



FIRST EDITION MARCH 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

The Season of Lent

The origin of the season of Lent is a bit murky. One theory is that it was the extension of a short period of fasting before Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday into a fast of forty days in remembrance of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness. In the early church, Lent was also a time to prepare candidates for baptism at Easter.

Whatever its history, Lent offers us 21st century Christians a season of baptismal renewal and of repentance and an opportunity to engage in the Lenten disciplines of giving alms, praying and fasting. Join us on our Lenten pilgrimage!



WORSHIP IN LENT

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. We will offer two worship opportunities that day:

12:15 p.m. – spoken Holy Communion
with the imposition of ashes

7:00 p.m. – sung Holy Communion
with the imposition of ashes

Evening prayer will be held at **7 p.m. on Wednesdays (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10)**.

Holy communion will be celebrated on **Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

ADULT FORUM

On March 10, the Adult Forum will begin a Lenten study on forgiveness led by Caryn Carr and Hope Miller. This two-DVD series will begin with the viewing of *Admissions*, which features award-nominated actor, James Cromwell. Sundays, March 17 through April 7, the group will view and discuss the DVD entitled *The Power of Forgiveness* featuring Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Buddhist Master Thich Nhat Hanh and best-selling authors, Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson.

Please join us in the Martin Luther Room Lounge Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome!

WELCA LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesdays, March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 10

9:30 a.m. in room 18 (across from Pastor's office)

We will study *Behold the Man!* by Jeffrey Hemmer.

All women are encouraged to attend!

St. Patrick's Day Fun!

Movie & Games

Sunday, March 17

2 – 4 p.m.

Martin Luther Room

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, March 17, for a fun afternoon of games and a movie. We will gather at 2 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room for games with a family-oriented movie showing on a big screen in the lounge. Could this be the year our reigning Banana-grams champion, Pastor Leber, is toppled?

Please bring a snack to share (we will provide drinks), any of your favorite games, and, if you plan to watch the movie, a pillow or sleeping bag to make yourself comfortable (We also will have some chairs for the adults!).

Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 3, by donating canned goods or by making a monetary donation. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 118 canned goods and \$481.00 for Project SHARE!



CANS FOR THE UNION FIRE COMPANY!

This past year our Sunday school students chose to give the money raised from the collection of aluminum cans (soda can type) to the Hope Station in Carlisle, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life, health, safety and economic opportunities for the people who live in the Memorial Park area and the surrounding community. The total amount received from the cans collected in 2018 was \$150.00. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile project, which not only helps our planet by recycling but also helps those in need!

This year our students would like to give the money raised to the Union Fire Company, our first responder. Everyone is invited to join us in collecting aluminum cans. **All cans should be rinsed out.** Please remove the pull tab from the tops of the cans as we are collecting these separately for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. The cans and the pull tabs should be placed in the designated containers located near the church office. Thank you for your support!

Please note: We also accept empty pet food cans; however, they must be bagged separately from the soda cans.



FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEWS

**The 2019 golf outing will be held on
Friday, May 17, 1 p.m. at the
Eagles Crossings Golf Course
501 Conodoguinet Ave, Carlisle**

Registration forms will be available on our website at 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 15

Our beneficiary this year is Meals on Wheels of Carlisle, whose mission is to provide and deliver nutritionally balanced meals to those in need in our community, especially senior citizens.



Did you know?... Meals on Wheels of Carlisle began on April 3, 1968, at First Lutheran Church under the direction of Glendora Van Orden.

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 17, 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 Meals on Wheels.



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**

Meetings & Events

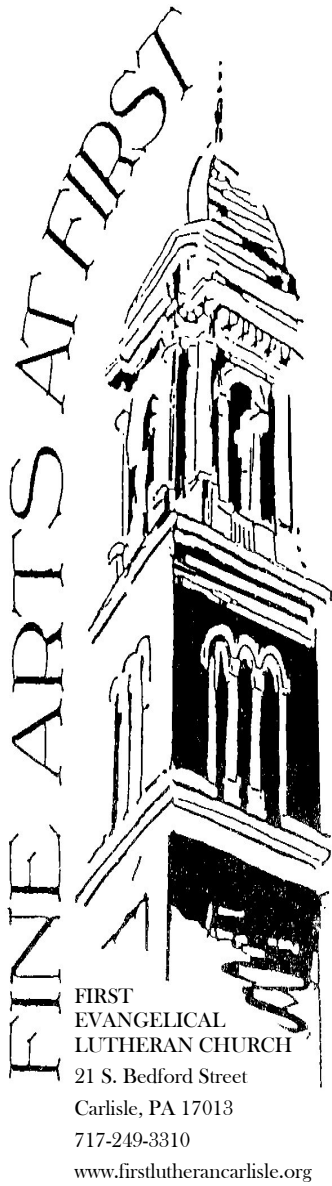
March 2019

- Fri., Mar. 1** — 8 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Mar. 2** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 5** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study
- Wed., Mar. 6** — 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m. — Ash Wednesday Services
8 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sat., Mar. 9** — 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Carlisle Musical Arts Club Rehearsal
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., Mar 10** — 11:30 a.m. — 2nd Sunday Fellowship (hosted by Finance Committee)
- Tues., Mar. 12** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
7 p.m. — Carlisle Musical Arts Club
- Wed., Mar. 13** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study
6:15 p.m. — Supper
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer
7:45 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
- Thurs., Mar 14** — 3 p.m. — Fine Arts Committee
- Fri., Mar. 15** — 8 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Mar. 16** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., Mar 17** — 2-4 p.m. — Youth Movie & Games Event
- Tues., Mar. 19** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Mar. 20** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study
6:15 p.m. — Supper
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer
7:45 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Sat., Mar. 23** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 26** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. — Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Wed., Mar. 27** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Bible Study
6:15 p.m. — Supper
7 p.m. — Lenten Evening Prayer
- Thurs., Mar. 28** — 7 p.m. — Carlisle Area Religious Council
- Fri., Mar. 29** — 8 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Mar. 30** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 31** — 3 p.m. — Christyan Seay Concert — *Fine Arts at First*

Staff meetings are held every
Wednesday at 1 p.m.

♫ **Bell Choir – Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m.**
♫ **Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7-8:30 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).



FINE ARTS AT FIRST

presents

CHRISTYAN SEAY

In Concert

Lyric tenor CHRISTYAN SEAY will perform in concert at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.

Active in recital, oratorio, and opera, he has sung extensively throughout Central PA where he resides, as well as at Weill Recital Hall in New York City and venues abroad in Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. In April 2018, he performed in "The Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey," featuring operatic soprano, Kathleen Battle. Regionally, he has appeared with the Harrisburg and Lancaster Symphonies and has sung in productions with the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Philadelphia opera companies. Christyan serves as artistic director of the Capital Area Music Association, a Harrisburg community organization whose emphasis is the music of African-American composers and culture.

His concert, which will include classics and new pieces from various musical genres, will be held as a **Benefit for the St. Barnabas Center for Ministry**, which operates a summer day camp to nurture the spiritual, educational, social, and physical development of Harrisburg's inner city youth. The center was founded in 1993 as a joint venture of the Central PA Episcopal Diocese and the ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synod. It is located at Christyan's home church, St. Paul's Episcopal in Harrisburg. All proceeds raised will be donated to support the camp's operational expenses.

The concert is free. A freewill offering will be received, and a dessert reception will be held by the Fine Arts Committee following the performance.



Building to Serve All God's Children



Capital Campaign Update (as of February 24):

Total pledges/gifts from 115* households: \$640,285

(consists of \$602,415 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts and \$37,870 unpledged/"as able" gifts given)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$327,457

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

Construction Progress Report



Our atrium is really beginning to take shape! In this photo, taken on February 28, you can see the concrete floor of the lower level, the completed elevator tower on the far left, the opening for the entrance between the front columns, and the steel support beam for the upper level floor joists. Now that demolition and site preparation is finished, we should run into fewer surprises, and construction should start progressing rapidly!

WELCA 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

We made the following contributions in 2018:

- Samaritan Fellowship — \$30.00
- Project SHARE — \$500.00
- Habitat for Humanity — \$300.00
- Domestic Violence — \$300.00
- Community CARES — \$500.00
- Meals on Wheels — \$200.00
- United Way — \$170.00
- Building to Serve Capital Campaign
in memory of Cindy Jones — \$1,000.00

We were able to do this with your help through your time, talents and donations to our rummage and bake sales. We thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed., May 1 — Mother/Daughter/All Women's Banquet
- May 9, 10 & 11 — Spring Rummage Sale

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 10

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

Thank you for your support of the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center neonatal intensive care unit expansion project. Through your generous gifts, we collected \$2,315.00 towards the needed \$20,000.00 for the nine-bed expansion of the NICU (for which our missionary, Steve Swanson, serves as medical director). Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated!



Mark your calendars!

2019 Vacation Bible School
Sunday-Thursday,
July 14-18

Theme — *"Who is my neighbor?"*

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of the *First Edition*.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 2019 MEETING

+Council voted to create a task force to address safety and security.

+Pastor Leber, Jered Hock and Steve Hogg were appointed to serve on the Constitution Committee.



Ministry With Men

“Where are you in your walk in life? It is the process not the end that matters.”

Bible gifts – “**Master Builders Bible for Men**” are now gifted, as a part of this ministry, to men joining First Lutheran. Encouraging and building up are part of what we do. All men are welcome and encouraged to participate in this ministry. Church membership is not a requirement.

Preparing for Worship – Each week the gospel lesson for the next Sunday is published in advance in “News For Men At First”. We are encouraged in our preparation with these guidelines:

- ✚ Before going to worship, read the Gospel lesson at home.
- ✚ Ask yourself, how does this apply to me? What do I expect from the sermon today?
- ✚ At worship, consider what you hear and learn.
- ✚ At home after worship read the gospel message again. What new message did you find?

Each time we hear God’s call to worship, we decide to participate or not. The marks of the Church are water, Word, bread and wine. Preparing for worship whether we start at home or when we enter the building, we acknowledge the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Are you interested in the “Master Builders Bible *for Men*” and/or getting on the e-mail list of “The News For Men At First” (women are welcome to join this mailing list)? Contact Bill Schirmer at 717.243.1110 or wschirmer614@comcast.net, Roger Williams at 717.245.9043 or rogwilliams@comcast.net, or the church office at 717.249.3310.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

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

March 15-17 — Women’s Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald

March 17 & April 7 — Summer Camp Open House at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

March 30 — Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

April 27 — Work Day at All Sites

April 28 — Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald

May 3 — Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators

May 3-4 — Men’s Retreat at Kirchenwald



More information about these events and registration forms are available on the camp bulletin board located outside the church office and on www.LutheranCamping.org.

March Worship Assistants

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
8 a.m. service					
Assisting Ministers	Terri Myers	Chuck Martin	Rich Wood	Sandy Kohler	Chuck Martin
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Kathy Brunie	Joan Gitt
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick
Greeter/Usher	Sandy Jumper	Gary Newton	Sandy Kohler	Sam Simmons	Mike Luther
Lectors	Joan Inners	Sandy Jumper	Amy Baish	Jim Brantner	Lisa Newton
10:30 a.m. service					
Acolytes	Michael Raphael	Luke Erickson	MaryGrace Harty	Colton Gillingham	Madison Engle
Assisting Ministers	Caryn Carr	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner	Hope Miller	Roger Williams
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Kathy Brunie	Joan Gitt
Communion Assistants	Karen Hollen Don Osborne	Caryn Carr Hope Miller	Kathy Hall Karen Hollen	Sarah Niebler Robin Orner	Sandy Kohler Sam Orner
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Norma Greider Robin Orner	Kathy Hall Ruth Osborne	Cindy Allgyer Ann Roeder	Janet Jacobs Ann Roeder	Ginny Brennan Robin Orner
Flower Distribution	Nancy Baish	Ann Roeder	Taylor & Hope Miller	Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer	Terri Myers
Greeters	Sam & Robin Orner	Karen Longenecker Sean Nedimyer	Michelle Fisher Roger Williams	Kathy Brunie Lois Quigley	Cindy Allgyer Don Fraley
Lectors	Karen Galbraith	Jered Hock	Ann Roeder	Sean Nedimyer	Ann Jordan
Nursery Duty	Jeri Fitzsimons Hope Miller	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler Alecia Staley	Cindy Allgyer Cindy Markle	Kathy Hall Nancy Ingram
Head Usher	Annette Nickey				
Ushers	Cindy Allgyer Gerald Gillingham Colton Gillingham (youth)	Jim Brantner Kathy Brunie Blanche Drumheiser Matt Drumheiser	Don Fraley Bill Gillingham Ethel Simmons	Don Grell Don Osborne Ruth Osborne	Jered Hock Alecia Staley Ian Galbraith (youth)

Additional worship assistants on next page.

SPECIAL MARCH SERVICES

	Ash Wednesday - March 6	
	12:15 p.m.	7 p.m.
Acolytes	N/A	Ainslee Martin
Asst. Ministers	N/A	Sam Orner
Communion Assistants	Yvonne Karper	Janet Jacobs Sandy Jumper
Communion Setup/Cleanup	N/A	Hope & Taylor Miller
Lectors	N/A	Chuck Martin
Ushers	N/A	Annette Nickey (head) Bob Baker Sarah Niebler Roger Williams

	Lenten Evening Prayer		
	March 13 7 p.m.	March 20 7 p.m.	March 27 7 p.m.
Lectors	Sam Orner	Rich Wood	Donna Chestnut



For their 2nd Sunday service project in February, our Sunday School youth made dog biscuits for Molly's Place Rescue in Mechanicsburg.



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
Shugars, John.....	3/16
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
Deery, Karen.....	3/24
Koplitz-Harty, Stephanie	3/25
Sharp, Ronald	3/26
Cook, Jacqueline	3/27
Ulrich, Charlotte	3/29



Harold & Virginia Shenk (51 years) 3/16



Fitzsimons, James	3/3
Taylor, Brynlee	3/6
Hoch, Dustin.....	3/7
Shaw, Alyssa.....	3/10
Deery, Kurt	3/15
Enck, William.....	3/15
Osborne, Donald.....	3/15
Franklin, Kayla	3/20
Galbraith, Ian.....	3/21
Bear, Rhoda	3/22
Cozort, Lauren	3/22
Hoch, Babette	3/22
Ramond, Courtney	3/22
Stuart, Douglas	3/22
Frederick, Thomas	3/24
Houtz, Keith.....	3/25
Hall, Kathleen.....	3/28
Morrison, Roma.....	3/28
Weaver, Aaron	3/30

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 6	158	\$12,496.00
Jan. 13	105	\$7,127.00
Jan. 20	Worship services cancelled due to snow.	\$3,543.20
Jan. 27	154	\$11,550.62

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all for the cards, visits, meals, phone calls, hugs, and flowers that I received during my recent recovery from ankle surgery. Your love and support meant a great deal to me. It is a blessing to be a part of such a caring community of faith.

A very special thank you Pastor Leber and Pastor Lorenz for their visits and to the office volunteers who put in extra hours each day while I was recuperating. Your willingness to jump in and do whatever needs to be done is amazing and is deeply appreciated!

Robin [Orner]



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Tali Martin — president@firstlutherancarlisle.org

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



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.