



# FIRST EDITION MARCH 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

## Building to Serve All God's Children

**"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;  
that foundation is Jesus Christ."**

*I Corinthians 3:11*

It is an exciting time in the life of our congregation—our capital campaign has begun! Our campaign steering committee chose the theme *Building to Serve All God's Children* because it makes abundantly clear in just a few words why we are investing our time, energy and resources into a construction/renovation project.

We hope you will accept the invitation to be part of our campaign over the next six weeks. Please mark your calendars for these important events!

### **Sunday Celebrating our Life Together**

**March 11** We gather at 11:45 a.m. for a delicious lunch, an opportunity to enjoy food, each other and an informative program and to pick up our campaign information packets. RSVP by March 4 by calling the church office!

### **Sunday Praying for God's Guidance**

**March 18** We receive Campaign Prayer Tent Cards in worship and unite our hearts in prayer.

### **Sunday Committing to our Future**

**April 15** We offer our financial commitments to the three-year Capital Campaign during worship and share refreshments at a festive coffee hour following each service.

In addition to the above events, **leadership gatherings** will be held to provide opportunities for people to make commitments in advance of Commitment Sunday and help build excitement and momentum as we move forward with our campaign. Look for information in the coming weeks about how to sign up!

**Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.**, home of Richard Wood

**Thursday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.**, home of Pastor Leber

**Sunday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.**, home of David & Leann Erickson

**Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.**, at First Lutheran, hosted by Don Grell & Caryn Carr



## Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events!

**Youth Lock-in** — Friday, March 2 — 6 p.m. through Saturday, March 3 — 8 a.m.

**Building to Serve All God's Children Luncheon** — Sunday, March 11 — 11:45 a.m.

**Spring Posey Visitation to Our Homebound Members** — Sunday, March 18

**Mutual Agreement** — *Fine Arts at First* — Sunday, March 18 — 3 p.m.

**2nd Sunday Fellowship** — Sunday, April 8 — 11:30 a.m. — hosted by the Social Ministry Committee

**Holocaust Remembrance Service** — Tuesday, April 10 — 7 p.m.

**Dickinson Orchestra Concert** — Sunday, April 15 — 4 p.m.

**Gettysburg Children's Choir and Chamber Chorale** — *Fine Arts at First* — Sunday, April 22 — 4 p.m.

### DO NOT LET FEAR OVERCOME YOUR FAITH

This is what I learned during my recent surgery and recovery of a total left knee replacement. I left fear overcome the knowledge that God will take care of me and to let it in his hands.

A special thank you to Pastor Leber. She was there when I needed someone to talk to, helped my husband through some scary times and brought me flowers from the church. The flowers reminded me that I need to "let go and let God."

Secondly, I sincerely love my prayer shawl and would like to thank the committee for such a beautiful item.

Thanks to all for your prayers and concerns.

Sandy Kohler



We continue to gather for evening prayer at 7 p.m. on **Wednesdays during Lent (March 7, 14, and 21)**, preceded by a light soup supper at 6:15 p.m. Please join us!

**Please join us for worship during Holy Week**  
Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25 – 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Three Holy Days (March 29-31)

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.

Good Friday – 7 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday) – 7 p.m.

*(The Easter Vigil will begin in the **Martin Luther Room**. If you do not need to use our handicapped accessible entrance on High Street, we ask that you enter the building using the double doors located at the lower end of the parking lot near the church office.)*



**HOLY WEEK**

# March Worship Assistants

## ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

3/4 Elise Erickson  
3/11 Ian Galbraith  
3/18 MaryGrace Harty  
3/25 Michael Raphael

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Ainslee Martin  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Josh Staley and  
Ben Galbraith

## NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

3/4 Hope Miller and Cindy Markle  
3/11 Sarah Niebler and Robin Orner  
3/18 Kathy Hall and Alecia Staley  
3/25 Cindy Allgyer and Jeri Fitzsimons

## GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

3/4 Sam and Robin Orner  
3/11 Ethel Simmons and Alecia Staley  
3/18 Annette Nickey and Donald Grell  
3/25 Lois Quigley and Kathy Brunie

## COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

### (8 A.M.)

3/4 Monica Frederick  
3/11 Terri Myers  
3/18 Lisa Newton  
3/25 Monica Frederick

### (10:30 A.M.)

3/4 Debbie Reitzel and Janet Jacobs  
3/11 Norma Greider and Elaine Hock  
3/18 Taylor and Hope Miller  
3/25 Kathy Brunie and Lois Quigley

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Cindy Allgyer and Ginny Brennan  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Kathy Hall

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

### (8 A.M.)

3/4 Sandy Kohler  
3/11 Rich Wood  
3/18 Jacqueline Cook  
3/25 Terri Myers

### (10:30 A.M.)

3/4 Roger Williams  
3/11 Sam Orner  
3/18 Josh Staley  
3/25 David Erickson

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Hope Miller  
3/30 **Good Friday** — Robin Orner  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Sarah Niebler

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

### (10:30 A.M.):

3/4 Josh Staley and Robin Orner  
3/11 Michelle Fisher and Karen Hollen  
3/18 Don Osborne and Sandy Jumper  
3/25 Sandy Kohler and Kathy Hall

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Janet Jacobs and Don Osborne  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Karen Hollen

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

# March Worship Assistants

## USHER/GREETER (8 A.M.):

3/4 Gary Newton  
3/11 Sandy Kohler  
3/18 Sam Simmons  
3/25 Sandy Jumper

## USHERS & YOUTH USHERS (10:30 A.M.):

**March Head Usher:** Ken Egolf

3/4 Taylor Miller, William Burkholder, Luke Erickson (youth)  
3/11 Steve Hogg, Bill Gillingham, Ruth Osborne  
3/18 Bob Baker, Don Grell, Callie Culbertson (youth)  
3/25 David and Cindy Jones, Ethel Simmons

## BREAD BAKERS:

### (8 A.M.)

3/4 Robin Orner  
3/11 Pastor Leber  
3/18 Pastor Leber  
3/25 Sarah Niebler

### (10:30 A.M.)

3/4 Robin Orner  
3/11 Joan Gitt  
3/18 Kathy Brunie  
3/25 Sarah Niebler

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Kathy Brunie, Ruth Osborne, Robin Orner  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Alecia Staley, Taylor and Hope Miller

## FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

### (10:30 A.M.):

3/4 Taylor and Hope Miller  
3/11 Bill and Mary Ann Schirmer  
3/18 Cindy Jones  
3/25 Ann Roeder

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Robin Orner

## LECTORS/READERS:

### (8 A.M.)

3/4 Sandy Jumper  
3/11 Amy Baish  
3/18 Jim Brantner  
3/25 Joan Inners

Passion Readers: Andy Hoke, Chuck Martin, Rich Wood, Christian Cook, Joan Inners, Amy Baish, Jacqueline Cook

### (10:30 A.M.)

3/4 Kathy Hall  
3/11 Karen Galbraith  
3/18 Sandy Jumper  
3/25 TBD

Passion Readers: David Erickson, Sam Orner, Josh Staley, Ben Galbraith, Jay Chestnut, Karen Galbraith, Donna Chestnut

## Holy Week (7 P.M.):

3/29 **Maundy Thursday** — Josh Staley  
3/30 **Good Friday** — Pastor Leber  
Passion Readers: Sarah Niebler, Robin Orner, Jay Chestnut, Taylor Miller, Sam Orner, Andy Hoke  
3/31 **Easter Vigil** — Sandy Jumper  
Readers: Ann Roeder, Taylor Miller, Ainslee Martin, Chuck Martin, Madelynne Staley, Rich Wood

## Lenten Evening Prayer

### (7 P.M.):

3/7 Rich Wood  
3/14 Taylor Miller  
3/21 Robin Orner



Eshenour, Beverly.....	3/1
Erickson, Elise.....	3/2
Shank, Susan.....	3/2
Carr, Caryn.....	3/5
Metz, Martha .....	3/7
Galbraith, Karen .....	3/8
Rahal, Virginia .....	3/8
Kreiser, Colby.....	3/10
Morrison, Roma.....	3/11
Rynk, Marjorie .....	3/11
Inners, Charles.....	3/15
Weigel, Dolores.....	3/16
Fisher, Erika .....	3/17
Hall, Kathleen.....	3/17
Keller, Patricia .....	3/17
Hockley, Landin.....	3/19
Nickey, Annette .....	3/20
Raphael, David.....	3/21
Caldwell, Bernadine .....	3/23
Hoch, Jeffrey .....	3/23
Koplitz-Harty, Stephanie .....	3/25
Sharp, Ronald .....	3/26
Cook, Jacqueline.....	3/27
Ulrich, Charlotte .....	3/29

CELEBRATING A



*50+ Anniversary*

March 16 .....Harold and Virginia Shenk (50 years)

**Congratulations!**



March 3 .....	James Fitzsimons
March 5 .....	Sandra Tomassone
March 6 .....	Brynlee Taylor
March 7.....	Dustin Hoch
March 15.....	William Enck

	Donald Osborne
March 20 .....	Kayla Franklin
March 21 .....	Ian Galbraith
March 22 .....	Lauren Cozort
	Babette Hoch
	Courtney Ramond
	Douglas Stuart
March 24 .....	Thomas Frederick
March 25 .....	Keith Houtz
March 28 .....	Kathleen Hall
	Roma Morrison
March 30 .....	Aaron Weaver

**Dear members of First Lutheran,**

**On behalf of the Youth Committee and the youth group, I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support of our Souperbowl of Caring service project. Together we raised \$421.00 and collected over 100 food items all to benefit Project SHARE. We appreciate your generous contributions. By the way, for you football fans, the Eagles were a resounding favorite -- giving them two victories on February 4.**

**May God continue to bless you all,  
Alecia Staley  
Youth Committee Chair**



Heartfelt Thanks

At its February 20 meeting, Council reviewed and shared ideas for the Building for Mission Campaign, including the March 11 Congregational Fellowship Meal after the late service.



**The Finance and Stewardship committees wish to thank the congregation** for another tremendous year of financial support in 2017. Our offering in 2017 for current, benevolence and capitol projects all exceeded the projected budgeted amounts for the second year in a row. In addition, only 54% of the budgeted amount of trust income was needed to help pay the operating expenses during the year. A large portion of this is due to the over six month vacancy of the Minister of Music position.

As you consider your giving to our congregation, both now and in the future, please keep in mind that stock gifts can be easily made. With just a few pieces of information, stock can be transferred, sold, and monies received into our money market account. These monies can be directed to our Building for Mission Fund or left undesignated. Please contact me or Erin McCusker at the church office if you wish to make a stock donation.

In Christ,  
Hope Miller, Treasurer



**Attention: Thrivent Financial Benefit Members**  
**2017 Choice Dollars®**  
**Expire on March 31, 2018**

Thrivent Financial provides charitable outreach funds which are distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide through its "Thrivent Choice Program". Since 2010, more than \$330 million has been given away. Members become eligible for the program and are designated a certain amount of Thrivent Choice Dollars based on insurance premiums and contract values as a benefit member. Please help support First Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice by directing your Choice Dollars from last year, if you have not already done so, by the **deadline: March 31, 2018**. Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt, or go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Don't let your Choice Dollars expire!

**Attendance and Offering**

Week of:	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 1 — 7	139	\$12,220.60
Jan. 8 — 14	144	\$3,725.60
Jan. 15 — 21	143	\$7,184.50
Jan. 22 — 28	120	\$3,053.62



**Sunday,**  
**March 11**

*Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!*



Lent is here – a very busy season in the life of Christian congregations everywhere, and especially so for a liturgical setting. Preparations are well underway for my first Holy Week with you. I admit that I’m excited, but also a bit nervous as some of the services will be completely new to my tradition. This will be my first Easter Vigil service, for example. I am fortunate to work with a great staff and volunteers who can help me with my planning as I do Holy Week at First Lutheran for the first time.

March will also bring my first professional conference during my time here. I will attend the Eastern Division convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Pittsburgh. I confess to being a choral nerd – I’ve been a part of this organization since high school and I’m a life member. Directors of all types will be there. In addition to church music directors, there are many college professors, teachers of public and private school music programs, and community and professional choir directors. One of the workshops that caught my eye was “An Introvert on the Podium: The Science and Skill to Embrace Your Introverted Self.” Another was “Vocal Technique for Choirs – A New Generation of Pedagogy.” Some great choirs will be performing including Tenebrae and Kantorei from Westminster Choir College. I want to thank First Lutheran and its members for contributing a substantial portion of the cost of attending.

As always, feel free to contact me about anything related to music at First Lutheran. Ensembles always welcome new members and we can usually offer ways to use your gifts as solo singers or instrumentalists. I can be reached in person, on my office phone at 717-462-6140, or through email at [musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org](mailto:musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org).

Andy Hoke

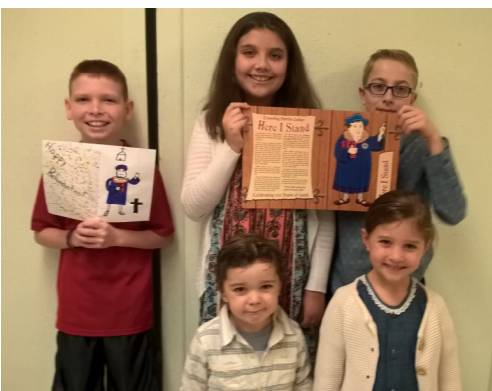
*The following e-mail was sent to our Sister Parish in El Salvador by Patty Gillingham, our Sister Parish contact.*



**On 1/10/2018 Patty Gillingham wrote:**

Dear Pastor Belinda,

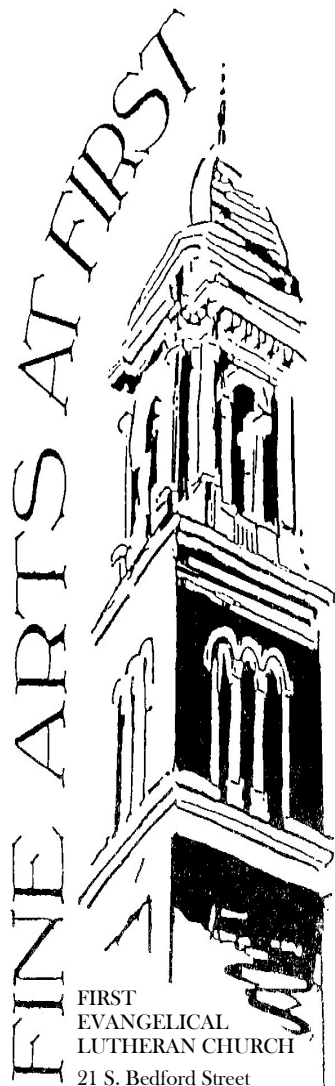
The Sunday School classes are sending a Happy New Year greeting to all of our brothers and sisters at Divine Redeemer. Also they are sending you Happy Anniversary wishes for the 500 years of the Protestant Reformation. (I am sorry this picture is late.) We hope everyone is doing well.



Happy New Year from all of us at First Lutheran church and many hugs and smiles too.

Sincerely,  
Patty Gillingham





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## FINE ARTS AT FIRST

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### MUTUAL AGREEMENT

#### In Concert

MUTUAL AGREEMENT, a vocal ensemble of Christian men from Washington, D.C. who sing a cappella in six-part harmony, will perform gospels, spirituals, and hymns in concert on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. The group, whose name means “A Covenant with God”, focuses on spreading the word of God through arrangements and renditions that are fresh and contemporary. The ensemble is a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. It was nominated one of the eight best a cappella vocal ensembles in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and won second place in the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival. It has performed at Showtime at the Apollo with Steve Harvey, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, for the State Department, and for corporate and political events. It has also sung at homeless shelters, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities. Various television and radio programs have featured the group. Mutual Agreement seeks to preserve a musical art form that has played an important part in its musical heritage. Admission to the concert is free to all. A freewill offering will be received. Join the Fine Arts Committee afterwards in the Martin Luther Room to greet the artists and enjoy dessert and fellowship!



*"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent." -Victor Hugo*





# Meetings & Events

- Fri., Mar. 2** — 6 p.m. — Youth Lock-in Begins (6th-12th grades) — *Martin Luther Room*
- Sat., Mar. 3** — 8 a.m. — Youth Lock-in Ends  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 4** — 4 p.m. — Capital Campaign Q&A Forum  
6-8 p.m. — New Member's Class
- Mon., Mar. 5** — 3:30-5:30 p.m. — YWCA Afterschool Homework Club (Mondays-Thursdays)
- Tues., Mar. 6** — 10 a.m. — Perry/Chambersburg/West Cumberland Conferences —  
*Martin Luther Room & Nave*
- Wed., Mar. 7** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study  
6:15 p.m. — Soup & Bread Supper  
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer
- Sat., Mar. 10** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 11** — 11:30 a.m. — Campaign Kick-off Luncheon — *Martin Luther Room*
- Mon., Mar. 12** — 6:30 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee
- Tues., Mar. 13** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
6:30 p.m. — Leadership Gathering at home of Richard Wood  
7 p.m. — Carlisle Musical Arts Club
- Wed., Mar. 14** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution  
9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. — Property Committee  
6:15 p.m. — Soup Supper  
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer
- Sat., Mar. 17** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *Momma Spriggs*  
9 a.m. — Work Day in Festal Hall  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 18** — 11:30 a.m. — Spring Posey Visitation  
3 p.m. — Mutual Agreement — *Fine Arts*
- Tues., Mar. 20** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Mar. 21** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study  
5 p.m. — Youth Committee  
6:15 p.m. — Soup Supper  
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer  
7:30 p.m. — Social Ministry Committee
- Thurs., Mar. 22** — 1:30 p.m. — Leadership Gathering  
at home of Pastor Leber
- Sat., Mar. 24** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 25** — 6:30 p.m. — Leadership Gathering at  
home of David & Leann Erickson
- Tues., Mar. 27** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Thurs., Mar. 29** — 7 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri., Mar. 30** — 7 p.m. — Good Friday Service
- Sat., Mar. 31** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*  
7 p.m. — Easter Vigil Service



♫ **Handbell Choir** –  
**Thursdays, 6–6:45 p.m.**

♫ **Chancel Choir** –  
**Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m.**

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

# FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEWS

**The 2018 golf outing will be held on  
Friday, May 18, 1 p.m. at the  
Eagles Crossings Golf Course  
501 Conodoguinet Ave, Carlisle**

Registration forms are available on our website at [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org) and in the church office.

Cost is \$70.00 per person (includes a round of golf in scramble format, cart, unlimited range balls, prizes, and a steak dinner)

**Deadline to register: May 16**

Our beneficiary this year is The Arc of Cumberland & Perry Counties, whose mission is to “empower, inspire, and educate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and the community.” Learn more about The Arc at [www.cparc.org](http://www.cparc.org)!



## DON'T PLAY GOLF?

Join us for a steak dinner and the presentation of prizes (usually around 5 p.m.)! Dinner is \$20.00 per person.

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS/PRIZES NEEDED!

Even if you are unable to join us on May 18, you can still support the outing! We are in need of items for our silent auction, prizes and give-away bags. Prizes and give-away bag items should be new with tags attached (e.g. tees, ball markers, divot repair tools, bottled water, snack bars, etc.). Items may be dropped off in the church office, or you can contact Jim and



Linda Fargus at 717-254-6559. All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit The Arc.

## HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

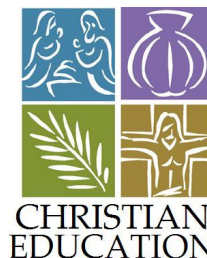
A sign will be placed on a hole acknowledging your support. You may use your company name or logo or sponsor a hole “in memory of” or “to honor” loved ones, friends or children. Cost for hole sponsorship is \$35.00.

**Checks should be made payable to  
First Lutheran Church and dropped  
off in the office or mailed to:**

**First Lutheran Church  
21 South Bedford Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013**

## ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum is continuing with the book and DVD series titled *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. This series, led by Hope Miller, will run through March 25. All high school students and adults are invited to attend. The class meets in room 16.



On April 8, we will begin the book and DVD series titled *Pilgrim's Progress*. *Pilgrim's Progress*, the first English novel, was written by John Bunyan in 1678. This series will be led by Caryn Carr and Jered Hock.

We welcome all adults Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in room 16. Please join us! The Adult Forum will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 1 (see below for information about the Easter Fellowship & Egg Hunt that day).

### *Easter Lilies and World Hunger*



Lilies will be purchased to decorate the nave for Easter. As in the past, donations of the cost of the flowers will be received in memory or in honor of loved ones. From these donations, sixty flowers will be purchased. Eighteen of them, plus or minus a few, will be given to the homebound. The remaining forty-two will be available to those who want to take their flower with them. If there are more requests to take flowers than the forty-two remaining, the order of sixty will be increased. After the flowers have been purchased, the balance of the money received will go to World Hunger. Those who contribute will have their names and the names of their loved ones printed in the bulletin.

The cost for lilies is \$9.50 each. Order forms are available on the kiosk in the narthex and in the church office. You may also place an order by calling Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310 or by emailing her at [secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org](mailto:secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org). Completed order forms, along with payment, should be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. **Orders must be received by Sunday, March 25.** Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church marked for "lilies" or "World Hunger."

## Easter Morning Fellowship & Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 1, between 9 and 10 a.m. (egg hunt at 9:30)**

### **Martin Luther Room**

Please join us in the Martin Luther Room any time between 9 and 10 a.m. for a time of fellowship and a light breakfast (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.). There will be a craft available for the kids, and at 9:30 a.m., we will hold an egg hunt for two age groups: pre-school and elementary ages. We hope you will join us as we celebrate Easter — the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!



**Bible Study** — The WELCA bible study group will meet on Wednesdays, March 7, 14 & 21 to continue its Lenten bible study from *Return from Exile*, a daily devotional by Jonathan Boehne. We invite all women to join us in the Lenten journey.

**Mark Your Calendars for the following activities:**

**Mother/Daughter/Women Banquet** — Wednesday, May 2 — 6:30 p.m.—Look for more information in the April *First Edition*.

**Spring Rummage/Bake Sale** — Thursday, May 10, at 9 a.m. for setup; Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. for the sale, Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. for the sale and cleanup. A light lunch will be available all three days for the helpers. Items for the rummage sale in clean and useable condition (spring and summer only!) may be brought to the church on Tuesdays and Sunday mornings and any day after May 3. Furniture will not be accepted until after May 3. No baby cribs, strollers, swings, carseats or electronics will be accepted. Please test all electrical items to make sure they work and mark sheets, blankets and quilts with their size. Baked goods should be brought to the Festal Hall kitchen on Thursday, May 10, or early Friday morning, May 11. Please mark your containers with your name and the name of the item you are donating.



**The Social Ministry Committee is collecting items and money for Project SHARE Easter dinner bags.** Please bring a donation from the list below to share with our neighbors in need! Monetary donations in any amount also are appreciated; \$40 will provide a complete Easter meal for a family. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church marked for Easter Dinner Bags. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, March 11.** Thanks for your support!

green beans (canned)

bottle of 100% juice

5 lbs. potatoes

sweet potatoes (canned)

brownie mix

bread or mix

**POSEY VISITATION TO OUR HOMEBOUND**

**On Sunday, March 18, following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will be holding our annual Posey Visitation to our homebound members. Participants will deliver a spring plant and an Easter card made by our SCS children to one or two of our homebound members. This is a great activity for families, as well as individuals or couples. Please plan to help us reach out with love that day!**





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January 2018

First Lutheran Church  
21 S Bedford St  
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Dear First Lutheran Church,

In the turning of the year, as we reflect on the generosity of the church during the disasters last fall, we wanted to send a special thank you to you for the most generous gifts you gave to your synod, which were received by Lutheran Disaster Response, \$10,183.00.

Thank you for taking a leadership role in the church in that moment of dire need and unprecedented generosity, as together we support communities hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires, now and long into the future.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response helped provide supplies needed immediately like water and generators, as well as support for long term recovery: disaster case management, volunteer team placement, community development and professional care for daily and continuing challenges.

Thank you for your trust in this work we do as church here and around the world. Through your generosity, you are sharing with neighbors near and far, revealing God's holy promises of peace and hope, shelter and safety, restoration and abundance.

In the light and life of Christ,

*Dan Rift*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

*Thank you, First Lutheran,  
for your remarkable  
support! Lenten  
blessings,  
Dan*



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# From Our Archives



## AIR CONDITIONING BEFORE AIR CONDITIONING

Before central air conditioning became commonplace, businesses often distributed these palm leaf fans to churches for their use in hot weather. They were a particularly popular advertising giveaway for funeral homes, as this one in our archives indicates. The present day Hoffman Funeral Home is in part a direct descendant of the G. Book Roth Funeral Home, then located more centrally in Carlisle at 169 West High Street.

## Building for Mission update

Yes, indeed, we are busy with our capital campaign, *Building to Serve All God's Children*, but the work of the Building for Mission Steering Committee, the team working with the architect, also continues!

Now that the congregation has authorized proceeding with construction drawings, we have begun working with the Carlisle Borough Council and the Carlisle Historical and Architectural Review Board. Our architect, Marotta/Main, Pastor Leber, and members of the Building for Mission Steering Committee appeared before **Borough Council on Wednesday, February 28**, and will be appearing before **HARB on Monday, March 5**.

**Do you still have questions about our building project?** Would you like to know more about the master planning process we've been engaged in and what guided our decision-making? Members of the Building for Mission Steering Committee will be available in the Martin Luther Room lounge this **Sunday afternoon, March 4, from 4 – 5:30 p.m.** There will be no formal presentation by the committee, just an opportunity for Q & A along with some coffee, tea and other refreshments. Join us!



## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

The outdoor ministries of the ELCA offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages, many of whom become leaders in the church and their communities. These ministries are carried out on the territory of the Lower Susquehanna Synod through the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania,

with a mission to be: *“The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!”*

You are encouraged to regularly check out [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org) for information about upcoming events, summer camp and summer employment opportunities!

### Summer camp brochures are here!

Summer camp brochures for Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald are available on the camp bulletin board located near the church office for anyone wishing to spend a week or weekend at camp this summer. (Yes... they even offer an elder camp for 55+!)

Interested campers are eligible for the \$10 CampPerson discount. In addition, First Lutheran, through the Christian Education Committee, is offering camp scholarships to cover 1/2 the cost for a week at camp.

And don't forget to check the camp bulletin board periodically for other Lutheran Camping opportunities!

For more information contact Robin Orner, First Lutheran's CampPerson, at 717-249-3310.

### Happening at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald and The Wittel Farm this spring:

March 16-18 — Spring Quilting Weekend at  
Kirchenwald

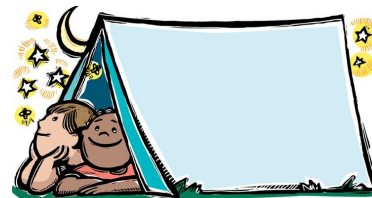
March 18 & April 8 — Summer Camp Open House  
at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

April 22 — Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald

April 27-28 — Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald

April 28 — Work Day at Nawakwa

May 5 — Work Day at Kirchenwald and  
The Wittel Farm



*Congratulations to Pastor Leber, who was recently elected chair of the  
Lutheran Camping Corporation board of directors!*

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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](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org) and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."

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