FIRST EDITION MAY 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

Wow! We've been using that word a lot around here lately. The word "wow!" is uttered when we talk about how many people volunteered to help with our capital campaign, how many people attended our kick-off luncheon in March, how many people participated in leadership gatherings, the total of commitments made during the leadership phase, and the excitement and joy of Commitment Sunday, experienced both in worship and during the festive coffee hours after each service.

As of this date we have received commitments and one-time gifts from more than 80 households in the amount of \$595,730! Letters are being sent to those who were not able to be with us on Commitment Sunday or were unable to complete their commitment forms at that time. We are also in the process of reaching out "beyond the congregation" to partners in the community who use our building regularly. We are excited about the progress of our campaign so far and confident that the dollar amount committed to our campaign will exceed our goal of \$600,000.

At worship on Sunday, June 3, we will be celebrating all the commitments made to our campaign. If you have not yet submitted a form and plan to, please do so by Wednesday, May 30, to have your commitment included in our "celebration" total.

Of course, during all the excitement of our Building to Serve All God's Children capital campaign, the work of the Building for Mission Steering Committee has continued. The committee is meeting regularly with our architects as construction drawings are being developed. Among other current tasks, we are also finalizing the list of contractors whom we will invite to bid and, under the leadership of the Finance Committee, evaluating potential lenders.

Given our current timeline, we anticipate that a special congregation meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, June 24. The agenda of this meeting would include discussion and a vote whether to move forward with construction and, if so, approval of a financing plan for the project.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance, wisdom and blessings during this important and exciting time in the life of our congregation. Please also contact any one of us with questions about the campaign or project.

Thank you for your support!

The Building for Mission Steering Committee (Don Fraley, Sam Orner, Alecia Staley, John Ward, Rich Wood, Pastor Leber) and the Building to Serve All God's Children Steering Team (Michelle Fisher, David Fitzsimons, Jeri Fitzsimons, Jered Hock, John Ward, Pastor Leber)



Architect's rendering of the interior of the upper level of the new addition

UPPER FLOOR ATRIUM RENDERING FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events!

Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet — Wednesday, May 2 — 6:30 p.m. Spring Rummage & Bake Sale — Friday, May 11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. & Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.-12 noon Lutheran Camping Night with the Senators — Friday, May 11 FL Annual Golf Outing at Eagles' Crossing — Friday, May 18 — 1 p.m. Youth Year-End Picnic/Plant Flowers — Sunday, June 3 — 4-6 p.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship — Sunday, June 10 — 11:30 a.m. — hosted by the Youth Committee Vacation Bible School — Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19



Help us celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit by wearing red to worship on Sunday, May 20, the Day of Pentecost!



We would like to place a list of First Lutheran graduates and their plans for the future in the June issue of the First Edition. If anyone in your household is graduating from high school or college with the class of 2018, please contact the church office at 249-3310 by Tuesday, May 15.



Geraniums are needed to decorate the nave and chancel area at First Lutheran on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. The cost for a geranium is \$4.10. 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. 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, May 13.

We will also accept donations for World Hunger in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, which will be printed in the bulletin on Pentecost Sunday along with the geranium donor list. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church marked for "geraniums" or "World Hunger."

May Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.):

- 5/6Ainslee Martin
- 5/13 Elise Erickson
- 5/20 Ian Galbraith
- 5/27 EmmaRose Harty

NURSERY (10:30 A.M.):

- 5/6Jeri Fitzsimons and Kathy Hall
- 5/13 Cindy Allgyer and Cindy Markle
- 5/20 Nancy Ingram and Robin Orner
- 5/27 Hope Miller and Alecia Staley

GREETER/USHER (8 A.M.):

- 5/6Sandy Kohler
- 5/13 Gary Newton
- 5/20 Sandy Jumper
- 5/27 Sam Simmons

GREETERS (10:30 A.M.):

- 5/6Don Fraley and Roger Williams
- 5/13 Nancy Ingram and Annette Nickey
- 5/20 Hope and Taylor Miller
- 5/27 Steve and Lori Hogg

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

(10:30 A.M.):

- 5/6Bill and Mary Ann Schirmer
- 5/13 Taylor and Hope Miller
- 5/20 Ann Roeder
- 5/27 Babette Hoch

LECTORS:

(8 A.M.)

(10:30 A.M.)

- Sam Orner 5/6
- 5/13 Terri Myers 5/13 David Erickson
 - 5/20 Karen Deery

5/27 Donna Chestnut

5/20 Chuck Martin 5/27 Sandy Kohler

5/6 Lisa Newton

- **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**
- (8 A.M.)

- 5/6Sarah Niebler
- 5/13 Chuck Martin

5/6 Rich Wood

- 5/13 David Erickson
- 5/20 Jacqueline Cook
- 5/27 Sandy Kohler
- 5/20 Josh Staley
- 5/27 Robin Orner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(10:30 A.M.):

- 5/6 Sandy Jumper and Josh Staley
- 5/13 Michelle Fisher and Janet Jacobs
- 5/20 Kathy Hall and Hope Miller
- 5/27 Karen Hollen and Taylor Miller

BREAD BAKERS:

(8 A.M.)

(10:30 A.M.)

- 5/6 Robin Orner 5/6 Robin Orner 5/13 Robin Orner 5/13 Kathy Brunie
 - 5/20 Cindy Jones
 - 5/27 Joan Gitt

COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP:

- (8 A.M.)
- Monica Frederick 5/6

5/20 Cindy Jones

5/27 Joan Gitt

- 5/13 Terri Myers
- 5/20 Lisa Newton
- 5/27 Monica Frederick
- (10:30 A.M.)
- Hope Miller and Robin Orner 5/6
- 5/13 Kathy Hall and Taylor Miller
- 5/20 Kathy Brunie and Lois Quigley
- 5/27 Ginny Brennan and Ann Roeder

USHERS & YOUTH USHERS

(10:30 A.M.):

May Head Usher: Don Osborne

- Steve Hogg, Robin Orner, David Stum 5/6
- 5/13 Ruth Osborne, Sam Simmons, Megan White (youth)
- 5/20 Bob Baker, Don Grell, Alecia Staley
- 5/27 Cindy Allgyer, Steven King, Ruth Osborne

(10:30 A.M.)



Houtz, Keith	5/1
Williams, Roger	5/2
Drasher, Janis	5/3
Kauffman, Judith	5/3
Simmons, Ethel	5/3
Haggerty, Brittany	5/4
Zink, Matthew	5/4
King, Pria	5/5
Orner, Robin	5/5
Egolf, Debra	5/10
Hoch, Shelby	5/11
Kline, Harry	5/12
Franklin, Ricky	5/14
Chestnut, William	5/15
Fickel, William	5/17
Doney, Pamela	5/18
Decker, Harriet	5/19
Eshenour, Douglas	5/21
Decker, Carl	5/22
Spiese, Kaye	5/22
Gillingham, Agnes	5/23
Harty, MaryGrace	5/23
Engle, Lauren	5/24
Baker Jr., Robert	5/25
Mackes, Megan	5/25
Stone, Lyla	5/25
Cook, Robert	5/26
Shank, Maximus	5/31

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, May 28. in observance of Memorial Day.



May 11Don and Pat Fry (62 years)



Brantner, Norah	5/5
Staley, Joshua	5/7
Yocum, Elizabeth	5/8
Niebler, Sarah	5/12
Shearer, Ann	5/13
Lorenz, Richard	5/15
Himmelreich, Laura	5/19
Hockley, Landin	5/23
Ramond, Tyler	5/24
Erickson, David	5/25
Fitzsimons, David	5/25
Lorenz, Marsha	5/30
Miller, Taylor	5/30
Sheaffer, Evelyn	5/30
Slusser, Megan	5/31

DEATH

Sandra Tomassone

birth — April 25, 1933 death — April 11, 2018

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

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As I write this in mid-April, I look forward to the first warm and sunny weekend forecast this season. Along with warmer weather, May brings our ensemble season to a close for 2017-2018. Chancel Choir will sing anthems through the end of May. There will also be opportunities to participate in pick up choirs and ensembles throughout the summer. Watch the June newsletter for more details!

Here are some other musical happenings in worship for late April and May:

- April 29 Handbell Choir
- A May 6 Cherub Choir
- May 13 Youth Choir
- A May 20 Don Roeder, Trumpet
- May 27 David Erickson, Organ
 (Thanks to David for playing during my vacation scheduled for May 21-27)

Contact me at any time with questions about any of our musical groups. If you or your child would like to participate, we welcome members at any time. See me in person, or contact me by phone at 717-462-6140 or at <u>musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org</u>.

Thanks! Andy Hoke

FLOWERS NEEDED!

As a service project, the youth of our congregation will be planting flowers around the front and Bedford Street sides of our church building on Sunday afternoon, June 3, and they are asking for your help through donations of flowers.

Sturdy flowers that can tolerate a lot of sun and do not require a lot of attention once planted will be greatly appreciated. Flower donations may be dropped off in the church office beginning Thursday, May 31.

Thanks for your support!

First Lutheran's Women of the ELCA will be holding its semi-annual rummage and bake sale on



Friday, May 11, 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.

and

Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. — 12 noon

From now through May 10, donations may be brought in anytime the church is open. Regular dropoff hours (Tuesdays from 9-3) and Sunday mornings will resume after May 12.



Meetings & Events

Tues., May 1-6 p.m. - MLK Commemoration CommitteeWed., May 2-6:30 p.m. - Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet -

Martin Luther Room Lounge

Fri., May 4	_	4-7 p.m. — The Violin Studio Rehearsal		
Sat., May 5	_	9 a.m. –1:30 p.m. — The Violin Studio Recital/Reception 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — <i>Festal Hall</i>		A DE
Sun., May 6	_	9 a.m. & 11:40 a.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal		Choir
Tues., May 8	_	9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. — Christian Education Committee	5	Handbell Choir –
		4:30 p.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee	ت ر	Thursdays, 6–6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7, 8:20 p.m.
Thurs., May 10) —	9 a.m. — Rummage Sale Setup		Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
Fri., May 11	_	8 a.m4 p.m. — Rummage & Bake Sale 7 p.m.—Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senato	rs	
Sat., May 12	_	8 a.mNoon — Rummage & Bake Sale 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — <i>Festal Hall</i>		
Mon., May 14	_	6-9 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee		
Tues., May 15	_	 6-9 p.m. — Building for Mission Steering Committee (Tent 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council 	ativ	re)
Wed., May 16	—	8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution 6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry Committee		
Fri., May 18	_	1 p.m. — FL Golf Outing at Eagles Crossing		
Sat., May 19	_	7:30 a.m.—Men's Huddle — <i>at Momma Spriggs</i>		
Sun., May 20	_	7 p.m. — Book Discussion Group at Pastor Leber's House		
Tues., May 22	_	9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee		
Sat., May 26	_	3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — <i>Festal Hall</i>		
Mon., May 28	_	Memorial Day — Office Closed		
Thurs., May 32	L —	1-3 p.m. — Head Start Year-End Celebration — Festal Hall		The second se

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 15-19, 2018 5:15 — 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner; 5:45 — 8 p.m. VBS

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is only two-and-a-half short months away. The theme this year is *"Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity."* During the week participants will explore Babylon through the eyes of Daniel and his friends and learn that Daniel showed great courage in captivity!

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping with VBS in any way, including with decorations, please contact Tali Martin or Robin Orner, VBS Co-Directors, or call the church office at 717-249-3310. <u>All volunteers 18 years of age and older, who help during the week of VBS, must be approved per our Child Protection Policy</u>.

We're looking forward to another successful and exciting week at VBS. Please join us!

VBS donations needed!

We are in need of the following items:

- © 2-liter soda bottles (30 needed)
- © King- or twin-size flat sheets in solid colors of red, orange, black and dark blue (will not be returned)
- © Monetary donations to help offset the cost of the food, t-shirts and supplies

Checks should be made payable to *First Lutheran Church* with *VBS Supplies* noted in the memo line. Thanks!

Summer Program for Youth (SPY), an eight-week program of academic and social enrichment for at-risk Carlisle children, is gearing up for its 33rd summer at our downtown neighbor church, St. John's on the Square. Members of our congregation have served on the SPY board and have supported the program in various ways, as volunteers and contributors, and in May those contributions go twice as far. SPY is generously supported by St. John's outreach and the United Way, but the remainder comes from individual donors and community organizations. Contributions in any amount will be matched by a pool of board members and generous donors. Pick up a brochure and contribution envelope in the narthex or in the church office. Thank you!

From Our Archives

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SONG OF CREATION. Solution of the second line is the second seco SONG OF CREATION. Back rolled the waters !---where they're rolling now !:

"Let there be light!"—forthwith on radiant wing The orient beam o'er Erebus didst fling Its bursting ray!—resplendent! living! light !— And westward darkness field, and ancient night! Lo! Vegetation now her floral sceptre wields : Herbs, fruit, and flowers, garb the glittering fields ! There ! wind th' "Four Rivers" o'er bright sands of gold ! And Fish, and Fowl; their firs and wings employ, In stream and sky! to spot with youthfli joy? And now, in eastern chambers thröned ! the Sun ! Proclaims the fourth day's crowning work is döne. In majesty is hing the curtained sky! With singing birds, the glorious King of Day ! Such sky! and water scenes ! what tongue can tell ! So calm, serene, spirit voices swell for apply wing, in airy numbers clear. From every region, to our listening ear. Is this a dream ? what sylph-like forms I kee In floating footsteps on the wave so free in the sup of spirit realms to which we're thastening. How sweet to hold commination with the dead !! How sweet to fold befreat marks in the sing wave, so free Now sylph and befreat marks is the seens now. Is there on earth where mortals may aspire!!!

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CREATION OF MAN.

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A POETIC GEM

This self described poem was inspired (according to the preface) by a painting entitled "Creation and Deluge" and exhibited to great public acclaim at the Odd Fellows Hall in Washington D.C. about February of 1853. Its parts include the CREATION OF MAN (shown here), CREATION OF WOMAN, WARNING (against Satan), TEMPTATION, and the CONSTERNATION OF ADAM. The poem was supposed to be continued, but we only have the first pamphlet. Printed on very thin paper, the text on the opposite side "bleeds" which accounts for the lack of crispness in the reproduction.



All youth in grades 3—12 and their families are invited to our annual year-end picnic and flower-planting project at the church. Meat, rolls and drink will be provided. Please bring your gar-

den tools, gloves, and a dish to share. <u>Please RSVP to Robin in the church office</u> <u>by Wednesday, May 30.</u>



Join us for good food, fellowship and fun!!

Bible Study — The WELCA bible study group will not meet in May. It will meet next on Wednesday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. in room 16.

Annual Rummage/Bake Sale — Help is needed for the following: Thursday, May 10, from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.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. Although men are welcome to help at anytime during the sale, they are especially needed on Saturday around 11:30 a.m. to help pack, cleanup and put away tables and racks. Please consider helping with the sale — you are welcome to help as little or as much as you are able. Brown bags are always needed for our \$1.00-a-bag sale on Saturday.

We accept all spring and summer items, kitchen items, clothing, shoes, toys, books, glassware, pictures, tools, knick-knacks, bedding (please mark with size), etc. in <u>clean and useable condition</u>. All electrical items should be tested at home prior to donating to the sale. **No baby cribs, strollers, swings, car seats or electronics will be accepted.**

Items are also needed for our bake sale. Cookies, candies, small loaves of bread, pies, Chex mix, whoopee pies, and fudge all sell well. Baked goods should be brought to the Festal Hall kitchen on Thursday, May 10, or <u>very early</u> Friday morning, May 11. Please mark your containers with your name and the name of the item you are donating. Thanks!

alled Ove", a work of fiction by Fredailable from Amazon and other retail-(1010 Dale Place, Carlisle) at the apments!

Our next book discussion is scheduled for Sunday, May 20!

We will be gathering at 7 p.m. to discuss "A Man Called Ove", a work of fiction by Fredrik Backman. All you need to do is buy the book (available from Amazon and other retailers), read it, and show up at Pastor Leber's house (1010 Dale Place, Carlisle) at the appointed hour. **Join us for conversation and refreshments!**



Thank You from The Salvation Army

The following is an excerpt from a note received on April 4 from Major Alma Riley of The Salvation Army: "...As another holiday comes and goes, I can't help but think of your ongoing generosity. Please accept our very late word of thanks for your monetary gift of \$1,150.00 during the Christmas season. Without a doubt, your gifts go a long way in *doing the most good to the most people in the most need*!"

You can help at Project SHARE!

First Lutheran members volunteer at Project SHARE each month on the Wednesday morning of distribution week, starting at 8:30 a.m. The remaining dates for 2018 are (all Wednesdays):

May 16	September 19		
June 20	October 17		
July 18	November 14		
August 15	December 12		

Please help us support this important food ministry in our community. If you are interested in helping, simply show up on one of our workdays at the Project SHARE warehouse (5 N. Orange Street) or contact Taylor Miller for more information: (717) 448-5363 or taylormiller@comcast.net.

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

Our next two dates are Sunday, May 20, and Sunday, July 8. We will need both meal and dessert items <u>and</u> volunteers to help serve them!

For each meal, we need:

Four #10 cans of baked beans Eight dozen dinner rolls 12 dozen cookies Four #10 cans of applesauce Butter/margarine – to spread on split rolls

If you can help provide food and/or help serve, please call the church office to sign up. Items may be brought in any time before Friday, May 18 (or, looking ahead, Friday, July 6). The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for helping to feed and provide fellowship to our neighbors in need!

Dear First Lutheran Sunday School Class,

Thank you for the Easter plant, the card signed by all, and the treats. I appreciated it all.

In thanksgiving, Louise Minter

Attendance and Offering

Week of:	Attendance	Offering
Feb. 26 — Mar. 4	160	\$7,085.70
Mar. 5 — 11	148	\$3,904.60
Mar. 12 — 18	147	\$7,787.76
Mar. 19 — 25	171	\$3,855.91

FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEWS



The 2018 golf outing, which will benefit The Arc of Cumberland & Perry Counties, 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 <u>www.firstlutherancarlisle.org</u> 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). If you can't golf, join us for dinner! (\$20/person)

Deadline to register: May 16

Additional opportunities to support the golf outing can be found in the March and April issues of the First Edition and on our website.



Acknowledging Donna Chestnut for 25 years of serving on and chairing the Fine Arts at First Committee, as the 25th anniversary season of the concert series concludes.

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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.

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 <u>www.firstlutherancarlisle.org</u> and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."

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