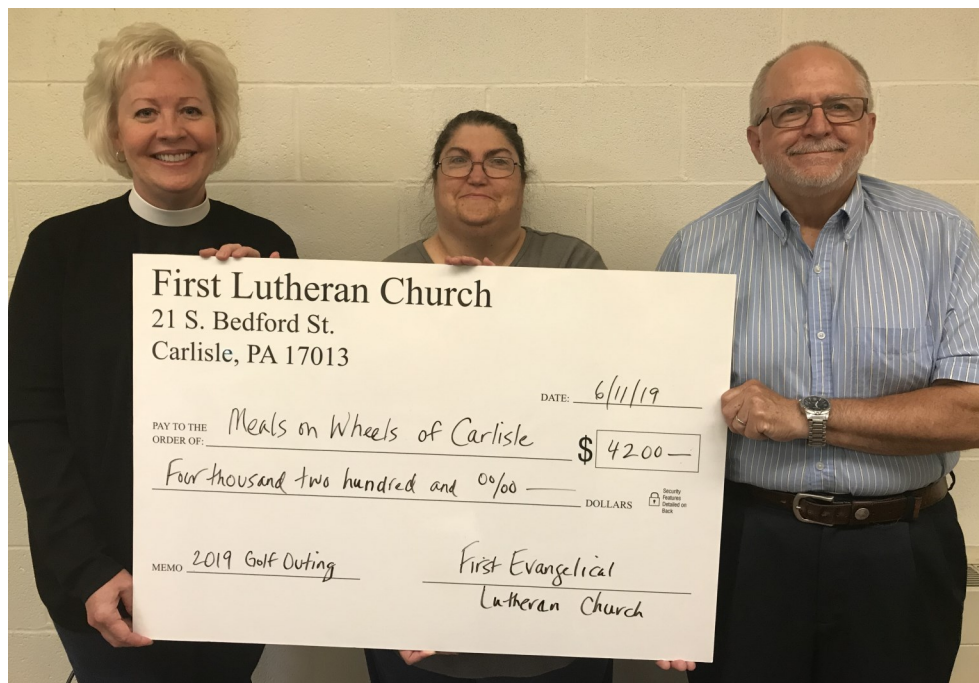
**LUTHERAN CAMPING NIGHT**  
 with the **HARRISBURG SENATORS**  
**Saturday, August 24 — Game time: 6 p.m.**  
**Fun for the whole family!**



Come on out and join us at Commerce Bank Park on City Island to watch the Harrisburg Senators play the Erie Seawolves (Double A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers) on Saturday, August 24, at 6 p.m. This is a great way to enjoy a terrific night of baseball, enjoy some fellowship time with other Lutherans, and do a good deed for our camps. Tickets are \$11.00. The Senators will donate \$4.00 per ticket sold to the Lutheran Camping Corporation to help support Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald.

You may sign up by completing an order form, which can be found on the kiosk in the narthex or in the church office, by calling Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310 or by emailing her at secretary@firstlutherancarliste.org. Checks should be made payable to *First Lutheran Church* and marked for *Senators Game*. **The deadline to sign up for tickets is Sunday, August 4.**

2019  
 Golf  
 Outing



Pastor Leber and Taylor Miller (chair, Social Ministry Committee) presenting our check to Stephanie Ollestad, MOW coordinator

On Friday, May 17, at Eagles Crossing Golf Course, forty-four golfers were able to complete their rounds and bring to conclusion the 12th 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 \$4,200.00 to Meals on Wheels of Carlisle. These funds will be used to provide and deliver nutritionally balanced meals to those in need in our community, especially senior citizens. (Please see top of next page for the thank you from MOW.)

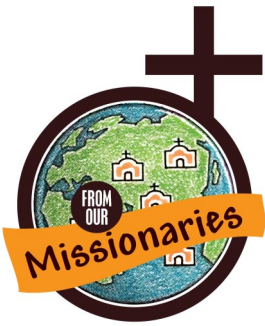
## THANK YOU FROM MEALS ON WHEELS

June 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of clients, to thank you for your donation of \$4200.00 to Meals on Wheels. Your thoughtfulness and generosity to this important program is greatly appreciated. All donations are used to help people directly in this community. Again, we thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Ollestad, Coordinator



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

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We are aware that it has been too long since you have heard from us. We hope that this newsletter will catch you up with the work of God here in Tanzania with which we are involved.

Every day we both meet wonderful families that are doing their best to care for their children in difficult situations and we work alongside loving, compassionate Tanzanians. We have a lot for which to give thanks. We also have met incredibly challenging social situations and people struggling to survive, to find work, to secure food. This year the long rains came too late and most farmers did not have a chance to plant their maize or crops. That means the potential for increased hunger is real this year, especially among the most vulnerable-- women and children.

Steve remains heavily involved with training doctors and nurses, both in Arusha and across Tanzania. The NICU has recently doubled in size. He sees hospitalized children, and his infectious disease and pediatric clinic are always busy. I (Jodi) continue to expand training and preventive education around nutrition to school children and families in the larger community. Our work with children suffering severe malnutrition is ongoing.

As always, thank you for standing with us in our work. We would not be here, if not for your support.

*May God establish the work of our hands. Ps. 90:17*

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

# Meetings & Events

July 2019

- Mon., July 1** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorating Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Thurs., July 4** — Office Closed — *Independence Day*
- Sat., July 6** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 7** — 9:15 a.m. — VBS Staff Meeting — *Festal Hall*  
11:30 a.m. — Lemonade on the Plaza — *hosted by Hope Miller and Robin Orner*
- Mon., July 8** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorating Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., July 9** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., July 10** — 12 p.m. — Chaplains Advisory Committee
- Sat., July 13** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 14** — 11:30 a.m. — Lemonade on the Plaza — *hosted by Men at First*  
4 p.m. — FELC Serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
- Sun., July 14 — Thursday, July 18** — Vacation Bible School — 5:15-5:45 p.m. — *dinner*; 5:45-8 p.m. — VBS
- Wed., July 17** — 8:30 a.m. — FELC Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Sat., July 20** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 21** — 11:30 a.m. — Lemonade on the Plaza — *hosted by Kaylee Cozort and Caroline Zink*
- Tues., July 23** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
4 p.m. — Finance Committee
- Wed., July 24** — 6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Sat., July 27** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., July 28** — 11:30 a.m. — Lemonade on the Plaza — *hosted by Debbie Reitzel and Ethel Simmons*
- Wed., July 31** — 7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee

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

**During *Building to Serve All God's Children*, meetings, including council, committees, WELCA, money counters, etc., are being held in room 18 (across from Pastor's office).**

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

# WHO IS my neighbor?



 ELCA World Hunger  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14-18

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](http://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](mailto:tali.martin@alumni.clemson.edu)) or Robin Orner (717-249-3310 or [secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org](mailto:secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org)). We're looking forward to another successful and exciting week at VBS. Join us!

### VBS OFFERING & SERVICE PROJECT

This year during *Who Is My Neighbor?* VBS, participants will hear the story of the good Samaritan and explore what it means to be a neighbor to the people God places in our midst. One way of being a good neighbor is helping those in our community who are less fortunate. This year our Vacation Bible School offering will be given to Community CARES, our local homeless shelter.

In addition to monetary donations, we will be collecting items for "Grace Bags", which we will assemble following our closing program on July 18. CARES will distribute these bags to the homeless in our community. Items that will be collected for the Grace Bags include the following:

socks, washcloth, hand sanitizer, bottled water, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush,  
bars of soap, crackers, nuts, breakfast bars

Donated items may be placed in the designated containers located in Festal Hall or in the High Street narthex. If you are interested in making a monetary donation towards our VBS offering, please make your check payable to *First Lutheran Church* and note *VBS CARES* in the memo line. Thanks for your support!

**We are still accepting donations of artificial trees and big (1-2 ft. in size) stuffed animal pets** to help us turn Festal Hall into our VBS neighborhood. These items will be returned following VBS so please make sure to attach your name.



For their May 2nd Sunday Service Project, our Sunday school youth drew pictures and wrote messages in the front of sketch pads, distributed with new boxes of crayons to the Head Start students for their summer fun!

## ELCA NEWS . . .

### Follow us on social media

Do you follow the ELCA on social media? Keep informed with church news, event notices, pictures and videos across many platforms. Look for us at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans); [@ELCA](https://twitter.com/ELCA) on Twitter; [@ELCA](https://www.instagram.com/ELCA) on Instagram and [YouTube.com/ELCA](https://www.youtube.com/ELCA). Join this online community of Lutherans!

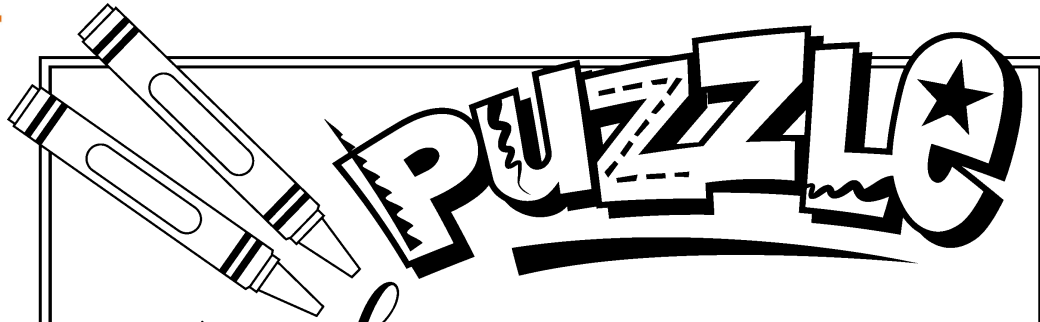
### “LL Stories” e-digest

Get “Living Lutheran” stories sent directly to your inbox. Sign up for free and choose what categories you’re interested in and how frequently you’d like stories delivered. Sign up for the “LL Stories” e-digest at [livinglutheran.org/subscribe](https://livinglutheran.org/subscribe).

### “I’m a Lutheran” nominations

Do you know an ELCA member who has a unique story to tell? Nominate them for “Living Lutheran’s” monthly “I’m a Lutheran” feature. Past features have included people with interesting vocations, impressive accomplishments or exciting experiences. We’re looking for people who are passionately living and showing their faith in their everyday life and are comfortable talking about it. Send the name and contact information for your nominee, as well as a little bit about why you think they’d be a great candidate, to [megan.brandsrud@elca.org](mailto:megan.brandsrud@elca.org).

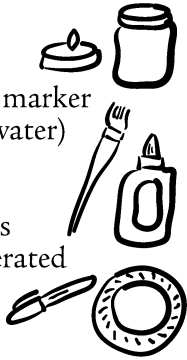




Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

**What you need:**

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



**What you do:**

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

## Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

*Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)*

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Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV

# July Worship Assistants

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>8 a.m. service</b>				
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Chuck Martin	Terri Myers	Sandy Kohler	Rich Wood
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Sarah Niebler	Joan Gitt	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Monica Frederick	Terri Myers	Robin Orner	Terri Myers
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Sam Simmons	Sandy Jumper	Mike Luther	Sandy Kohler
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Baish	Ainslee Martin	Chuck Martin	Sandy Jumper
<b>10:30 a.m. service</b>				
<b>Acolytes</b>	MaryGrace Harty	Luke Erickson	Michael Raphael	EmmaRose Harty
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Roger Williams	Janelle Hoch	Sarah Niebler	Roger Williams
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Sarah Niebler	Joan Gitt	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sandy Jumper Sandy Kohler	Taylor & Hope Miller	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Karen Hollen Don Osborne
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Cindy Allgyer Robin Orner	Kathy Hall Ann Roeder	Norma Greider Debbie Reitzel	Kathy Brunie Ruth Osborne
<b>Flower Distribution</b>	Babette Hoch	Cindy Allgyer	Terri Myers	Nancy Baish
<b>Greeters</b>	Ginny Brennan Monica Frederick	Karen Hollen Roger Williams	David & Elaine Haag	Nancy Ingram Norma Greider
<b>Lectors</b>	Donna Chestnut	Dawn Bennett	Michelle Fisher	Karen Galbraith
<b>Nursery Duty</b>	Kathleen Hall Hope Miller	Jeri Fitzsimons Cindy Markle	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Sarah Niebler Robin Orner
<b>Head Usher</b>	Sam Orner			
<b>Ushers</b>	Blanche Drumheiser Matt Drumheiser Ethel Simmons EmmaRose Harty (youth)	Don Fry Annette Nickey Sam Simmons	Don Fraley Cindy Markle Ashley Zink Caroline Zink (youth)	Bob Baker Michelle Fisher Luke Erickson (youth)



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
McDermond, Connie .....	7/23
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

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
May 5	138	\$4,817.80
May 12	132	\$3,255.00
May 19	132	\$5,864.25
May 26	126	\$2,669.41

CELEBRATING A



Ken & June Egolf (60 years)..... 7/19



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

## WITH OUR MEMBERS

### DEATH

**Bernadine K. Caldwell**

birth — March 23, 1921

death — June 22, 2019

✝ *Rest eternal grant her, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Dear First Lutheran Members,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and beautiful flowers. The Pastor's visits were something to look forward to at both hospitals and Messiah.

It's great to be loved, and I hope I can show my love to you. God be with you, for He certainly has been with me.

Thanks again,  
Lois Quigley



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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



*Check out our website!*  
[www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://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](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org) and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."

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