



# FIRST EDITION MARCH 2020

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

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

## Worship and Music News

*As long as we live there is never enough singing* - Martin Luther

If you have worshipped here regularly over the past six years, you have experienced the joy of singing service music and hymns led by David Erickson. David has served as our interim minister of music twice, from November 2013 to June 2014 and then again from August 2016 to June 2017. In July 2018, he became our part-time cantor, under a year-to-year agreement.

David announced last fall that he would not be able to continue serving as our cantor after May 31, 2020. As many of you know, David is owner and financial planner at Erickson Financial in Chambersburg. He is also a devoted husband and father and involved in other community organizations. We, of course, wanted to honor his wish to step back from his responsibilities at First Lutheran, and so, after Christmas, the Personnel Committee began the search for a new musician. However, we also began exploring whether adding another musician to share the workload might enable David to continue being part of our worship and music ministry team.



We are delighted to announce that Michelle DiBona Trefren will be joining First Lutheran's staff as associate cantor, effective June 1. David will continue as our cantor and our primary organist. Michelle will play for worship twelve Sundays a year. David and Michelle will share leadership of the Chancel Choir, and Michelle will be responsible for Bell Choir and will be involved in children's music on Sunday mornings.

Michelle received her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Syracuse University and a Master of Music in Conducting from Westminster Choir College, Rider University. She has served a number of congregations and community choirs in the mid-Atlantic region and in Japan. She will be assisting David with worship and covering a few rehearsals and Sunday mornings this spring, prior to becoming "official" on June 1.

Please take a moment to thank David for his past and continuing service and to welcome Michelle and her family (husband, Will, and children, Laurel and Reed) to our congregation's ministry. We are very blessed!

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES



FAITH  
FORMATION

All Faith Formation classes start promptly at 9:15 a.m. and finish at 10 a.m. A weekly fellowship time follows from 10-10:15 a.m. in the Martin Luther Room on the upper level. You are welcome to attend whichever classes interest you. Please join us!

## Looking ahead:

- ✠ **March 8**, Pastor Leber will lead a brief discussion of spiritual gifts and offer participants the opportunity to complete a self-assessment. You might be surprised to discover something about yourself you didn't know before! (Room 22)
- ✠ **Beginning March 8**, *Growing Older: Time to Celebrate Life* – “Others may say I'm over the hill, but I want to feel on top of the world. How can I look back with gratitude, and look ahead by passing on to someone else what I've learned?” This six-week study and learning opportunity will be led by Bill Schirmer and Roger Williams. (Room 23)
- ✠ **March 15 through April 5**, Dr. Sarah Niebler will lead *21st Century Christian Voices*. Participants will read and discuss selections from books written by contemporary Christian thinkers, looking at their views on the Church and on the relationship between church and society. Assigned readings will be provided at least two weeks ahead of time. (Room 22)

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



Total campaign commitments:	\$604,415
Total commitments paid to date:	\$490,105
Unpledged/“as able” gifts given to date:	\$70,865
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$560,970</u>

*Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!*

**Each month First Lutheran provides copies of the *Living Lutheran*, a magazine of the ELCA, for members and guests. You may pick up a copy in the High Street narthex, on the counter in the Atrium or in the church office.**

## WORSHIP IN LENT



On **Wednesdays during Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1)**, we will gather at 7 p.m. for midweek worship. Worshippers in Advent greatly enjoyed the music of our new evening communion liturgy, “Unfailing Light.” These candle-light services, accompanied by piano, are approximately 35 minutes long. Our midweek services this Lent will focus on the Lord’s Prayer. Each week, a member of First Lutheran will offer a reflection on that week’s petition.

If your schedule permits, please join us at 6 p.m. (please note change in time) in the Martin Luther Room for a light soup supper. No RSVP needed! Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

As always, **holy communion** will be celebrated on **Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

## WELCA LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays,  
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1**

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

**We will study *Eyes on Jesus*  
by Lisa M. Clark.**

**All women of the church are invited.**

*Please join us!*

## Looking ahead: **Holy Week and Easter 2020**

### The Three Holy Days (April 9-11)

**Maundy Thursday** (holy communion and stripping of the altar) – 7 p.m.

**Good Friday** (reading of the Passion of St. John and adoration of the cross) – 7 p.m.

**The Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday** (the central service of the church year, when we tell stories of God’s saving grace, recall the promises of our baptism, and celebrate the first communion of Easter) – 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday (April 12)** - holy communion at 8 and 10:30 a.m.



### *Easter Morning Fellowship and Egg Hunts*

**Sunday, April 12, between 9 and 10 a.m. (egg hunts at 9:30)  
Martin Luther Room**

Please join us in the Martin Luther Room any time between 9 and 10 a.m. on Easter morning for a time of fellowship and a light breakfast (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.). A craft will be available for the kids, and at 9:30 a.m., we will hold egg hunts for three age groups: pre-school, elementary age, and middle school age.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - February 2020 Meeting



- +Voted to extend employment offers to David Erickson as Cantor and Michelle DiBona Trefren as Associate Cantor.
- +Discussed the Executive Committee's statement of support for Pastor Leber to serve as the supervising vicar at St. Matthias Lutheran Church starting in summer 2020.
- +Sought one male and one female congregation member to attend the annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly meeting. Michelle Fisher will attend as our lay voting female. We are still seeking a male member to attend.



### Next Book Discussion—Sunday, March 15

Do you like to read and talk about books? Attend our next book discussion! Our book this quarter is *Barabbas* by Pär Lagerkvist, translated by Alan Blair. We will gather at Pastor Leber's house, 1010 Dale Place, Carlisle, on Sunday, March 15. Arrival time is 7 p.m. (we get settled and start our conversation a few minutes after). No RSVP is required—please join us!

## 2020 Vacation Bible School

Sunday-Thursday,

June 14-18

**5:30 — 5:50 p.m. — Family Dinner**

**5:50 — 7:45 p.m. — VBS**



This year's Vacation Bible School at First Lutheran will be held each evening Sunday, June 14, – Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. Our theme is *Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way*. Please note the change in month this year! Hope Miller and Ashley Zink, VBS Co-Directors, are excited to welcome new and returning children, families, and volunteers to bible school.

At this time we would like to start recruiting volunteers. Please email, call, or messenger-pigeon Hope or Ashley – or utilize the online sign up sheet at <https://volunteersignup.org/F4CMT> to serve as a children's class leader (escorts children to each station), station leader (storytime, music, games, or crafts), or to be on our dinner and snack teams. All volunteers, other than those who are exclusively helping with dinner or snack, must be a First Lutheran approved adult. Contact the church office if you would like to initiate the process to become an approved adult. Thank you!



## **Did you know...that First Lutheran provides meals four times a year at My Brother's Table?**

In 2020 we will be serving meals on **Sundays May 17, July 12, September 6 and October 4** (prepared and served by our youth).

Our menu for each meal consists of fried chicken, baked beans, applesauce, dinner rolls, butter, and cookies. Prior to each serving date, we will ask for donations of the above items (except for the chicken) so watch your *First Editions* and bulletins!

The Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for helping to feed and provide fellowship to our neighbors in need!



**Attention Thrivent Members!** If you have Action Dollars available, please consider offering them to the Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee to help fund its various outreach projects such as purchasing chicken for My Brother's Table. For more information, contact Robin Orner, committee chair, at 717-349-3310.

## *Easter Lilies and World Hunger*

Lilies will be purchased to decorate the nave for Easter. As in the past, donations for the cost of the flowers or donations to World Hunger will be received in memory or in honor of loved ones. 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, April 5.** Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church marked for "lilies" or "World Hunger."

**Block Party Volunteers Needed!** Planning has begun for our block party on Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to help with planning over the next few months and with the event. Please call Robin in the church office (717-249-3310) if you are interested in helping or would like more information. You can also check out the Block Party display/signup board located in the Atrium.

# Meetings & Events

## March 2020

- Sun., Mar. 1** — 4 p.m. — Westminster Kantorei — *Fine Arts at First*
- Mon., Mar. 2** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 3** — 6 p.m. — Block Party Committee
- Wed., Mar. 4** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Study  
6 p.m. — Soup Supper — *Martin Luther Room*  
7 p.m. — Lenten Mid-week Worship
- Sat., Mar. 7** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 8** — 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. — Confirmation Class
- Mon., Mar. 9** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 10** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee  
7 p.m. — Carlisle Musical Arts Club
- Wed., Mar. 11** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Study  
6 p.m. — Soup Supper — *Martin Luther Room*  
7 p.m. — Lenten Mid-week Worship
- Sat., Mar. 14** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 15** — 7 p.m. — Book Discussion Group — *at Pastor Leber's home*
- Mon., Mar. 16** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 17** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Mar. 18** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution  
9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Study  
6 p.m. — Soup Supper — *Martin Luther Room*  
7 p.m. — Lenten Mid-week Worship
- Sat., Mar. 21** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *Momma Spriggs*  
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 22** — 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. — Confirmation Class
- Mon., Mar. 23** — 4:15-6 p.m. — VBS Decorations Task Force — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Mar. 24** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group  
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Wed., Mar. 25** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Lenten Study  
6 p.m. — Soup Supper — *Martin Luther Room*  
7 p.m. — Lenten Mid-week Worship
- Sat., Mar. 28** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Mar. 29** — 7 p.m. — Wilhelm/Wiemer Benefit Concert for Project SHARE

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



♪ **Handbell Choir –  
Thursdays, 6 – 6:45 p.m.**  
♪ **Chancel Choir –  
Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**



## YOUTH SUNDAY

### February 16

Our youth regularly participate in our worship services as lectors, acolytes, greeters, ushers and communion assistants. However, Youth Sunday is a day set aside for our youth to not only lead worship, but also help with the planning of worship, including choosing the hymns and writing and preaching the sermon. Thanks, youth, for a job well done!



## WELCA 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

### We made the following contributions in 2019:

Samaritan Fellowship — \$300

Project SHARE — \$500

Habitat for Humanity — \$300

Domestic Violence — \$300

Community CARES — \$500

Meals on Wheels — \$200

United Way Heating Assistance — \$447.75

*(the above gift was possible from our gift table)*

LWR Project Comfort (quilt shipping) — \$236.26

Thankoffering — \$797

In addition we also purchased paper goods to be used at various First Lutheran functions, paid our yearly dues (\$300), gave a \$100 love offering, and donated to Lutheran sponsored projects, Project Lily Fund and Katies Fund.

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

# Daylight Saving Time Begins

## Sunday, March 8

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

## ***THANK YOU*** from **THE SALVATION ARMY**

February 2020

Dear First Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you for participating in our Angel Tree Program this year! To this day, I love being able to sit down with my family around our Christmas tree to open gifts and to see the excitement on everyone's faces while we listen to Christmas music. There are many families in our community that are less fortunate and worry about how they will be able to afford gifts and clothing during the holiday season as they struggle with job loss, illness, and unexpected circumstances.

Because of you and your generosity 600 children were able to receive gifts and clothing that they had wished and hoped for this Christmas. Many families were able to worry about one less stressor as they worked through other challenges they were facing. Every person that was provided help this Christmas was more than grateful for everything they were given.

The Salvation Army is grateful every year to have the opportunity to work with individuals and groups as thoughtful and caring as you and hope to partner with you again in the future. Your cooperation allows both children and adults to be able to experience a Christmas to remember and cherish every year. Thank you again for your participation.

Warmest regards,  
Trinette Ream



Heartfelt Thanks



# From Our Archives



WELL DRESSED PEOPLE NEED ONE. Due to its subject matter this small “pin tray” was most likely purchased locally in the Carlisle area. It was often used to store the pins used to secure smaller ladies hats, though men could also use them to store loose change, cufflinks, or collar buttons. The picture of First Lutheran is obviously an inserted post card, but it is unusual on one way. Though the caption is too small to read in this reproduction, it misspells our name as “First Luthern” rather than First Lutheran.

## Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2, by donating canned goods or by making a monetary donation. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 109 canned goods and \$460.00 for Project SHARE!



## Advent Fill-a-Box Thank You

Dear First Lutheran Church,

[We] would like to thank you on behalf of the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties. Your donation is truly appreciated by the families and individuals using our services. Your contribution of toilet paper, paper towels, personal hygiene products, sweat pants, and shirts helps those involved with our program.

Thank you for your generosity and support,  
DVSCP Staff

# March Worship Assistants

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>8 a.m. service</b>					
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Janelle Hoch	Chuck Martin	Sandy Kohler	Chuck Martin	Rich Wood
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Robin Orner	Kathy Brunie	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Lisa Newton	Monica Frederick	Connie McDermond	Connie McDermond	Lisa Newton
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Sam Simmons	Gary Newton	Roger Williams	Sandy Kohler	Sandy Jumper
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Baish	Sandy Kohler	Joan Inners	Jim Brantner	Chuck Martin
<b>10 a.m. — Weekly Fellowship Host</b>					
	Patty Gillingham	Ginny Ehr Elizabeth Yocum	Kathy Hall	Hope Miller	Roger Williams
<b>10:30 a.m. service</b>					
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colton Gillingham	Madison Engle	Michael Raphael	Luke Erickson	EmmaRose Harty
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Caryn Carr	Janelle Hoch	Sam Orner	Robin Orner	Roger Williams
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Robin Orner	Kathy Brunie	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Robin Orner
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sarah Niebler Don Osborne	Karen Hollen Sam Orner	Kathy Hall Sandy Jumper	Karen Hollen Taylor Miller	Janelle Hoch Don Osborne
<b>Communion Setup/Cleanup</b>	Hope & Taylor Miller	Kathy Hall Elaine Hock	Yvonne Karper Ruth Osborne	Kathy Brunie Ann Roeder	Ginny Brennan Norma Greider
<b>Flower Distribution</b>	Cindy Allgyer	Babette Hoch	Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer	Nancy Baish	Ann Roeder
<b>Greeters</b>	Alecia Staley Roger Williams	Kathy Brunie Ann Roeder	Karen Longenecker Sean Nedimyer	Michelle Fisher Donald Grell	Hope & Taylor Miller
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Fisher	Jay Chestnut	Robin Orner	Kathy Hall	Karen Galbraith
<b>Nursery Duty</b>	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Jeri Fitzsimons Robin Orner	Nancy Ingram Sarah Niebler	Hope Miller Alecia Staley	Kathy Hall Cindy Markle
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ethel Simmons				
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Fraley Bill Gillingham Don Grell	Kaylee Cozort Ian Galbraith Alecia Staley Roger Williams	Jim Brantner Kathy Brunie Steve Hogg	Cindy Allgyer Amelia Yocum Elizabeth Yocum Frankie Yocum	Luke Erickson Ella Stone Jeremy Stone Juliet Stone

# MARCH Birthdays



- Mar 1 ..... Beverly Eshenour
- Mar 2 ..... Elise Erickson  
Sue Shank
- Mar 5 ..... Caryn Carr
- Mar 7 ..... Martha Metz
- Mar 8 ..... Karen Galbraith  
Ginny Rahal
- Mar 8 ..... Layton Shank
- Mar 10 ..... Colby Kreiser
- Mar 11 ..... Roma Morrison  
Marjorie Rynk
- Mar 15 ..... Charles Inners
- Mar 16 ..... John Shugars  
Dee Weigel
- Mar 17 ..... Erika Fisher  
Kathy Hall  
Pat Keller  
Todd Shank
- Mar 19 ..... Landin Hockley
- Mar 20 ..... Annette Nickey
- Mar 21 ..... David Raphael
- Mar 23 ..... Jeff Hoch
- Mar 24 ..... Karen Deery
- Mar 25 ..... Stephanie Koplitz-Harty
- Mar 26 ..... Ronald Sharp
- Mar 27 ..... Jacqueline Cook
- Mar 29 ..... Charlotte Ulrich

- Mar 3 ..... James Fitzsimons
- Mar 6 ..... Brynlee Taylor
- Mar 7 ..... Dustin Hoch
- Mar 10 ... Alyssa Shaw
- Mar 15 ... Kurt Deery  
William Enck  
Don Osborne
- Mar 20 ... Kayla Franklin
- Mar 21 ... Ian Galbraith
- Mar 22 ... Rhoda Bear  
Lauren Cozort  
Babette Hoch  
Courtney Ramond  
Douglas Stuart
- Mar 24 ....Thomas Frederick
- Mar 25 ....Keith Houtz  
Jean Kuebler
- Mar 28 ....Kathy Hall  
Roma Morrison  
Lindsay Seibert
- Mar 29 ....Derek Over
- Mar 30 ....Aaron Weaver
- Mar 31 ....Cristal Over

CELEBRATING A



Harold & Virginia Shenk (52 years) ..... 3/16

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 5	138	\$5,492.88
Jan. 12	140	\$4,783.85
Jan. 19	86	\$14,525.71
Jan. 26	153	\$3,597.50

I would like to thank all those who prayed for me with my recent back surgery. The flowers my husband brought into the hospital from the church were also greatly appreciated to cheer up a very uncomfortable and stark hospital room.

These blessings and many others have brought me a successful outcome of the surgery. Thanks once again.

Praise God from who all blessings flow.

In God's love,  
Sandy Kohler





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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. – Faith Formation Classes



*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.”

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